

# MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



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Querciabella was founded in 1974 by Giuseppe Castiglioni, an avid wine enthusiast and collector. Mr. Castiglioni proceeded to purchase land, plant vineyards and build cellars, all with the maximum respect for the Chianti Classico landscape.

Today, the property is owned and managed by Giuseppe Castiglioni's son, Sebastiano Cossia Castiglioni. Currently, the estate in Greve, Chianti encompasses 64 acres of specialized vineyards planted to primarily Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon for the red wines and Chardonnay and Pinot Bianco for its famed white wine, Batàr. There are additionally 25 acres of olive groves and 296 acres of forest, a total of 385 acres.

In the Maremma region of Southern Tuscany, Querciabella owns an 86-acre estate which enjoys an ideal setting close to the sea and with the protection of the Uccellina Natural Park highlands.

Agricola Querciabella is widely regarded as one of the leading producers in the Chianti Classico viticultural region.

### KEY POINTS

1. The wines are estate-bottled and made from selected grapes from the southeast and southwest-facing vineyards located high on the hilltop of Ruffoli in Greve in Chianti. This location provides the vines with warm daytime weather and cool evenings and mornings, as well as excellent ventilation.
2. The low-yielding vines produce grapes known for their concentration and richness. The addition of dry-farming enhances the intensity of the fruit and the expression of the *terroir*.
3. The wines are aged in custom-made French oak *barriques* from the forest of Tronçais and are personally selected by Sebastiano Castiglioni.
4. Peristaltic pumps are used to avoid any harsh handling of the grapes. There is, therefore, no direct contact between the grapes and metal during the winemaking process.
5. In 2002, the winery converted from organic to 100% biodynamic. There is no use of chemicals, fertilizers or pesticides, creating a welcoming environment for the existence of beneficial insects and birds that assist the natural viticultural practices.

### PRODUCT LIST

- Chianti Classico DOCG
- Camartina IGT
- Batàr IGT
- Palafreno IGT
- Mongrana in Maremma IGT

