

RETROMARCIA CHIANTI CLASSICO 2008: 2 stars (out of 3)

Deep cherry ruby with black reflections and some orange in the rim. The bouquet is bright and brambly, with greenish accents mingled with sour berry fruit and fairly bright spice. Pleasant to sniff, in a lively sort of way. On the palate it's ample and fairly rich, with bright jammy berry fruit supported by sour cherry acidity that gains in intensity as the fruit flows towards the finish, and by sour berry fruit laced tannins that have a slight greenish cast and flow into a clean tannic finish. Pleasant in a scrappy tomboyish way, and will drink nicely with grilled meats, including fattier foods such as spare ribs or lamb chops, and will also be nice with fried meats and vegetables in the summer.