



CASTELLO di GABBIANO Alleanza I.G.T.

ANNATA	PUNTEGGIO	RIVISTA	RECENSIONE
2016	92	ROBERTPARKER	"An international blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, the Castello di Gabbiano 2016 Alleanza Cavaliere d'Oro is hearty, rich and concentrated. The wine shows good balance, something that can be counted on in this excellent vintage, with dark fruit flavors, well-managed tannins and just enough acidity to keep it lively and food-friendly, especially with a classic pappardelle with wild boar. It will get the job done no matter what meat dish you serve next to it."
	92	JAMES SUCKLING	"Aromas of blackcurrants and walnuts with some bark and mushrooms. Undergrowth is a good descriptor. Medium body with round, juicy tannins and a delicious finish. Creamy, polished texture. Delicious now, but will be better in a year or two. Try after 2021."
2015	93	JAMES SUCKLING	"This is a big, rich red with aromas and flavors of currants, chocolate and walnuts. Full body. Round, chewy tannins. Flavorful finish. This needs a few years to come together. Try after 2020." J.S.
	90	ROBERTPARKER	"The 2015 Alleanza Cavaliere d'Oro is a rich and full-bodied blend of 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon with darkly concentrated fruit, backed by the soft exuberance and plump ripeness that defines this vintage. You really can't go wrong with a wine like this, because it delivers on all its basic promises. It is not particularly territory-specific, but it does hit all those hot buttons for a blended red wine from Tuscany with ripeness, richness and luscious dark concentration. After almost 18 months in French barrique and then 15 months in the bottle, there is still some astringency to the tannins, and that bitterness is worth mentioning." M.Larner
	91	FALSTAFF	
	89	VINOUS	"The 2015 Alleanza, Gabbiano's 100% Merlot, is dark, juicy and forward. Black cherry, plum, spice, new leather, chocolate and sweet oak are front and center."

Alleanza is an attractive, juicy wine to drink now and over the next handful of years." A.Galloni

2013	93	JAMES SUCKLING	"A decadent nose with plenty of toasted oak as well blackcurrants, blackberries, brambles, spices, vanilla and forest floor. Full body, dense, ripe and grippy tannins, a fine line of acidity and a long finish. Needs time. Better in 2020."
	89	WINE ENTHUSIAST	"This Merlot has aromas of cedar, vanilla and black fruit. The round palate evokes blackberry jam, mocha and clove alongside polished tannins." —K.O.
2012	91	JAMESSUCKLING.COM	"A round and flavorful red with dark berries, chocolate and toasted oak. Lots of vanilla flavors, a full body and a fresh finish. The ripe fruit supports the wood. Drink now, but this will be better in 2016."
	90	VINOUS	"The 2012 Alleanza, Gabbiano's 60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon blend, is plump, juicy and forward. Black cherry, plum, herb, smoke and licorice notes wrap around the palate. Supple and expressive, the 2012 is a solid choice for drinking now and over the next few years. Although not the most exciting Bordeaux blend in Tuscany, the Alleanza is very nicely done."
2011	91	JAMESSUCKLING.COM	"A pretty balance of dried fruit, cherry and chocolate with hints of cocoa. Medium body with firm tannins and a fresh finish. A blend of merlot and cabernet sauvignon. Drink now."
2010	Gold-Diplom	EXPOVINA	
	91	WINE ENTHUSIAST	"This delicious Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon blend offers an alluring fragrance of blackberry, red currant and thyme punctuated by tarry, leather aromas. The palate shows ample plum flavor layered with chocolate and cinnamon accents, as well as round, polished tannins." K.O.
	91	TASTED	Andreas Larsson "Very dark purple colour; the nose is young and intense with hints of new oak, white pepper, vanilla, dark berries, blackcurrant, cherry and aromatic herbs; the palate has a good density and concentration, meaty and dark fruity with some new oak, ripe, but present tannin, very fine length; slightly young and tight today, but with fine potential."
	91	Markus del Monego	"Dark, purple red with violet hue and black centre. Opulent nose with juicy fruit, blackberries and mulberries, mild spices and elegant oak. Opulence continues on the palate, well structured with good length."



	91	VINOUS	Antonio Galloni "Gabbiano's 2010 Alleanza, a Merlot/Cabernet blend, is quite pretty. Mocha, plums, blackberry jam, cloves and French oak all meld together in the glass. The style is opulent, fruit-driven and laced with considerable new French oak, but it all works nicely. The rich, resonant finish is especially appealing. The 2010 is 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Sauvignon/Franc."
	92	GUIDA ORO I Vini di Veronelli	Daniel Thomas
2009	SILVER AWARD	DECANTER ASIA WINE AWARDS	"Vibrant and stylish with sweet ripe cassis, herbal leaf and white chocolate. Intensely smoky with blackcurrants and liquorice underneath"
	93	JAMESSUCKLING.COM	"Beautiful currant and hints of chocolate red pepper character. Full and velvety with silky tannins and a long finish. Best wine ever from here. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink or hold"
	4 GRAPPOLI	BIBENDA 2013	"Rubino cupo, di pingue consistenza. Naso compresso con profumi di more, ciliegie, viola, menta, vegetale nobile e note di cioccolata amara. Bocca virile, con potenza esprime calore, vellutata freschezza e un tannino fitto."
2008	86	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI ITALIANI LUCA MARONI	"...vino di gran rotondità espressiva...."
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	89	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	92	WINE ENTHUSIAST	"Alleanza is a Merlot-based wine with small portions of Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. It opens with bright cherry flavors backed by delicate shadings of dry mineral, exotic spice and natural rubber. It's deep and penetrating and should age 3-5 more years."_ML
	89	WINE SPECTATOR	"Plenty of new oak adds clove, vanilla and smoke elements to this wine's core of black cherry and blackberry flavors. The tannins are assertive, but there's sweetness to match. This is too oaky for me, but will find its fans. Merlot, Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2013 through 2022." -BS
2007	87	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI ITALIANI LUCA MARONI	"...Vigoroso e ben turgido nel suo tono aromatico, vino-frutto di qualificante, pulita freschezza."
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	89	I VINI DI VERONELLI	

	91	WINE SPECTATOR 2010	"Full-bodied, offering intense berry, blueberry and toasty oak character. Chocolatey as well. Merlot, Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2011." -JS
	90 GOLD DIPLOM	EXPOVINA 2010	
	TROPHY GOLD	BERLINER WEIN	
	SILVER "BEST IN CLASS"	IWSC 2011	
	SILVER	IWC 2011	
2006	91	WINE SPECTATOR WEB 2010	
	Rated 92	WINEENTHUSIAST	"Alleanza represents a successful collaboration between winemakers in Italy and California. The 70-30 blend consists of Merlot and Sangiovese and the wine is seductively redolent of wild berries, exotic spice, soft chocolate and mild tobacco. The plush mouthfeel wins points thanks to the smooth and silky nature of the finish." M.L. (12/15/2010)
	85	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Bicchieri 1	GAMBERO ROSSO VINI D'ITALIA	
	Punteggio 14,5	L'ESPRESSO I VINI D'ITALIA	
	Punteggio 90 3 stelle	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	COMMENDED	DECANTER 2010	
2005	Punteggio 84	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	GRAPPOLI 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Bicchieri 2* (*passato selezione 3 bicchieri)	GAMBERO ROSSO VINI D'ITALIA	
	Punteggio 89 2 stelle	I VINI DI VERONELLI	

	Rated 90	WINE SPECTATOR – September 2008	“Aromas of ripe strawberry and raspberry lead a full body, with soft, silky tannins and a long, pretty aftertaste. An enticing wine. Merlot, Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2009.” JS
	88	WINEENTHUSIAST – January 2009	“Made in collaboration with Beringer’s Ed Sbragia, this super Tuscan blend of Merlot (75%), Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon is loaded with smoky tones of oak, leather, spice and chocolate fudge. The fruit is in there (behind the wood) and is redolent of blackberry and dried currant”
	GOLD ‘Best in Class’	IWSC 2009	
	BRONZE medal	DECANTER 2009	
	GOLD MEDAL	ITALIAN WINE & FOOD ISTITUTE – GALA ITALIA 2009	
2004	Punteggio 87	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D’ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Bicchieri 2* (*passato selezione 3 bicchieri)	GAMBERO ROSSO VINI D’ITALIA	
	Punteggio 15,5	L’ESPRESSO I VINI D’ITALIA	
	Punteggio 90 3 stelle	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	Rated 90	WINE SPECTATOR – October 15, 2007	“Has very pretty aromas of blackberry, vanilla and cappuccino. Full-bodied and very velvety, with a long aftertaste of vanilla and berry. Delicious already. Merlot and Sangiovese. Best after 2009.” JS
	Rated 91	WINEENTHUSIAST – April 2008	“Alleanza is a winemaking venture between Giancarlo Roman and Napa’s Ed Sbragia (formerly of Beringer). Their combined efforts have produced a rich, modern wine bursting with cherry, blackberry, plum, oak, vanilla and exotic spice”
Rated 92	WINE REVIEW ONLINE – May 27, 2008	“A blend of 95% Merlot and 5% Sangiovese transforms this Alleanza (Alliance) into a sort of reverse Super Tuscan. The 2004 Alleanza shows a lovely, deep, black cherry and spice nose that leads to richly textured berry flavors, with hints of anise, toasted oak and sweet spice and a moderate 14% alcohol. Here is a wine of great depth, potential and value”	
2003	Punteggio 85	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI	

2001		D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 3	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Bicchieri 2	GAMBERO ROSSO VINI D'ITALIA	
	Punteggio 16	L'ESPRESSO I VINI D'ITALIA	
	Punteggio 88 2 stelle	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	Rated 86	WINE SPECTATOR October 31, 2006	"Currant and light flowers on the nose. Medium-bodied, with light fruit and a fresh finish. Simple. Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now."JS
	"DIPLOMA DI MERITO"	VIII SELEZIONE VINI DI TOSCANA	
	Punteggio 79	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 3	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Punteggio 15,5	L'ESPRESSO I VINI D'ITALIA	
Punteggio 89 3 stelle	I VINI DI VERONELLI		
Rated 88	WINE SPECTATOR October 31, 2004	"A solid red with plum and cherry character, firm tannins and fresh acidity. Full-bodied, with a fresh finish."	
Bronze Award	IWSC		
2000	Punteggio 79	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 3	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Punteggio 15,5	L'ESPRESSO I VINI D'ITALIA	
	Punteggio 89 3 stelle	I VINI DI VERONELLI	

	Rated 88	WINE SPECTATOR October 31, 2004	"A solid red with plum and cherry character, firm tannins and fresh acidity. Full-bodied, with a fresh finish."
	Bronze Award	IWSC	
1999	Punteggio 80	ANNUARIO DEI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA LUCA MARONI	
	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Punteggio 15	L'ESPRESSO I VINI D'ITALIA	
	Punteggio 87	I VINI DI VERONELLI	
	Rated 85	WINE SPECTATOR October 31, 2003	"Very woody, but with good berry, plum and lots of vanilla character. Medium-bodied, with tart acidity and a medium finish. Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now." JS
	Rated 85	WINEENTHUSIAST January 2004	"Leather, mint and raisin aromas define the bouquet, which is backed by a ripe palate full of tree fruits. Feels rather heavy on the tongue, with grabby, hard tannins. The blend is Sangiovese, Merlot and Cab."
	Exceptional	DAN BERGER'S VINTAGE EXPERIENCES March 6, 2003	"Rich dark plum/cherry fruit with herbal/leafy notes, some oak and a trace of mint tea. Relatively firm entry, but a classic Tuscan..."
	"RECOMMENDED"	DECANTER	
	"MENZIONE SPECIALE"	SELEZIONE VINI DI TOSCANA 2004	
1997	Grappoli 4	DUEMILAVINI A.I.S.	
	Rated 88	WINEENTHUSIAST April 2003	"The people at Beringer, which owns Gabbiano, had a lot to do with this super Tuscan, which explains the heavy dose of oak on the nose and palate. Nonetheless, it's full, expressive and earthy, with an easy mouthfeel and ample cherry and berry flavors. Spicy, tannic and still kicking—but maturing fast"
	Rated 92	ATLANTA WINE REPORT March/April 2003	"Two panelists gave this wine nearly a perfect score due to the wine's ability to offer richness and power while maintaining balance and finesse. Regarding the finish, one taster said 'the flavors won't leave. Wow!'"