

Ruffino Riserva Ducale 2020

Ruffino, a historic name in Italian winemaking, was founded in 1877 and is known for producing some of Italy's most iconic wines. Located in Tuscany, Ruffino embraces a philosophy of crafting wines that reflect their heritage and terroir. The Ruffino Riserva Ducale 2020 is a classic representation of Chianti Classico, showcasing the vibrant fruit, balanced structure, and refined elegance characteristic of Tuscany's esteemed winemaking heritage.



General Information

- **Producer:** Ruffino
- **Appellation:** Chianti Classico DOCG, Tuscany, Italy
- **Varietal Composition:** Predominantly Sangiovese, with other native red grape varieties
- **Vintage:** 2020
- **Alcohol Content:** 13.5%
- **Volume:** 750ml



Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Vineyards are located in the heart of Chianti Classico, benefiting from the region's high elevation and optimal sun exposure.
- **Soil Type:** A mix of galestro (schistous clay) and limestone, contributing to the wine's structure and minerality.
- **Viticulture Practices:** Sustainable and traditional vineyard management, with a focus on maintaining the health and balance of the vines.



Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Hand-harvested to ensure the selection of only the finest grapes.
- **Vinification:** Fermented in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperatures to preserve the aromatic integrity of the Sangiovese grape.
- **Aging:** Aged for 24 months in oak barrels, followed by additional time in bottle to achieve optimal complexity and integration.



Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Deep ruby red with garnet reflections.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of ripe cherries, plum, and violet, with hints of tobacco and spice.
- **Palate:** Medium-bodied, featuring flavors of red berries, well-integrated oak, and savory spices, balanced by firm tannins and bright acidity.
- **Finish:** Long and persistent, with a refined, harmonious aftertaste.
- **Aging Potential:** Suitable for aging up to 10 years, allowing the flavors to further develop and evolve.



Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Complements grilled meats, aged cheeses, pasta with meat sauces, and traditional Tuscan dishes.



Sustainable Practices and Certifications

- **Sustainable Winemaking:** Ruffino is committed to sustainability through its Ruffino Cares initiative, focusing on organic farming by 2025, water conservation, and precision viticulture. They've implemented advanced irrigation and wastewater treatment systems and use solar power to reduce their environmental footprint. This initiative integrates responsible practices across production, from vineyard management to recyclable packaging.



Awards and Recognition

- Ruffino Riserva Ducale has long been recognized as a benchmark for Chianti Classico, consistently receiving praise for its depth, structure, and balance from wine critics and international competitions.

Producer's Notes

The 2020 Ruffino Riserva Ducale is a well-balanced and elegant wine, offering a classic representation of Chianti Classico with its vibrant fruit, integrated tannins, and complex finish, making it an ideal wine for aging or enjoying with a variety of Italian dishes.