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## Il Colombaio di Santa Chiara “Selvabianca” Vernaccia di San Gimignano DOCG

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**Winery:** Il Colombaio di Santa Chiara  
**Category:** Wine – Still – White  
**Grape Variety:** Vernaccia di San Gimignano  
**Region:** San Gimignano / Toscana/ Italy  
**Vineyard:** Selvabianca  
**Winery established:** 1960's, since 2002 making their own wine  
**Feature:** Organic



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### Product Information

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**Soil:** Sandy soil rich in stone and fossils, and deep soil with mixed consistency and pebbles.

**Elevation:** 250 – 365 meters (820 - 1,200 feet)

**Age of vines:** 45 years old

**Vinification:** Hand-harvest starts in the last week of September. The best bunches are chosen directly in the vineyard and immediately conveyed to the wine cellar. *Vinification:* Soft pressing of the grapes. Fermentation at a controlled temperature in cement vats and stainless-steel tanks. The wine is left on the lees until the beginning of March the next year.

**Yield:** 55/60 hl/ hectare.

**Tasting Note:** Straw yellow with green hints. Clean on the nose with a bouquet of white-pulp fruit, apple, lime, lily and lemon thyme. Bright, vibrant, fresh on the palate with long-lasting finish.

**Production:** 40,000 bottles

**Alc:** 13%

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### Producer Information

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The Logi brothers began the winery Il Colombaio di Santa Chiara in 2002, inspired and supported by their father Mario, who began working the vines on the hills of Siena in the 1950's as a young boy. "Colombaio" means dovecote, and the name, along with the label design, pay homage to a historic dovecote on the property. The winery is built on the San Donato parish property, named for a small Romanesque church on the ancient Via Francigena. The vineyard plantings are 21 hectares (52 acres) within the Vernaccia di San Gimignano DOCG area, and the farm is also home to forests and 3,000 olive trees.

The vineyard soils are largely upper Pliocene sands with clay, pebbles and gravel, also graced with some very old formations of limestone. The potential for elegance from these soils is realized through passionate attention to detail on the part of Alessio Logi, the brother who serves as enologist, devoted to displaying the greatness of the Vernaccia di San Gimignano grape.

Taught by Mario that the vines are a reflection of the land, the brothers farm completely organically. The hand-harvested grapes are handled with utmost care, transferred in small cassettes and gently pressed rather than crushed. The single-vineyard wines from the high elevation "Campo della Pieve" and "L'Albereta" sites have been continuously awarded with the prestigious Gambero Rosso awards.