

Antinori

Antinori Badia a Passignano Chianti Classico Gran Selezione is a majestic expression of 100% Sangiovese , crafted from a historic vineyard at the heart of the Chianti Classico region. This wine celebrates centuries of winemaking tradition with elegance and depth.

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Badia a Passignano Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2021

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The **Badia a Passignano estate**, located in the heart of the **Chianti Classico DOCG**, is renowned for producing some of the region's finest wines. The vineyards are situated at an altitude of approximately **300 meters (984 feet)**, benefitting from soils rich in **limestone and clay**, which contribute to the wine's structure and aromatic complexity.

The **2020 growing season** was characterized by a mild, dry winter, an early bud break, and a spring with average rainfall and cooler temperatures. Summer was warm but not excessively hot, with scattered rain showers that provided the ideal moisture for healthy growth and ripening. Light precipitation in September, during the harvest period, allowed the grapes to achieve **optimal phenolic maturity**. The harvest began in late September and concluded in early October, yielding grapes of exceptional quality.

Winemaking

After **destemming**, the grapes underwent careful selection and gentle crushing. Alcoholic fermentation lasted **10 days**, followed by an additional **10-12 days of maceration on the skins** to extract maximum color and flavor. Once racked, the wine completed **malolactic fermentation** and was aged in **Hungarian oak barrels**, with a small percentage aged in French oak, for several months.

Regular tastings during the aging process ensured the oak integration was perfectly balanced, enhancing the wine's complexity without overpowering its vibrant fruit character. The wine was bottled on-site and further aged in the bottle before its release, reflecting Antinori's commitment to producing a Gran Selezione of unparalleled quality.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Sangiovese

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby red.
- **Aroma**: Aromatic notes of **black cherries**, **dog rose**, and subtle hints of **milk chocolate** and **cocoa**, enriched by floral tones of **lavender**, **irises**, and a touch of saffron.
- **Palate**: Lively and vibrant, with a lean structure and a defined, long, savory finish.

Did You Know?

The **Badia a Passignano** abbey dates back to the **10th century** and has long been associated with viticulture and wine production. The cellars beneath the abbey, where this wine is aged, provide the perfect environment for crafting wines of extraordinary depth and elegance.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Bistecca alla Fiorentina (Florentine steak)**: The wine's structure and savory finish complement the richness of the steak.
- **Wild boar ragù with pappardelle**: The vibrant acidity balances the earthy and robust flavors of the dish.
- **Aged Pecorino Toscano**: Its nutty, savory character harmonizes beautifully with the wine's complexity.
- **Grilled portobello mushrooms with rosemary and olive oil**: The earthy notes of the mushrooms are elevated by the wine's aromatic bouquet.

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Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 95 Points (2021)

The 2021 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Badia a Passignano is one of the best editions of this wine I have ever tasted. Ripe blue-toned fruit, spice, chocolate, leather and licorice fill out the layers in an ample, full-bodied Gran Selezione. Here, too, changes in vinification and aging yielded a wine that marries refinement with textural resonance. Superb.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2021)

I had previously reviewed this vintage closer to its commercial release. Tasted seven months later, the Marchesi Antinori 2021 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Badia a Passignano has fleshed out nicely and has successfully shedded its oak signature. What you get now is a pretty mouthful of rich, ripe black fruits with background notes of green spice and smoked bacon. There is a hint of fragrant rose that emerges beautifully at one specific point a few minutes in. This expression from the San Donato in Poggio UGA delivers bright and lively fruit overall. With a storied winemaking tradition and first produced in 1988, you could say that this wine is the control sample against which the three new UGA expressions are measured.

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Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2021)

A deep well of cherry, pomegranate, iron, tobacco and wild herb aromas and flavors highlights this intense red, while a dense layer of tannins provides support. Lively acidity drives the lingering aftertaste of fruit, mineral and herb notes. Best from 2026 through 2043.