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## 2008 Mazzei Fonterutoli Chianti Classico

Rating: 90

Drink: 2010-2016

The 2008 Chianti Classico Fonterutoli is impressive juice. A melange of mineral-infused scents add complexity to the dark cherry fruit. Medium in body, the Chianti Classico shows wonderful freshness, clarity and verve. While it doesn't appear to have the density to support extended cellaring, this is one of the most finessed Chiantis I tasted from the uneven 2008 vintage. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2016.

With one exception, I was blown away by the wines I tasted from Fonterutoli, the Mazzei family's historic Tuscan property. Proprietor Filippo Mazzei and his team led by consulting oenologist Carlo Ferrini have done a terrific job with most of these wines.

Importer: Palm Bay International, Boca Raton, FL; tel. (561) 362-9642...

- Antonio Galloni (October, 2010)



**89** **Mazzei 2008 Serrata Belguardo (Maremma); \$20.** Here's a fresh and cheerful Sangiovese-based wine that shows bright berry tones and soft spice nuances. It proves a very food-friendly wine that would pair with pasta, light meat dishes or rolled pork roast. Imported by Palm Bay International.