

**RETROMARCIA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2009: 2 stars (out of 3)**

Retromarcia means reverse gear. This said, the wine, which is from a flat area at an elevation of 400 m in Panzano's Conca D'Oro, is 95% Sangiovese, 3% Merlot and 2% Canaiolo; it is fermented in steel and cement tanks and spends some time in year-old barriques. It's lively cherry ruby with cherry rim, and has a bright bouquet with pleasing greenish accents and fairly rich berry fruit supported by some underbrush and some spice with savory vegetal accents. On the palate it's bright, with sour cherry fruit supported by bright berry fruit acidity and tannins that are peppery (black pepper), and flow into a clean fresh peppery finish. Quite pleasant and will work very well with foods.