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*A founding member of the Consorzio del Chianti Classico, Verrazzano has made wine since the earliest times -- the property occupies the site of former Etruscan and Roman settlements -- but its growing reputation among wine lovers in Italy and abroad is due to the spirit and industry of its present owners, Luigi and Silvia Cappellini, a young and engaging couple who with their two small daughters call Verrazzano home.*

*Verrazzano's modern-day claim to fame stems from its wines. Wine authority Burton Anderson named it one of a select few estates forming "the foundation on which Chianti's renewed prestige has been built." One hundred and five acres of vines thrive in its limestone-rich soil. Though present in southern areas of Chianti Classico, limestone is unique to Verrazzano in the cooler, northern sector, accounting for the singular blend of muscularity and finesse evident in Verrazzano wines.*

### PRODUCTION AREA

Country: Italy  
Region: Tuscany  
Appellation: Chianti Classico DOCG

From the Greve district in the northern portion of the Chianti Classico DOC, south of Florence in Tuscany. 105 acres of vine are planted at altitudes ranging from 1,150 to 1,480 feet in Verrazzano's limestone-rich soil. Though present in warmer, southern areas of Chianti Classico, limestone is unique to Verrazzano in the cooler, northern portion of the district. The soil here is extremely lean and stony (43% lime, 29% clay, 28% sand). Fertilization is entirely organic.

### GRAPE VARIETIES

95% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo

### PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES

Grapes are harvested by hand in October and undergo an 8-12 day maceration period. The wine is aged 12 months in Slavonian oak barrels and bottle-aged for four months prior to release.

### DESCRIPTION

**Color:** Vibrant red  
**Aroma:** Intense and persistent; aromas of violets and black currants can be readily detected  
**Taste:** Dry and refined, with a characteristic trace of mint on the mid-palate

### ANALYSIS

Alc.: 14.1%    TA: 5.20 g/L    pH: 3.55    RS: 2.8 g/L

### BOTTLE SIZES

750 ml