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**Badia a Coltibuono "Montebello"**  
**Toscana IGT - 2015**

wine *review* online

PRODUCER PROFILE

Winery Owner(s):

Emanuela, Paolo, and Roberto Stucchi Prinetti

Winemaker:

Roberto Stucchi Prinetti, with consultant

Maurizio Castelli

Winery Founded:

1846 (1957 as a commercial winery)

Region:

Tuscany

Montebello is the name of the vineyard where the nine varieties included in the blend were grown. It is their only single vineyard wine, since grapes for their Chiantis are sourced from multiple sites. Roberto Stucchi Prinetti, co-owner and winemaker, considers it an homage to old Chianti Classico because it is an equal blend of traditional varieties. Today it cannot be labeled Chianti Classico since Sangiovese must be at least 80 percent of the blend. You could call it a Super Tuscan in the sense that it is not Chianti Classico, but it is truly Super Tuscan, he said. No international varieties, but a very complex blend of indigenous ones. The first vintage was 2011. Subtle, ripe black cherry fruit is layered with cedar, tobacco, toasted spices lifted by fresh, bright acidity and supported by velvet-smooth tannins.

- Rebecca Murphy