Chianti: Best Wineries to Visit

It's time for you to experience the hills and hamlets of <u>Chianti</u> with your own eyes. Book your <u>villa</u> <u>in Chianti</u>, pack your comfortable shoes and SPF, and prepare for a niche tour of **Chianti's best** wine estates.

In this short guide to **Chianti's best wineries**, <u>Haute Retreats</u> selected our favourites in the region. Aside from mouthwatering (literally!) wines, all of these Chianti vineyards will leave you speechless with their **architecture**, **history and landscape**. Choose from short and simple tastings to longer tours with gastronomic and immersive experiences.



The Best Wineries in Chianti

Best wineries near Greve in Chianti

Marchesi Antinori

One of the oldest **wine producers in Tuscany**, The Marchesi Antinori, it is land where for over 6 centuries and 26 generations, with many wine estates scattered in <u>Tuscany</u> and Umbria. Make sure to stop by Cantinetta Antinori in Florence for a bite to eat and wine tasting, or visit the Antinori nel Chianti Classico estate in Bargino. This **futuristic structure** of great architectural value was inaugurated in 2012 and houses the **Antinori Art Project collection** as well as a sleek roof-top restaurant.

If you want to experience the winery at its best, <u>book</u> one of the many tours available starting at €35.

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Castello di Querceto

Go back in time and experience Chianti history in this recently restored **16th-century castle**, near <u>Greve in Chianti</u>. During the <u>Historic Tour</u> of the estate, you will have the chance to visit the castle's chapel, old cellars, and **vintage collection of wines**. Tours are available from Monday to Friday at a cost of €15, and include a tasting of three Chianti wines.

Castello di Verrazzano

Castello di Verrazzano is another jewel of <u>Greve in Chianti</u>. With **over 1000 years of history**, this castle was a Etruscan and Roman settlement. Documents trace winemaking practices and production as far back as 1150.

The estate offers many different tours starting at ≤ 21 for a simple visit and tasting. Visit the cantine on Friday for a unique **gastronomic experience**, including a visit, tasting and dinner for ≤ 68 .

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Best wineries near Gaiole In Chianti

Castello di Brolio

Of all things Chianti, Castello di Brolio is a **top destination for Chianti lovers**. It was here, in Gaiole in Chianti, that Barone Ricasoli defined the formula for Chianti Classico.

The castle has been property of the Ricasoli family since 1141 — with 240 hectares of land — and represents the **heart of Chianti tradition and innovation**. During this immersive experience you will have the chance to visit the castle, garden and art collection (without reservation). If you prefer to taste the wines produced on this estate, book one of the many wine tours.

Badia a Coltibuono

Badia a Coltibuono is housed in what used to be an old monastery, preserving its original structure, gardens, and tranquil setting. Alongside it's Chianti Classico, this estate is well-known for its production of Extra Virgin Olive Oil.

Tours start at $\in 10$ for guided visits with a tasting of two wines, or enjoy a **picnic in the vineyards** for $\in 65$. All tours require advance booking.



Best wineries near Radda in Chianti

Castello di Albola

One of the most desired estates among Florentine nobility in the XVI century, Albola Castle is now a wonderful heritage to visit.

This castle was owned by the Pazzi family, the most notorious lineage of Florence after the Medici.

The main building has a **unique elegance** and can be visited any day with a reservation. Tours take place everyday at 12 pm (12 pm and 5 pm from March to November) and include visits to the historical cellars followed by a tasting of Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Chianti Classico wine.



Castello di Monte Rinaldi

Completely demolished after the battle of Montaperti in 1268 and suffered intent damage in World War II, the ancient structure has now a new life by the Ciampi family, this estate now produces **organic wine.** Don't miss the opportunity to taste Monte Rinaldi's products including Extra Virgin Olive Oil, accompanied by local cheese and cold cuts. For a simple tasting there is no need to book, but for <u>other activities</u> including special tours, gourmet meals, and cooking classes, booking is required.

Fattoria Montemaggio

If you are searching for something **intimate**, this is the winery for you. A smaller and newer winery, Fattoria Montemaggio respects **quality** and offers a portfolio of **organic wines**.

Experience the everyday life of a Tuscan farm and choose one of the many <u>interactive</u> <u>experiences</u>including cooking classes, picnics and even wine-themed ceramics and textile classes.

Wine tasting starts from ≤ 17.99 , while the price for a ceramic or textile class of two hours is ≤ 50 .

