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88 Produttori Vini Manduria Primitivo di Manduria Elegia Affinato in Barrique 2007 \$24 Dark and jammy, with spicy notes of cassis and linzer torte layered with mocha, cinnamon and leather flavors that lead to a broad finish. Drink now. 2,000 cases made.—B.S.

88 Vigne & Vini Primitivo di Manduria Papale 2007 \$20 A polished red, featuring complex layers of blackberry, red berry, plum, spice and bitter almond. The finish builds with an aftertaste of mocha. Drink now. 5,000 cases made.—B.S.

87 Vigne & Vini Primitivo di Manduria Moi 2007 \$19 A rustic yet ripe red, with spice and herb notes accenting the wild berry fruit, which builds on the iron-tinged finish. Drink now. 5,000 cases made.—N.W.

86 Ognissole Primitivo di Manduria 2007 \$16 A jammy version, with spice-accented notes of black cherry and plum, picking up a hint of wild herb on the finish. Drink now. 5,000 cases imported.—N.W.

ITALY

Puglia / Salento

90 Tormaresca Primitivo Salento Torcicoda 2008 \$22 Jammy yet focused, offering layers of roasted coffee, mesquite and spice to the concentrated blackberry and damson plum skin fruit. Picks up a tarry edge on the tangy finish. Drink now. 30,000 cases imported.—B.S.

89 Vallone Salento Graticciaia 2005 \$96 Wild and gamy, with tasty sun-dried blackberry and cherry fruit that carry accents of leather, grilled porcini and medicinal herb. Amarone-like, with a long, savory finish. Negroamaro. Drink now. 90 cases imported.—B.S.

88 Tormaresca Negroamaro Salento Masseria Maime 2006 \$32 Aromas of game, autumn leaf and ruffle lead to layers of dried black cherry and blackberry, as hints of spice and tar fill in the rich finish. Drink now. 5,000 cases made.—B.S.

86 Feudi di Guagnano Negroamaro Salento Miralde 2007 \$14 Aroma of spice, underbrush and sun-dried cherry follow through to light tannins and a mineral finish. Drink now. 4,000 cases made.—N.W.

86 Feudi di Guagnano Primitivo Salento 2007 \$18 A light, elegant Primitivo, with earthy dried cherry, spice and sandalwood notes that remain supple on the solid finish. Drink now. 2,500 cases made.—N.W.

85 Masseria Li Veli Salento Rosato 2009 \$17 Light, fresh berry and melon rind notes lead to a firm yet creamy finish. Negroamaro. Drink now. 1,000 cases made.—N.W.

85 Castello Monaci Primitivo Salento Piluna 2008 \$17 This rich red shows layers of mocha and spice flavors to its dark cherry fruit, leading to light tannins on the round finish. Drink now. 5,200 cases imported.—N.W.

ITALY

Puglia / Other

89 Cefalicchio Puglia Totila 2005 \$45 A refined red, showing dried cherry and wild strawberry fruit, with grace notes of underbrush and graphite lingering on the fine finish. Nero di Troia and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now. 850 cases made.—B.S.

88 Masseria Li Veli Salice Salentino Pezzo Morgana 2007 \$20 A toasty version, with notes of mesquite, tar and baking spices accenting the dense raspberry, blackberry and black currant notes. Firm tannins frame the long, espresso-tinged finish. Drink now. 2,000 cases made.—B.S.

88 Rivera Moscato di Trani Piani di Tufara 2008 \$20/500ml Moderately sweet and fresh, featuring aromas and flavors of lychee, honeysuckle, rose water and spice. A pleasant orange peel note lifts the finish. Drink now. 1,000 cases made.—B.S.

88 Santa Lucia Uva di Troia Castel del Monte Vigna del Melograno 2007 \$17 Dark and dense, with a streak of underbrush running through the racy blackberry and linzer torte notes, as grippy tannins close in on the tarry finish. Drink now. 2,500 cases made.—B.S.

87 Cantina Sociale Cooperativa del Copertino Copertino Riserva 2003 \$15 Ripe and aromatic, showing spice and wild herb notes to its blackberry and cherry fruit, which firms up on the tarry finish. Drink now. 455 cases imported.—N.W.

87 Alberto Longo Cacc'e Mmitte di Lucera 2008 \$25 Juicy, with a core of vibrant raspberry and boysenberry fruit that picks up hints of underbrush and sea salt on the fresh finish. Nero di Troia, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo and Bombino Bianco. Drink now. 100 cases imported.—N.W.

87 Tormaresca Puglia Nèprica 2008 \$12 Ripe blackberry and black currant notes giving way to a chewy, peppery aftertaste in this juicy red. Negroamaro, Primitivo and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now. 40,000 cases imported.—N.W.

87 Vigne & Vini Primitivo Tarantino Tatu 2007 \$18 Forward and spicy, with an ample core of vibrant red berry and blackberry fruit leading to mineral finish. Drink now. 5,834 cases made.—N.W.

86 Leone de Castris Salice Salentino Riserva 2006 \$15 Ripe and gamy, with a solid core of chewy wild berry fruit backed by hints of sanguine, licorice and savory herb on the finish. Negroamaro and Malvasia Nera. Drink now.—N.W.

86 Angelo Rocca & Figli Primitivo Puglia Terre 2008 \$8 Ripe, with round notes of blackberry and plum leading to light, dusty tannins on the juicy finish. Drink now.—N.W.

86 Tormaresca Puglia Nèprica 2009 \$12 Spicy black cherry and blackberry notes are fresh and lively, as hints of underbrush and tarry mineral frame the finish. Negroamaro, Primitivo and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now. 30,000 cases imported.—N.W.

85 Castello Monaci Salice Salentino Liente 2008 \$11 There's enough fresh blackberry and plum fruit to carry a hint of bitter almond on the mineral finish. Drink now. 4,500 cases imported.—N.W.

85 Ognissole Primitivo Puglia Vivi 2009 \$10 Aromas of spice, wild berry and licorice lead to the fresh, clean finish. Drink now. 8,333 cases made.—N.W.

85 Rivera Nero di Troia Castel del Monte Violante 2007 \$15 Medium-bodied, with hints of ash and medicinal herb backed by bright raspberry and crushed cherry fruit. Drink now. 2,250 cases made.—N.W.

ITALY

Tuscany / Brunello di Montalcino

94 Podere Brizio-Roberto Bellini Brunello di Montalcino 2006 \$55 See Highly Recommended, page 103.

93 Col d'Orcia Brunello di Montalcino 2006 \$55 See Highly Recommended, page 103.

93 Fattoria La Fiorita Brunello di Montalcino 2006 \$55 Sweet cherry and berry fruit fills the center of this red, with spice, tobacco and bitter almond playing supporting roles. Firmly structured, yet balanced, with a long, spice-filled aftertaste. Best from 2013 through 2026. 1,250 cases made.—B.S.

93 Uccelliera Brunello di Montalcino 2006 \$62 Starts out supple, with licorice, dried cherry and plum flavors, picking up a touch of herbs as this glides to a lingering conclusion. Elegant and almost racy, with grip and character. Best from 2013 through 2025. 1,600 cases made.—B.S.



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93 Vitanza Brunello di Montalcino Tradizione 2006 \$96 Lively and delicate, offering cherry, raspberry, floral and spice flavors, with touches of chocolate and mineral. Offers fine balance and harmony, but also well-structured, with a sweet, spicy finish. Best from 2013 through 2025. 3,300 cases made.—B.S.

92 Argiano Brunello di Montalcino 2006 \$66 Rich, with a glycerol-like feel to the texture, showing plum, cherry, tobacco and black tea notes, all backed by a solid structure. The acidity and tannins shore this up as the finish glides on. Best from 2013 through 2025. 1,000 cases made.—B.S.

92 Camigliano Brunello di Montalcino Gualto Riserva 2005 \$95 A cool, compact style, showing cherry, currant and sweet spice flavors, backed by a vibrant structure. The profile is elegant and delicate, but not fragile. A long finish caps it off. Best from 2012 through 2022. 833 cases made.—B.S.

92 Fattoria La Lecciaia Brunello di Montalcino 2006 \$38 Lovely balance and harmony matches the cherry, leather, tobacco and spice aromas and flavors with the well-integrated structure in this red, which shows some power, but also elegance, with a lingering tobacco finish. Best from 2013 through 2024. 5,000 cases made.—B.S.

92 San Filippo Brunello di Montalcino 2006 \$42 Aromas of ripe cherry, sweet spices and autumn woods draw you in, where all the elements integrate on the palate for a harmonious whole. Features a fine, long aftertaste of tobacco and spice. Best from 2013 through 2025. 850 cases made.—B.S.

92 Terre Nere Brunello di Montalcino Campigli Vallone 2006 \$38 Spicy and already showing some mushroomy and woody aromas, this is complex and flavorful, with cherry and tobacco notes and a touch of licorice. Tightly wound, with a lingering, savory aftertaste. Best from 2013 through 2025. 800 cases made.—B.S.

92 Terre Nere Brunello di Montalcino Campigli Vallone Riserva 2004 \$45 An aroma of tar overlays cherry, plum and tobacco in this intense red. There's sweetness and a bitter almond component, yet this is balanced overall, with a long aftertaste. Best from 2013 through 2025. 500 cases made.—B.S.

91 Altesino Brunello di Montalcino 2006 \$75 Smells like red Burgundy, with floral, cherry, woody and graphite aromas and flavors. Sweet and silky, underscored by firm, integrated tannins. Distinctive and delicious. Best from 2013 through 2022. 7,500 cases made.—B.S.

91 Col d'Orcia Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2005 \$90 This has softened up somewhat, with bright acidity framing the cherry, sweet plum and spice notes. There's still an edge of tannins, but this is well put together. Best from 2012 through 2020. 833 cases made.—B.S.

91 Pinino Brunello di Montalcino Clandestino 2006 \$80 This starts out with cherry, earth and spice flavors and a supple texture. Then the assertive tannins take over and build on the finish. There's a touch of oak as well. This has excellent length, but needs time to integrate. Best from 2013 through 2024. 300 cases made.—B.S.

90 Camigliano Brunello di Montalcino 2006 \$59 A lean, tight style, with the structure dominant now. Licorice, cherry and tea flavors are embedded deeply, and this stays vibrant and long on the tightly wound finish. Best from 2013 through 2024. 11,666 cases made.—B.S.