

Chillable and quaffable: The low-alcohol Chianti Classico vintage everyone is talking about

Everyone is talking about lighter reds, and the 2024 vintage has delivered just that in Chianti Classico. Michaela Morris investigates.



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“Embodying the beauty of 2024, Badia a Coltibuono is my top annata”

Chianti Classico 2024: Vintage in depth

The 2024 vintage of Chianti Classico is certainly unlike any other in the last decade. A wet spring, followed by the dry and progressively hot summer somewhat resembled 2023. September and October, however, were marked by cool temperatures and unremitting rain, the likes of which growers had not seen in years.

‘That extended ripening cycle gave us lower alcohol, brighter acidity, and a freshness and luminosity in the wines that I find genuinely exciting,’ raves Roberto Stucchi at Badia a Coltibuono.



Roberto Prinetti Stucchi (Badia a Coltibuono) is behind Michaela's top pick of the 2024 Chianti Classico annata. (Image credit: Michaela Morris / Future)



Badia a Coltibuono Chianti Classico 2024

Fragrant, flavourful and vivacious, this is my top annata from 2024 thus far – and unbeatable for the price.

93 pt.



Badia a Coltibuono Chianti Classico Riserva 2021

Until the 1970s, this Riserva was the only wine bottled and labelled by the Stucchi-Prinetti family. It continues to represent the estate's best selection

94 pt.