The heart of Tuscany is Chianti Classico and its soul is Sangiovese. When the Tolaini team of enologists discovered that the spectacular clay and galestro soil, slope and exposition of Tolaini Montebello vineyard number 7 produced impeccable Sangiovese: pure in spirit, and transcendent in quality, their mandate became clear: to create a single vineyard 100% Sangiovese, Chianti Classico Riserva. The splendid 2008 harvest was the first vintage of the Tolaini Chianti Classico Riserva and with the 2011 vintage the Riserva became obsolete and was replaced indefinitely with the Tolaini Chianti Classico Gran Selezione. Produced solely in the best vintages, Gran Selezione is a single vineyard wine; the 100% Sangiovese estate fruit is born in Tolaini's organically farmed Montebello Vineyard “numero sette”.

Grape varieties: 100% Sangiovese, single vineyard

Altitude: 450m ASL

Soil: Galestro and limestone, mostly clay with gravel-sized stones

Alcohol: 13.5%

Tasting notes: This is a sensual wine with notes of cherry fruit, tobacco, leather and hints of licorice and spice. The elegant tannins balance nicely with the fruit, all underlined by a fabulous stratum of acidity, making this a complex wine with incontestable structure and power. A long and satisfying finish confirms this Sangiovese is true to its terroir.

Press Notes

The Wine Advocate
- 2014: 93 points
- 2013: 91+ points
- 2011: 91+ points

Wine Spectator
- 2015: 94 points
- 2013: 93 points
- 2011: 92 points

James Suckling
- 2015, 2013: 93 points
- 2014: 91 points
- 2011: 92 points

AG Vinous
- 2013, 2011: 91 points

Wine Enthusiast
- 2013, 2011: 91 points