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Badia a Coltibuono

These are some of the finest wines I have tasted from Badia a Coltibuono. I confess I have a weak spot for Badia, as it was the first estate I visited in Chianti Classico more than 30 years ago. The winery has been through some ups and downs in recent times, so it's great to see the Stucchi family turning out wines at this level.



2025 Chillyajolo

The 2025 Chillyajolo (Ciliegiolo) is a very pretty, light-bodied red to drink now and over the next two to three years, perhaps with a light chill in the warm summer months. Crushed red berry fruit, rose petal, spice and lavender all resonate with notable vibrancy.

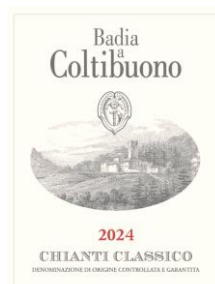
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2024 Chianti Classico RS Cultusboni

The 2024 Chianti Classico RS Cultusboni offers notable depth and plenty of energy to match. Black cherry, leather, tobacco, incense, dried flowers, mocha and coffee fill out the layers. This complex, nuanced Chianti Classico is impeccably done.

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2024 Chianti Classico

The 2024 Chianti Classico is a tasty, super-classic offering from Badia a Coltibuono. Pipe tobacco, cedar, mint, incense and dried flowers weave through a core of Sangiovese fruit. This delightful Chianti Classico has so much to offer.

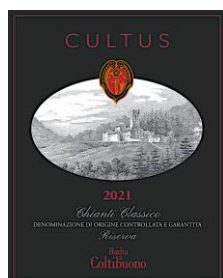
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2021 Chianti Classico Riserva

The 2021 Chianti Classico Riserva is quite the powerhouse. Black cherry, menthol, dried herbs, tobacco, incense and leather convey an impression of virile, almost somber, intensity. All this needs is a bit of time to shed some of its formidable tannin. There's a lot of wine here.

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2021 Chianti Classico Riserva Cultus

The 2021 Chianti Classico Riserva Cultus is another very pretty wine in this range from Badia a Coltibuono. Floral and spiced aromatics immediately convey classicism. Sweet dried cherry, spice, tobacco, cedar, mint, game and rose petal are some of the many nuances that start to open in the glass. The refined, understated style is quite attractive.

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2021 Sangiovese

The 2021 Sangiovese exalts the richer side of Sangiovese. Dried cherry, leather, rose petal, licorice, incense and a kick of sweet oak are all dialed up. The Sangiovese is one of the more extroverted wines in this range from a stylistic standpoint.

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2020 Montebello

The 2020 Montebello is a blend of Sangiovese, Colorino and Malvasia Nera. Rich and explosive out of the glass, the Montebello has so much to offer. A blast of dark-toned fruit, spice, leather and menthol races across the palate, conveying tons of brooding intensity. There's ample energy and plenty of intrigue to match.

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2019 Vin Santo del Chianti Classico

The 2019 Vin Santo del Chianti Classico is superb. Orange peel, mint, dried herbs, almond and light caramel notes are woven together in a fabric of exquisite class. The 2019 offers notable richness and intensity, yet also remains light on its feet. The balance here is fabulous.

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