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## Montesecondo

Proprietor Silvio Messana crafts some of the most distinctive wines in Chianti Classico. The 2021 Chianti Classico is especially of note this year. Biodynamic farming and a minimalist approach in the cellar are some of the hallmarks of the approach. At times, the wines can be a bit quirky, but they are always full of character and well worth checking out, especially for readers who want to explore the more adventurous side of Chianti Classico.

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### 2021 Bianco Tin

Release Price: **\$38**

Color: **White**

**93**

Drinking Window: **2023 - 2029**



Antonio Galloni, June 2023

The 2021 Bianco Tin, Trebbiano vinified and aged in amphora, is fabulous. Tangerine oil, chamomile, dried flowers and mint all build in this resonant, super-expressive white. The 2021 is an especially fine edition of Tin.

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### 2021 Chianti Classico

Release Price: **\$36**

Color: **Red**

**94**

Drinking Window: **2026 - 2026**



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The 2021 Chianti Classico is one of the wines of the vintage in the Chianti Classico 'Annata' category. Rich, layered and super-expressive, the 2021 offers up red/purplish berry fruit, rose petal, lavender and spice race across the palate. The Montesecondo Chianti Classico raises the simple question of why there aren't more wines like this.

[Read More](#) →**2021 Il Rospo****93**Release Price: **\$40**Color: **Red**Drinking Window: **2024 - 2036** ^**Antonio Galloni, June 2023**

The 2021 Il Rospo opens with a burst of succulent, ripe red-fleshed fruit. Racy and juicy to the core, the 2021 possesses tremendous depth and resonance from start to finish. Readers can expect an incredibly distinctive wine that is as much Chianti Classico (the region) as it is Cabernet. I loved it.

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The 2018 San Martino is a wild, eccentric wine. There is a purity to the fruit that at times recalls Pinot Noir, but the aromas aren't focused. The 2018 ultimately comes across as disjointed and lacking both cohesion as well as balance. It's the only wine in this range that did not show especially well.

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The 2020 Tin (Sangiovese) offers up a heady mix of red-toned fruit, blood orange, white pepper, chalk and dried flowers. Racy and powerful, with driving intensity, Tin is another stellar wine in this range. There is a touch of volatile acidity that readers will have to accept to fully appreciate the 2020.

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