

SA'ETTA CHIANTI CLASSICO RISERVA 2008: 3 stars (out of 3)

This is from a steeply sloping vineyard planted over sandstone, across the street from the Monte Bernardi vineyard, which is instead slaty. 100% Sangiovese fermented in large wood. The bouquet is deft, with red berry fruit supported by some greenish accents and be spice; the effect is rather haunting and the wine is still quite young. On the palate it's full, and fresh, with brilliant sour cherry fruit supported by deft berry fruit acidity and tightly woven tannins that flow into a clean fresh berry fruit finish. Very pleasant, displaying graceful finesse, and was a nice discovery.