

**JANCIS ROBINSON**

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**RETROMARCIA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2008:  
a cut above superior (16.5 pts)**

Drink 2010-2014. 95% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot. Cask sample (13.5%). Oenologist Michael Schmelzer. The second wine of Monte Bernardi. Medium deep, youthful ruby. Balsamic, spicy and savoury nose, somewhat closed on fruit at this stage. The palate makes more than up for this with lifted, succulent cherry fruit and crunchy tannins. Refreshing and elegant. New School, which should not suffer from giving up on the Merlot content. (WS)