

Le Cinciole

The Le Cinciole estate in Panzano

Aluigi Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2016

Chianti Classico, Italy

ESTATE

Founded in the early 90s by husband-wife team Luca and Valerie Orsini, Le Cinciole thoughtfully stewards their vineyards in Chianti Classico with unyielding convictions to organic, sustainable and biodynamic principles. Located in the famous Conca d'Oro ("Golden Vale") of Panzano, the moderate climate and marly, sandstone soils combine to foster some of the finest grapes in the region. Steeped in the history of the place, Le Cinciole produces classically styled Chianti with finely textured tannins, as well as a reliable blend of international varietals.

WINE

Aluigi hails from a single vineyard of Le Cinciole's estate. A newer bottling for the team, the styling conforms to Chianti Classico's newest labeling allowance: Gran Selezione, requiring even more time before release than a Riserva. This ageing is achieved both in barrel and bottle over the course of three years. The 100% sangiovese benefits from more clay dense soils, providing a generous flavor profile as well as notable age worthiness.

VINEYARD

The Gran Selezione is a careful selection of exclusively Sangiovese grapes from a single vineyard at a lower elevation than others from Le Cinciole. The site sees a southwestern exposure and the soil has a greater clay component. All wines from Le Cinciole come from organic certified vineyards, managed in tandem with sustainable and biodynamic principles

WINEMAKING

Aluigi is vinified by spontaneous fermentation in cement vats. After the racking, elevage occurs in traditional oak barrels (25 hl) where it remains for about 24 months. The wine finishes for a short period in cement to soften the texture before bottling.

VINTAGE

Possibly the best vintage of the 2010s for Tuscany, ideal conditions throughout with slightly lower yields provided clarity and balance to the fruit. Highly collectable

TASTING NOTE

Tightly packed cherry and leather, finishing with fine layers of earth and soft herbs



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"The 2016 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Aluigi Campo ai Peri is fabulous. Bright, vibrant and intensely aromatic, the 2016 is total seduction right out of the glass. Intense floral/spiced aromatics, red/purplish berry fruit, spice, tobacco and mocha all race out of the glass in a wine that brilliantly marries power with finesse. The Aluigi is a Gran Selezione for the first time in 2016. It's quite simply one of the finest wines I have tasted from Le Cinciole."
- ANTONIO GALLONI

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