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<i>Appellation</i>	Chianti Classico DOCG
<i>First vintage</i>	1974
<i>Cépage</i>	Sangiovese (100%).
<i>Vineyards</i>	Greve in Chianti, Radda in Chianti and Gaiole in Chianti. In Greve, our vineyards of Sangiovese enjoy a natural south-orientation. The soils, typically composed of sandstone rocks and sands obtained from the flaking of galestro, are richer in clay at lower altitudes (350 – 400 m a.s.l.) and progressively become looser and more draining as they reach close to 550 m a.s.l. Similar characteristics can be found in Radda (450 m a.s.l.), but the higher presence of galestro slate results in wines of persistent tannins and darker fruit profiles. At 500 m a.s.l., the soils in Gaiole are rich in calcium carbonate and deliver a riper expression of the Sangiovese fruit and a marked acidity thanks to the presence of limestone rocks, also known as Albarese.
<i>Viticulture</i>	Organic since 1988, biodynamic since 2000.
<i>Average yield</i>	30 hl/ha.
<i>Production</i>	Approximately 100,000 bottles.
<i>Vintage profile</i>	Already labelled by many as “classic”, 2018 is for sure one of the most harmonious vintages of the last decade due to regular weather patterns and a prolonged ripening season that lasted well into perfect Autumn days. From the onset of budburst, the growth season proceeded smoothly until picking. The near-perfect conditions at harvest and our great timing and precision in picking brought to the cellar grapes of exceptional quality. Harvest dates: September 6–October 10.
<i>Harvest</i>	Grapes are hand picked in 9 kg crates.
<i>Élevage</i>	12 months in fine to extra fine-grained oak barriques (225 l) and tonneaux (500 l) of which 10% new.
<i>Analytical data</i>	Alcohol content: 14.5%; pH: 3.37; Acidity: 5.64 g/l.
<i>100% Vegan</i>	No animal products or byproducts are used during any phase of grape growing and wine making.
<i>Maturity</i>	Enjoy young. This wine will reach maturity 4–5 years after harvest and will continue to evolve for at least another 10 years.
<i>Ideal serving temperature</i>	14–18 °C (57–64 °F).
<i>Recommended glasses</i>	Riedel Extreme Riesling 4441/15; Riedel Extreme Cabernet 4441/0; Riedel Performance Cabernet 6884/0; Riedel Sommeliers Riesling Grand Cru 4400/15. Zalto Universal 11300; Zalto Bordeaux 11200.
<i>Bottling and packaging</i>	0.375 liter, in 12 bottle cases; 0.750 liter, in 6 bottle cases; Magnum (1.5 liters), single bottle wooden case; Double Magnum (3 liters), single bottle wooden case; Imperial (6 liters) single bottle wooden case.
<i>Label</i>	Drawing by Bernardino Luino.