



# Felsina Berardenga

Fontalloro is a quintessential Sangiovese from Fèlsina, embodying the strength, elegance, and depth of Tuscany's terroir.

## Fontalloro 2020

Tuscany, Italy

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### Region and Vineyards

Fontalloro is crafted from 100% **Sangiovese grapes** grown in vineyards that span the border between the **Chianti Classico** and **Chianti Colli Senesi** denominations. The vineyards on the Chianti Classico side are located at higher elevations of **407 meters**, with **stony and calcareous soils** that bring minerality and structure to the wine. In contrast, the vineyards on the Colli Senesi side lie lower, around **330 meters**, where **sandy, loamy, and silty soils** with marine sediments add a unique depth and roundness.

This diversity in soil types and altitudes, combined with a **southwestern exposure**, provides the Sangiovese grapes with optimal ripening conditions and a balance of acidity, tannins, and concentrated flavors. The first vintage of Fontalloro was released in **1983**, and since then, it has represented the pinnacle of Fèlsina's commitment to Sangiovese.

### Winemaking

Fontalloro is meticulously crafted to enhance the complexity and structure of Sangiovese. **Harvested by hand** in two phases, only the finest grapes are selected for vinification. After destemming and pressing, the must undergoes fermentation and maceration in stainless steel tanks for **16-20 days** at controlled temperatures of **28-30°C**, with programmed punchdowns and daily pump-overs to ensure balanced tannin extraction.

In March or April, the wine is transferred into a combination of new and first-use **French oak barrels**, where it matures for **18-22 months**. Following barrel aging, the wine is blended and bottled, and it further ages in the bottle for an additional **8-12 months**, allowing for an integrated and harmonious expression.



Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Sangiovese



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### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Ruby red with rich and intense tones.
- **Aroma:** A complex bouquet of aromatic herbs, black currant, and licorice, with earthy undertones of tobacco and dry earth.
- **Palate:** Structured with smooth, medium-bodied tannins, displaying a rich texture and weight on the palate. The finish is elegant, with an enduring minerality and finesse that promises further development with age.

### Did you know?

Fontalloro is considered one of Fèlsina's most representative wines and has been in production since **1983**. This wine's unique terroir, straddling both the Chianti Classico and Chianti Colli Senesi areas, makes it a singular expression of Sangiovese, bridging two distinctive regions within Tuscany.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Wild boar ragù with pappardelle:** The earthy and herbal notes of Fontalloro complement the rich, gamey flavors of wild boar, making it a perfect pairing for this traditional Tuscan dish.
- **Aged pecorino:** The wine's tannic structure and complexity balance the intense and nutty profile of aged pecorino cheese.
- **Bistecca alla Fiorentina:** The bold flavors and structured tannins of Fontalloro match well with the richness of this classic Tuscan steak.
- **Truffle risotto:** The wine's earthy undertones enhance the umami-rich flavors of truffles, creating a luxurious pairing.



#### Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2020)

*Made with a special selection of Sangiovese, the 2020 Fontalloro is generous and rich, and the wine sports medium-dark color and concentration. The winemaking team has succeeded in bringing out an especially elegant side to this vintage. The wine offers pronounced notes of cherry and wild plum with delicate spice at the back. Like the other wines in this portfolio, there is a pretty mineral note that makes for a consistent through-line in all these new releases. (ML)*



#### Wine Spectator (WS) : 95 Points (2020)

*A vibrant red, with fleeting aromas of lavender and wild rosemary mingling with cherry, orange peel, earth, mineral and tobacco flavors. On the elegant side, despite its youthful power, with excellent harmony, refined tannins and a long, complex aftertaste. Sangiovese. Best from 2026 through 2045. (BS)*



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**James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2020)**

*Very refined and complex nose with a hint of pine cones, botanicals and dark mushrooms to the zesty oranges, mineral, fine musk and plums. Juicy, dry but textured on the palate with stacks of dusty tannins growing on the savory, full-bodied palate. Long and quite mineral in the finish. Better from 2025. (ZS)*



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