

Fontodi,  
**`Pastrolo` Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2022**  
Chianti Classico, Tuscany, Italy



**FONTODI**



### PRODUCER

The Manetti family has owned Fontodi since 1968 but has been in Chianti for centuries. Though they have always made wine, their original business was the production of Chianti's finest terracotta at their factory in Ferrone. Giovanni Manetti has run the property since 1980 and ensures the wines are as meticulously made as the vineyards are immaculately tended. Their 107 hectares of vineyard, 95% of which are Sangiovese, are situated in the prime 'Conca d'Oro' (golden shell) of Panzano, and have been converted to organic viticulture. Giovanni is now following biodynamic principles to obtain the best quality fruit.

### VINEYARDS

Pastrolo, Fontodi's most recent Gran Selezione, is produced from Sangiovese grapes coming from a 1.5-hectare single vineyard in the Lamole UGA, situated over 600 metres above sea level on Marna di Macigno (sandstone marl) soils.

### VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage began with a harsh winter, marked by several nights of sub-zero temperatures. Despite the cold, conditions remained dry, and this trend continued into spring, with only limited rainfall, mild temperatures, and budbreak occurring as expected. Summer was exceptionally hot and dry - one of the warmest in the past 30 years - with a drought lasting over 40 days. Rain finally arrived in mid-August, revitalizing the vines and allowing the grapes to reach full ripeness just in time for harvest, resulting in remarkably healthy fruit.

### VINIFICATION

After picking, the grapes were carried to the Fontodi winery and carefully selected on sorting tables. Fermentation and maceration took place in terracotta amphora for 30 days. The wine was then aged for 20 months in used French oak tonnaux of 6 hectolitres before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine shows aromas of lavender, sage, menthol and red plum.

Grape Varieties	<b>100% Sangiovese</b>
Winemaker	<b>Giovanni Manetti</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>15%</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Certified Organic, Vegetarian</b>