



PODERE POGGIO SCALETTE

RUFFOLI - GREVE IN CHIANTI

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Jurji Fiore made a spectacular Carbonaione in 2014. Despite its superb track record for aging and pedigree, Carbonaione, Poggio Scalette's old-vine Sangiovese, remains one of the great under the radar wines in Tuscany. At the other end of the spectrum, the 2015 Chianti Classico offers superb quality and value. Poggio Scalette fans will want to take note of the new wines Jurji Fiore is making with his daughter, Sara, under their Jurji Fiore & Figlia label, reviewed separately in this article.

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95+ pts

Poggio Scalette 2014 Il Carbonaione

Ruffoli, Greve in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Firenze),
Tuscany

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2024 - 2034

The 2014 Il Carbonaione is one of the truly exceptional wines of this challenging season. Lithe and aromatic on the palate, with fabulous energy and overall brightness, it stands out for its superb balance. In many vintages, Il Carbonaione can be a bit bombastic. The 2014, on the other hand, is all finesse. Violet, lavender and cloves add shades of nuance to this bright, beautifully persistent Carbonaione. The 2014 won't be at its best for at least a few years, but its potential is evident.

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93+ pts

Poggio Scalette 2014 Capogatto

Ruffoli, Greve in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Firenze),
Tuscany

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window:

The 2014 Capogatto is Poggio Scalette's blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot. In keeping with the style of the year, the flavors are bright and delineated, with midweight structure and tons of energy. It will be interesting to see how the 2014 develops. Today, it is best described as a wine of Poggio Scalette and the vintage, as the personality of the French varieties is not especially evident. A bit of time in the glass does wonders. This is another very pretty and expressive wine.

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91 pts

Poggio Scalette 2015 Chianti Classico

Ruffoli, Greve in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Firenze),
Tuscany

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2017 - 2025

The 2015 Chianti Classico is superb. Bright, focused and wonderfully lifted, it offers tons of Sangiovese personality. On the palate, the 2015 is pliant, silky and expressive, with exceptional balance and tons of class. Aging in cement allows the purity of the fruit to come through beautifully.

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89 pts

Poggio Scalette 2016 Chiara Aurora

Ruffoli, Greve in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Firenze),
Tuscany

White wine from Italy

Drinking window: 2017 - 2018

The 2016 Chiara Aurora, a blend of Trebbiano and Malvasia, is a very pretty white from Poggio Scalette. Citrus and floral notes give the wine its fresh, vibrant personality, but the old vines confer texture and persistence. Drink the 2016 over the next year or two.

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88 pts

Poggio Scalette 2014 Piantonaia

Ruffoli, Greve in Chianti (Chianti Classico, Firenze),
Tuscany

Red wine from Italy

Drinking window:

The 2014 Piantonaia, 100% Merlot, is a pretty, midweight wine. Like the Capogatto, the Piantonaia is very much marked by the personality of the year. It's attractive, but also a touch slender. It will be interesting to see if more midpalate depth and texture develops with time in bottle.

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