

MONTE BERNARDI CHIANTI CLASSICO 2007: 2 stars (out of 3)

Deep black almandine with black reflections and almandine rim. The bouquet is fairly intense, with dusky red berry fruit supported by bitter accents and some spice. On the palate it's ample, with bright sour cherry fruit supported by smooth sweet tannins that flow into a clean bright berry fruit finish. It's quite young, and the nose is still coming together; I would give it a year overtones catch up with the palate and then enjoy it with a platter of mixed grilled meats or perhaps friend meats and vegetables. In terms of style, it's fairly traditional, with bright acidity.