



PODERE POGGIO SCALETTE  
RUFFOLI - GREVE IN CHIANTI

## Poggio Scalette

Once again, Il Carbonaione is the highlight among these new releases from Vittorio and Jurij Fiore at Poggio Scalette. This small, family owned property is located in Lamole, next to Querciabella, a sector in Greve where Sangiovese often shows darker, bluish tints to its fruit. Poggio Scalette's Chianti Classico is solid, while the Bordeaux-blend Capogatto is tasty, but Il Carbonaione is the unquestioned thoroughbred in this range. In particular, I have always been impressed with the pedigree Il Carbonaione shows with bottle age, something that is less apparent when the wine is young because the primary fruit is so intense.

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91 pts

### Poggio Scalette 2012 Capogatto

Greve in Chianti, Tuscany

Red wine from Italy

**Drinking window: 2017 - 2027**

The 2012 Capogatto, Poggio Scalette's 25% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Cabernet Franc, 25% Petit Verdot blend is fleshy, radiant and expressive, with all of the fruit pushed forward. Silky tannins and sweet, spiced aromatics add to the wine's considerable near and medium-term appeal. In 2012, Capogatto is less concentrated and dense than the Carbonaione. As such, I imagine it will provide its best drinking sooner rather than later. Hints of white truffle, blood orange and raspberry jam are laced into the ripe, succulent finish.

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### Poggio Scalette 2012 Il Carbonaione

Greve in Chianti, Tuscany

Red wine from Italy

**Drinking window: 2020 - 2032**

The 2012 Il Carbonaione comes across as quite shy and reserved today, with less of its typical exuberance. That just makes me think the wine is going to need a few years to blossom. Sweet red cherry, plum, kirsch, spice and rose petal nuances gradually emerge from the glass, but the 2012 remains reticent and not fully expressive. I would not be surprised to see the market look past the 2012, as it is not at all showy, but that will just create an opportunity for savvy consumers. There is plenty to look forward to. Readers will have to be patient, though. Over the years, Il Carbonaione has built a tremendous track record of aging very well. Next to Chianti Classico's other 100% Sangioveses, Carbonaione is made in a sweeter, jammier style with more mid-palate opulence. Although showy in its youth, Carbonaione needs time in bottle to show at its best.

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### Poggio Scalette 2013 Chianti Classico

Greve in Chianti, Tuscany

Red wine from Italy

**Drinking window: 2015 - 2020**

Poggio Scalette's 2013 Chianti Classico is a plump, juicy wine to drink now and over the next few years, while the fruit retains its freshness. Sweet red berries, spices and crushed flowers add nuance on the perfumed, silky finish. There is nothing especially fancy here, rather it is the wine's exuberance that carries the day.

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