



Castello d'Albola

Acciaiolo

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Tasting descriptors:

The 2009 vintage displays a rich dark red color and flavor, followed by orange hues. The nose is wonderfully complex and shows beautiful dark plum, delicate spices and violet notes. The palate is full bodied and elegant, revealing mouth-watering plum, rich dark chocolate, delightful leather and crushed rocks. The tannins are full and plush which tends to lead to a long finish.

Wine analysis:

Total acid: 5,28 g/L
Final pH: 3,60
Residual sugar: 1,4 g/L
Alcohol: 13,5% by volume



Appellation:
Toscana IGT

Area:
Radda in Chianti, Tuscany

Varietal:
50% Sangiovese,
50% Cabernet Sauvignon

• V I N T A G E •

The 2009 Vintage was very successful, it was warm in the summer and enjoyed helpful rains in winter and spring. The temperatures were ideal in September and October, during the maturation period. This allowed for a wonderful maturation of the late harvest Cabernet Sauvignon, which was one of the best years seen in the last 5 years. The 2009 Acciaiolo Sangiovese developed excellent perfume and elegance thanks to the perfect temperature range in September.

• V I N E Y A R D S •

The one key factor at Castello d'Albola and our Acciaiolo 2009 vintage in regards to altitude is that it goes hand in hand with exposure as an influence on fruit quality. There are two considerations here, one is "angle" and the other is an "open hilltop". We have the best angles at our vineyards in relation to the sun's rays. Our many different angles are ideal for Sangiovese, which exposes the vineyard to the sun from dawn until dusk. An open hilltop with no windbreaks helps keep fungal problems and insects at bay, thanks to the constant breeze. Acciaiolo is a very elegant blend of Sangiovese from old vines, grown in an outstanding vineyard named after the "Acciaiuoli" family from the 1400's. The 3 HE (7 Acres) vineyard of Sangiovese is 450 meters (1475 ft.) with southerly exposure, which gives the wine the stamp of tradition, history and of the terroir. The exceptionally ripe, richly flavored Cabernet Sauvignon comes from a vineyard which is 4 HE (10 Acres) at 350 meters (1150 ft.) called "Vignale" which is off the beaten path of the main vineyards of Albola.

• W I N E M A K E R ' S N O T E S •

This 50% Sangiovese & 50% Cabernet Sauvignon Super Tuscan is the ultimate jewel in Radda. This is my premium wine, which combines the elegance of Sangiovese with the expressivity of Cabernet Sauvignon. Its structure is very concentrated, but it is nicely balanced by the full fruit, with hints of plums and a suggestion of undergrowth. This exclusive wine has for some time now only been produced in the best vintages and in very limited quantity. The wine is aged 12 months in 225 liter French Oak, half the wine is aged separately in new oak and the other half in 2nd year French oak. This is followed by 6-12 months in bottle.

"Castello d'Albola possesses vineyards and produces wines of incredible elegance, sophistication and refined taste that fully embody the charm and beauty of the Chianti Classico area"

Winemaker - Alessandro Gallo

