

# Piemaggio



## Le Fioraie Chianti Classico Riserva



### At a Glance:

- **Appellation:** DOCG Chianti Classico
- **Uvaggio:** Saniovese (90%), Canaiolo, Colorino, and Cilieggiolo (10%)
- **Average Annual Production:**
- **Average Alcohol by Volume:** 13%
- **Average Residual Sugar:** < 5 g/l
- **Average Total Acidity:** c. 5 g/l

### In The Vineyard:

- **Parcel Names, Slopes, and Locations:** From 12 ha of vines spread among sloped parcels surrounding the village of Castellina-in-Chianti
- **Soil Types and Compositions:** Albarese (Limestone-clay) and Galestro (Sandstone)
- **Vine Age, Training, and Density:** Trained in Guyot and planted at 4,800 vines/ha
- **Average Yields:** Controlled through pruning, debudding, and green harvesting
- **Average Harvest Date and Type:** Entirely manual, usually in early October

### In The Cellar:

- **Fermentation:** Following total destemming, wines ferment spontaneously in 100-hl stainless-steel tanks for c. 25 days
- **Pressing:** Pneumatic pressing
- **Time on Lees:** Wine is racked following malolactic and remains on its fine lees until assemblage prior to bottling.
- **Malolactic Fermentation:** Spontaneous, in tank following alcoholic fermentation
- **Élevage:** 36 months in concrete tanks, 25-hl French oak botti, and neutral, 500-l French oak tonneaux
- **Press Wine:** Blended after malolactic
- **Fining and Filtration:** Unfined and unfiltered
- **Sulfur:** Applied when necessary

### In The Glass:

Only in vintages that merit it does Piemaggio produce a Riserva, which spends an extra year in cask but is otherwise produced in the same fashion as the flagship wine above, and from the same basic blend of grape varieties. Notes of pipe tobacco emerge from its deep-red-fruited core, and a faint balsamic note counterbalancing the wine's brazenly earth-driven personality. Like the estate's basic Chianti Classico, there is a sense of analog warmth here, with tannins refined through time but retaining a bit of grain; this, thankfully, is not a wine that has been buffed clean by technology.