

# Badia a Coltibuono



**Vineyards and Vinification:** The estate is situated on the hills of the commune of Gaiole in Chianti and is planted to 60 hectares of vineyards and 20 hectares of olive groves. After ten centuries of uninterrupted agricultural tradition, all of Coltibuono's estate grapes are organically grown and vinified using natural yeasts. Among the first leading wineries in Tuscany to wholly return to environmental sustainability, Badia a Coltibuono is dedicated to the preservation and vinification of Sangiovese and local varieties such Ciliegiolo, Colorino, Canaiolo, Malvasia Nera, Foglia Tonda, Sanforte, Pugnitello, Mammolo, Trebbiano, and Malvasia, from which they produce a variety of wines. At the center of their vineyards situated in Monti in Chianti their architecturally and technologically innovative winemaking facility is located. Designed to have minimal environmental impact, the facility uses manual grape sorting and a gravity flow system for gentle conveyance of de-stemmed fruit to the fermentation tanks. Smaller size vats are used for separate vinifications, both in wood and stainless steel, while the wines mainly mature in large casks instead of small barrels. The estate also produces a line of "Coltibuono" wines, made from grapes selected from small growers within Tuscany that the family has long-term relationships with.

**Sangioveseto di Toscana IGT:** 100% Sangiovese from Coltibuono's oldest Sangiovese plots, aged 12-14 months in Small barrels.

"Very ripe and rich with a rustic undertone of raisins, but this shows plenty of delicious fruit. Loads of plum pie, light cedar and a long and flavorful finish. From organically grown grapes."

— 92 points, James Suckling

"The 2011 Sangioveseto di Toscana wraps around the palate with striking depth and texture. Bold and racy to the core, the 2011 is a great example of the fleshy, open-knit wines that are typical of the vintage. At the same time, the 2011 has more than enough freshness to drink well for a number of years. This is a gorgeous showing from Badia a Coltibuono."

— 94 points, Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*



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