



Giampaolo Motta was born and raised in Naples and was destined to work in the family's leather business. Giampaolo however, had a different idea of how to live his life. He is a decisive and determined individual. While touring various properties in Tuscany in the early 90's, he came upon a spot that made him stand still – he had found his new home. Restructuring a manor house built in Conca d'Oro in Panzano, and replanting vineyards with Sangiovese and Merlot were only the beginning of the challenges he accepted when he bought La Massa. He quickly realized that his true destiny was to produce great wines from Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet sauvignon. His wines, La Massa and Giorgio Primo, stand out today as some of Italy's finest expressions of these noted varietals. And Giampaolo has only just begun.

La Massa is right in the heart of Chianti Classico, in an area known as the Conca de Oro or Golden Basin where four south-facing spurs are occupied by four of Chiantis top producers. Densely planted on a wide range of orientations and soil types, this is a crucial factor in lending great complexity to Giampaolo Mottays wines while late harvesting gives them beautiful harmony and super-ripe tannins. As for Giampaolo, he is a young, well-travelled Neapolitan. Taking his team on a fact finding mission to Chateau Margaux is just one example of the fresh approach he brings to Chianti. A beautifully crafted wine.

La Massa Toscana 2008

Sangiovese (60%), Merlot (30%) and Cabernet Sauvignon (10%)

“The 2008 La Massa is a decidedly restrained wine for this house. Dark fruit, minerals and a variety of flowers are layered into an exquisite frame of impeccable elegance and pedigree. The 2008 doesn't look to be a long-term ager, but it should drink nicely over the next few years while the fruit retains its juiciness. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2016.”

Wine Advocate 91 pts (Oct 10)

La Massa “Giorgio Primo” Toscana 2008

Named for the influential and much loved grandfather of Giampaolo Motta, this is the estate's first wine. Giorgio Primo, produced only in the best vintages, is a careful selection of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot.

“This structured but balanced red offers polished, silky tannins that caress the palate and deliver beautiful fruit, with plenty of currant, black olive and licorice character. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Best after 2013.”

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