



**MAZZEI**  
1435



## 2015 CASTELLO FONTERUTOLI CHIANTI CLASSICO GRAN SELEZIONE DOCG

Established in 1435, the Mazzei family is one of Tuscany's oldest wine dynasties and they have been cultivating vineyards and crafting fine wine for over 600 years in Fonterutoli in the heart of Chianti Classico. Leading the portfolio today are the Marchesi Mazzei, brothers Francesco and Filippo, as well as Filippo's son Giovanni, the 25th generation. All the estates are farmed with a commitment to reducing environmental impact and fostering sustainability. From their state-of-the-art low-impact, gravity fed cellar to their massal selections and clonal research, the current generation pursues innovation that elevates their wines and protects their ecosystem. This balance of preservation and evolution is rooted in the Castello di Fonterutoli, the historic family seat.

Castello Fonterutoli is the essence of the Castello di Fonterutoli estate. It was a forerunner, in 1995, of the Gran Selezione category – a cru of Sangiovese using multiple clones and massal selections of the grape, some of which are unique to the estate, and coming from parcels around Fonterutoli in Castellina in Chianti.

### VINTAGE NOTES

A wet winter prepared the soil for summer heat and drought in 2015. The cool, rainy spring slightly delayed budding, and a chilly April slowed development, but without frost. Bloom and set took place in ideal conditions in May. Summer brought extreme heat in July and August, which was tempered by some light rain that helped the grapes fully ripen. September brought favorable harvest conditions and the vintage delivered excellent quality fruit, which yielded rich, aromatic, well-structured wines.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Appellation: Chianti Classico Gran Selezione DOCG

Composition: 92% Sangiovese (14 selections), 8% Malvasia Nera and Colorino

Vineyards: Fonterutoli vineyards, Castellina in Chianti

Elevation: 722-1804 feet (220-550 m)

Soil: Alberese and Galestro

Maturation: 20 months, French oak barrels (60% new); 4 months in concrete tanks

Alcohol: 14.3%

Pack: 6/750ML