



CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA REVIEWS 1997

JAMES SUCKLING

92 pts

I have been trying a number of bottles in the last month of 1997 Chianti Classico Riservas.

Some people think they don't age well and that you have to trade up to Brunello to find ageworthy Sangiovese. But this beautiful wine from Riecine proves otherwise. Winemaker Sean O'Callaghan crushed here. The wine shows beautiful aromas of plums and cherry jam, yet perfumed and fresh. Full and very clean, it focuses on the clean fruit and bright acidity.

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VINOUS – ANTONIO GALLONI

90 pts

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WINE SPECTATOR

93 pts

Dark ruby. Rich aromas of ripe fruit, with blackberry, mushroom and light chocolate. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a juicy, fresh finish. Lemony as well. Holding on beautifully.--

1997 Italian blind retrospective. Drink now. 490 cases made.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

90 pts

Opaque and very dark in color and flavor, toasty oak is handsomely wrapped around the black-cherry and plum fruit. Shows a slight animal note. Well textured and full, almost viscous, in the mouth, it finishes long with a nice blend of black-licorice, cherry and clove notes.

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