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## **Fèlsina 2007 Vin Santo del Chianti Classico**

**Castelnuovo Berardenga (Chianti Classico, Siena), Tuscany**

**Sweet White wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2016 - 2027**

The 2007 Vin Santo del Chianti Classico is like silk on the palate. Mid-weight, gracious and perfumed, the 2007 is a model of understated elegance and class. All the elements fall into balance. Once again, Fèlsina has produced a reference-point wine.

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### **Grape/Blend**

Trebbiano, Malvasia, Sangiovese

### **Release price**

\$50.00

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## **Fèlsina 2011 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Colonia**

**Castelnuovo Berardenga (Chianti Classico, Siena), Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2018 - 2031**

The 2011 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Colonia is superb. Specifically, this is the first time a clear relationship between Rancia and Colonia, two adjacent vineyards, is clear. The French oak is also totally fused with the fruit in a way I have not seen before. In keeping with the style of the vintage, the Colonia is ripe and opulent to the core. I am not sure a Chianti Classico can be said to be flamboyant or hedonistic, but if there is such a wine, the 2011 Colonia is it.

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### **Grape/Blend**

Sangiovese

### **Release price**

\$165.00

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## **Fèlsina 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva**

**Castelnuovo Berardenga (Chianti Classico, Siena), Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2020 - 2038**

A deep, powerful wine, the 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva has quite a bit of depth for a cool, late-ripening vintage. Sage, tobacco, menthol, smoke and dark cherry hit the palate in a deep, beautifully layered Chianti Classico endowed with real personality and class. This is another terrific wine from Fèlsina. Hints of leather, smoke and licorice reappear on the deeply expressive, virile finish.

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### **Grape/Blend**

Sangiovese

### **Release price**

\$39.00

### **Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

4375

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## **Fèlsina 2013 Fontalloro**

**Castelnuovo Berardenga (Chianti Classico, Siena), Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2019 - 2033**

The 2013 Fontalloro shows the richer, creamier style of the vintage while maintaining plenty of Fèlsina character. Silky tannins wrap around a core of dark stone fruits as the 2013 shows off its personality. Fontalloro naturally doesn't have the pure energy of Rancia, but it will drink well with just a few more years in bottle. Fontalloro is the most overt and ripe of the Fèlsina wines with the exception of the Colonia. A hint of French oak shapes the supple, inviting finish.

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## **Grape/Blend**

Sangiovese

## **Release price**

\$70.00

## **Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

3350

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## **Fèlsina 2013 Maestro Raro**

**Castelnuovo Berardenga (Chianti Classico, Siena), Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2020 - 2033**

The 2013 Maestro Raro is another huge, powerful wine from Fèlsina. Huge tannins scream out of the glass in a deep, intense Tuscan Cabernet Sauvignon full of personality. Grilled herbs, savory herbs, smoke, tobacco, leather, licorice and dark plum add an exclamation point on the striking finish. This is a vivid, stunningly beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon that speaks in a thick Tuscan accent. Today, the tannins are huge and imposing. Patience is a must.

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## **Grape/Blend**

Cabernet Sauvignon

## **Release price**

\$69.00

## **Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

2150

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## **Fèlsina 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Colonia**

**Castelnuovo Berardenga (Chianti Classico, Siena), Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2020 - 2033**

Fèlsina's 2013 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Colonia takes things up another notch. Powerful and vibrant, the 2013 possesses magnificent intensity of fruit, bright, salivating acidity and beams of tannin to wrap it all up. The 2013 is the most vivid, translucent Colonia to date, but it also possesses incredible depth and exceptional overall balance. Red plum, rose petal, mint and sage are some of the nuances that linger on the potent finish. The 2013 has really come together over the last year. Today, it is superb.

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### **Grape/Blend**

Sangiovese

### **Release price**

\$165.00

### **Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

500

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## **Fèlsina 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva Rancia**

**Castelnuovo Berardenga (Chianti Classico, Siena), Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2023 - 2043**

Fèlsina's 2013 Chianti Classico Riserva Rancia bristles with energy, with veins of underlying acidity that give the wine its focus and drive. Dark red cherry, plum, rose petal, herb and licorice are some of the signatures. Most of the Fèlsina Chianti Classicos are defined by their dark fruit and savory notes, but the Rancia is also wonderfully bright and lifted from start to finish while staying very much true to the house style. Today, the Rancia gives the impression it will unwind at a glacial pace. I imagine most bottles of the 2013 will be drunk before the wine truly enters its prime.

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### **Grape/Blend**

Sangiovese

### **Release price**

\$60.00

### **Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

4000

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## **Fèlsina 2014 Chianti Colli Senesi**

**Castelnuovo Berardenga (Chianti Classico, Siena), Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2016 - 2021**

The 2014 Chianti Colli Senesi is an attractive, hearty wine to drink now and over the next few years. Smoke, leather, herbs, game and licorice wrap around a core of dark stone fruits. This is an especially savory, earthy Chianti that shines a light on the house style, even in this challenging vintage. A kick of acidity on the finish and the wine's relatively slender built are reminders that this is indeed a 2014. The Colli Senesi is rustic and also quite pleasing for what it is.

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### **Grape/Blend**

Sangiovese

### **Release price**

\$24.00

### **Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

4580



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## **Fèlsina 2014 I Sistri**

**Castelnuovo Berardenga (Chianti Classico, Siena), Tuscany**

**White wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2016 - 2020**

The 2014 I Sistri (Chardonnay) is bright, focused and finely-cut for this wine. Lemon confit, white flowers, almonds and chamomile are fused together in an effortless, savory Sistri that brings together the richness of Castelnuovo with the bracing minerality of the year. This is one of the best versions of I Sistri I can remember tasting.

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## **Grape/Blend**

Chardonnay

## **Release price**

\$31.00

## **Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

2500

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## **Fèlsina 2014 Chianti Classico Berardenga**

**Castelnuovo Berardenga (Chianti Classico, Siena), Tuscany**

**Red wine from Italy**

**Drinking window: 2018 - 2034**

The 2014 Chianti Classico Berardenga is fabulous. Fresh, aromatic and salivating with acidity, the 2014 is a super-old school Chianti Classico from start to finish. The intense acidity might come as a shock to readers used to more contemporary, supple wines, but this is a terrific example of what Chianti Classico from Castelnuovo Berardenga is all about. Cherry pit, leather, smoke, grilled herbs, menthol and game add striking nuance throughout. The savory, earthy style that is typical of the estate's best wines comes through loud and clear. In 2014, Fèlsina did not bottle their top Riservas, all the best fruit went into the straight Chianti Classico. The 2014 is a wine to buy by the case and enjoy over the next 20 years. I won't be surprised if the 2014 develops into an even better wine than this note suggests.

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### **Grape/Blend**

Sangiovese

### **Release price**

\$31.00

### **Cases Produced (12 bottles/case)**

20000