



# AZIENDA VINICOLA ROCCA DI MONTEGROSSI

## Vin Santo del Chianti Classico 2011

The Ricasoli-Firidolfi family is synonymous with Chianti Classico, as Baron Bettino Ricasoli in 1872 created the original "formula" for Chianti Classico's blend of grapes. The Rocca di Montegrossi estate is located in a unique micro-zone called Monti in Chianti, part of Gaiole in Chianti. This exceptional, high-altitude plateau with its stony, calcareous soils produces some of the more elegant and harmonious Chianti Classico wines in the appellation; Monti in Chianti is one of the "very best areas" of Chianti Classico, says Antonio Galloni.

**WINERY:** Azienda Viticola Rocca di Montegrossi

**WINEMAKER:** Marco Ricasoli-Firidolfi

**AGRONOMISTS:** Dr. Stefano Dini and Marco Ricasoli-Firidolfi

**CONSULTING ENOLOGIST:** Attilio Pagli

**ESTABLISHED:** 1981

**REGION:** ITALY • Tuscany • Gaiole in Chianti

**APPELLATION:** Vin Santo del Chianti Classico DOC

**BLEND:** 100% Malvasia Bianca di Toscana

**VINEYARDS:** Estate vineyards are located in Monti in Chianti, a "micro-area" of Gaiole in Chianti. Soils combine *alberese* (limestone) and *galestro* (schist) with clay. Vineyards are in organic conversion.

**AGE OF VINES:** 5-20 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Individual bunches are hung to dry on a series of nets in the estate's cool cellars, to gradually acquire botrytis (*muffa nobile*, or noble rot). Only the healthiest grapes are kept; the rest discarded. After three months, dried grapes are pressed. Juice is fermented on indigenous yeasts in 50L or 100L barrels, each made of cherry, oak and mulberry wood. Aged in barrel for seven years and seven months; aged further in bottle for 36 months before release. Residual sugar 352 g/L.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Velvety and intense; apricot, dates, toasted almond, coffee

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** *Panna cotta*; soft blue cheese; foie gras; or simply on its own. Serve at a cool temperature (54F) in large glasses.



## NORTH BERKELEY IMPORTS

[northberkeleyimports.com](http://northberkeleyimports.com)