

Querceto di Castellina Chianti Classico "L'Aura"

Appellation: Chianti Classico DOCG Region: Toscana Type: Red, dry Varietal: 100% Sangiovese Certified Organic

L'Aura – Chianti Classico DOCG (Sangiovese 100%) This is their premier wine, bottled for the first time in 1998. Jacopo and Filippo Di Battista dedicated this wine to their mother, Laura. The name is written in the apostrophized manner of Petrarch's "Canzoniere" who called his muse Lady Laura, a perennial subject of unrequited love, in order to hide her identity and not draw the ire of her jealous husband.

Tasting Notes

Color: Ruby red of medium intensity.

Bouquet: Fresh and floral with red fruit overtones.

Taste: Pleasing and versatile to the palate with a well balanced acidity and medium tannins.

Alcohol: 13.5%.

Food Pairing

Good with salumi, pasta with ragù, and roasted and grilled beef.

Vineyard Notes

First vintage: 1998cocation: Querceto - Castellina in Chianti.

Altitude: 1370-1574 ft. a.s.l.

Soil type: Clay and limestone.

Yield: 60qq.

Training system: Spur pruned cordon.

Planting system: Variable high density.

Winemaking Notes

Harvest: By hand.

Maceration: 25 days.

Winemaking: temperature controlled in stainless steel.

Fermentaion temperature: 28°C.

Aging: 12 months French oak (500 lt.), 3 months in the bottle.



Querceto di Castellina has been in the family since 1945 when Guido Masini, originally from Florence, acquired the estate. The 200-acre property became a countryside retreat for the family. They sold their grapes and farmed pigs. Ultimately his daughter Laura took over the management of the estate in 1989. Working together with her husband Giorgio Di Battista, an architect, they restored the 15th century structures on the estate and transformed them into an agriturismo with vacation apartments. At the same time, she converted the rest of the property into a working farm with olive groves and focused on improving the vineyards. Shortly afterwards, she also began her Tuscan cooking school at Querceto. However it wasn't until 1998 when their eldest son Jacopo began working for the estate and founded the winery that the first vintage was bottled under the Querceto di Castellina label.