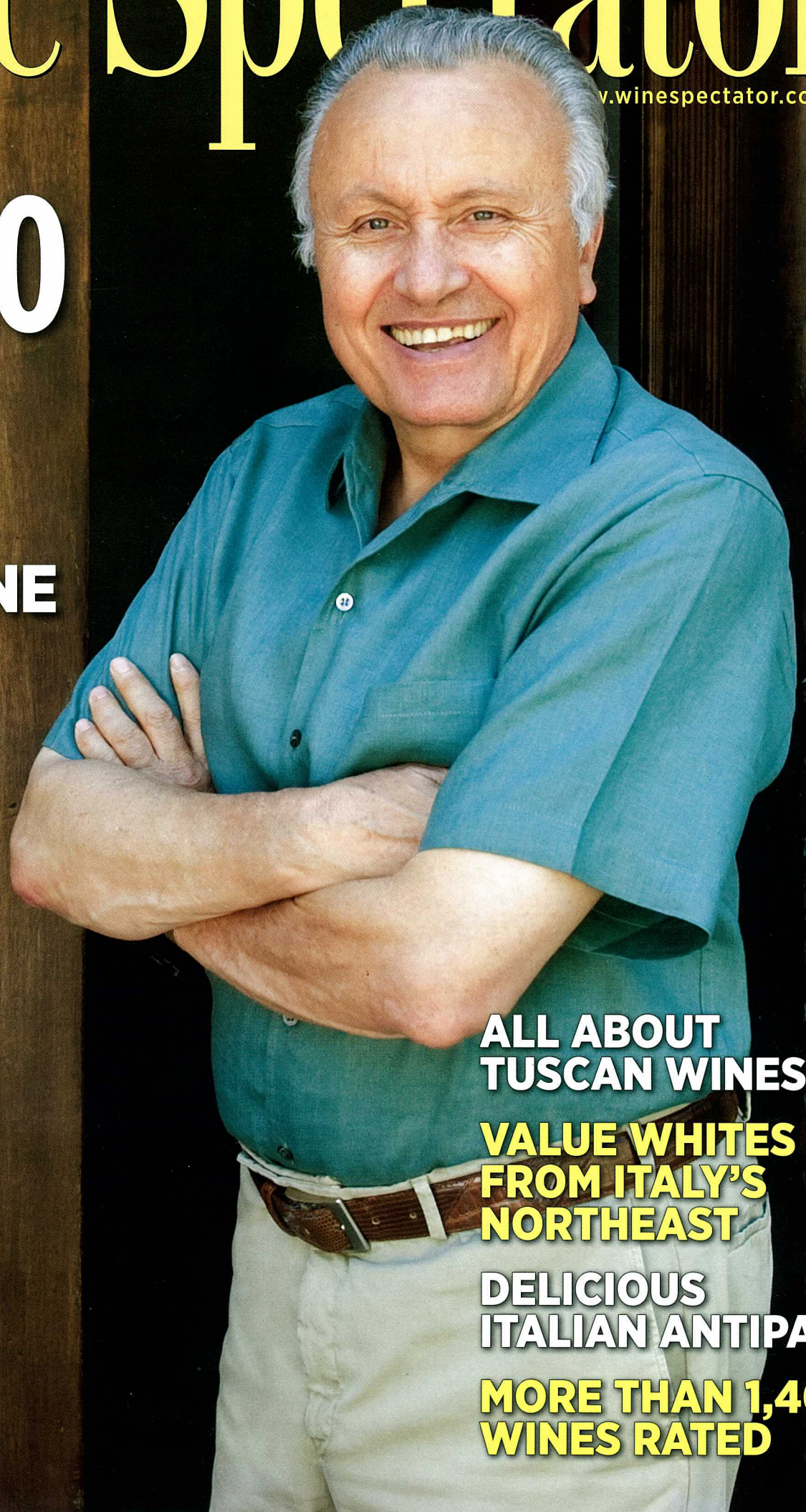


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Bruce Sanderson's Recommended Wines From Tuscany

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CASTELLO DEI RAMPOLLA Toscana Sammarco 2007 Intense black currant, cherry, cedar and licorice flavors are reminiscent of a fine Bordeaux in this Cabernet Sauvignon blend.	97	\$86
LA SERENA Brunello di Montalcino 2006 Beautifully perfumed, this red features rose, peony, black currant, tar and licorice flavors. Ripe and dense, complex and intense.	97	\$60
CAMPOGIOVANNI Brunello di Montalcino 2006 Licorice, sweet spices, toast, smoke and sanguine flavors envelop a kernel of raspberry in this intense, extroverted red.	96	\$50
MARTOCCIA DI BRUNELLI Brunello di Montalcino 2006 A compelling red, dense and substantial, yet shows a sense of harmony and poise. Cherry, licorice, spice and mineral flavors abound.	96	\$63
CASTELLO DEI RAMPOLLA Toscana d'Alceo 2007 Suave and silky, with rich black currant, blackberry and spice flavors backed by lively acidity. Cabernet Sauvignon blend.	96	\$274
CASTELLO DI AMA Chianti Classico Vigneto La Casuccia 2007 This red is concentrated, with brambly cherry, raspberry and spice flavors. Sweet at its core, turning silkier and lingering beautifully.	95	\$200
TENUTA CARLINA Brunello di Montalcino La Togata 2006 Very pure flavors of raspberry and strawberry mark this juicy, elegant Brunello, which stays focused and taut.	95	\$60
CASANOVA DI NERI Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova 2006 A modern version, with toast and spice notes from oak, yet also freshness and a vibrant persona. Offers cherry, plum and licorice at the core.	95	\$80
CASANUOVA DELLE CERBAIE Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Absolutely delicious, this features sweet cherry, plum and floral flavors, accented by notes of spice and licorice.	95	\$100
CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA Brunello di Montalcino Vigna di Pianrosso 2006 Silky and elegant, offering cherry, raspberry, currant and violet flavors. A Brunello of finesse and harmony.	95	\$72
TENUTA IL FAGGETO Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Pietranera Riserva 2004 The purity in this red is striking, offering raspberry, peony, mineral and spice flavors that unfold seamlessly.	95	\$45
MÁTÉ Brunello di Montalcino 2006 An opulent, fruit-driven style, yet fresh, showing cherry, raspberry and blackberry up front, with tar and licorice lurking behind.	95	\$65
SIRO PACENTI Brunello di Montalcino 2006 An iron streak runs through this firmly structured Brunello, leading to core flavors of black cherry, tobacco and wild herbs.	95	\$83
PALAZZO Brunello di Montalcino 2006 Appealing for its sweet fruit flavors of cherry and plum, with licorice and mineral elements adding complexity and depth.	95	\$70
PODERE SALICUTTI Brunello di Montalcino Piaggione 2006 There's fine depth to the cherry, plum and licorice flavors in this supple red, which is concentrated, yet balanced and refined.	95	\$85
VALDICAVA Brunello di Montalcino 2006 Though rich and round, the cherry, black currant and violet flavors in this beautifully textured Brunello are pure and focused.	95	\$99

TOP WINES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
VILLA I CIPRESSI Brunello di Montalcino Zebras 2004 Dense and powerful, featuring notes of black cherry, blackberry and raspberry, with a lingering aftertaste of berry and mineral.	95	\$75

TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
MOCALI Morellino di Scansano 2009 Very fragrant, with sweet black currant, violet and spice notes, supported by a vibrant structure. Ends with a mineral streak.	92	\$16
TENUTA MONTETI Toscana Caburnio 2007 Supple and smooth, with fresh, focused flavors of black cherry, black currant and herbs. Cabernet Sauvignon blend.	92	\$18
TOMMASI Cabernet Sauvignon Maremma Toscana Poggio al Tufo 2008 This opulent red is packed with coffee, black cherry, plum and sweet spice flavors. Well-structured, yet remains vibrant.	91	\$18
GIACOMO Sangiovese Toscana 2007 There's purity to the cherry, berry and almond flavors in this bright red, with oak spice for added dimension.	90	\$11
RENZO MASI Chianti Riserva 2008 Warm and inviting, this red matches sweet cherry, berry and spice flavors with a fleshy profile and a mouthwatering finish.	90	\$16
MAZZEI Maremma Toscana Belguardo Serrata 2009 Sweet cherry and berry flavors are augmented by oak spice in this elegant, well-toned red. Sangiovese blend.	90	\$19
MOCALI Rosso di Montalcino 2009 This racy version shows violet and raspberry flavors, with terrific harmony and energy. The purity and intensity are enticing.	90	\$19
PERAZZETA Toscana Sara 2008 Intense iron and graphite aromas lead to raspberry and kirsch notes in this fruity yet intriguing red. Sangiovese blend.	90	\$13
VITICCIO Toscana Bere 2009 Boasting dark cherry and berry flavors, this polished red is vibrant and harmonious. Lingers on the finish. Sangiovese blend.	90	\$16
CECCHI Chianti Natio 2008 Cherry, tar, tobacco and earth notes mark this firm, well-toned red.	89	\$14
STEFANO FARINA Toscana Solers Le Bocce 2009 Boasts black currant, raspberry and mineral flavors. Sangiovese blend.	89	\$12
ALESSANDRO FONSECA Chianti Colli Fiorentini Petreto 2007 Vibrant while elegant, with black currant, violet and mineral character.	89	\$15
CASTELLO DI QUERCETO Chianti Classico 2009 Dark and extracted, with attractive black cherry and blackberry flavors.	89	\$13
ANTONIO SANGUENTI Chianti 2008 An intense, pure cherry flavor is matched by woody and spicy notes.	89	\$13
VIGNAMAGGIO Chianti Classico Terre di Prenzano 2009 Ripe and round, sporting flavors of licorice, plum and blackberry.	89	\$15
VILLA PILLO Toscana Borgoforte 2009 This Sangiovese blend shows cherry, raspberry, licorice and spice notes.	89	\$10



87 Bodegas y Viñedos La Esperanza Cabernet Sauvignon Uco Valley Finca El Origen 2010 \$8 Quite fresh and bright, offering a solid mix of boysenberry and currant flavors that lead to a note of hot stone on the finish. Drink now. 12,000 cases made.—N.W.



85 Giulio Straccali Chianti 2010 \$9 This cherry-flavored red is moderately rich, with light tannins and a slightly earthy finish. Drink now. 105,000 cases made.—B.S.



85 Trambusti Chianti Gonfalone 2009 \$6 A rich, earthy red, with plum, cherry and tobacco flavors. The light tannins make this approachable now. Drink now through 2015. 10,920 cases imported.—B.S.

New Wines From Around the World

ARGENTINA Cabernet Sauvignon & Blends

88 Bodegas y Viñedos La Esperanza Cabernet Sauvignon Uco Valley Finca El Origen Reserva 2010 \$12 Tangy and distinct, with spicy black currant and cherry notes that are framed by hints of graphite and wild herbs. The finish is persistent, with an aftertaste of tobacco. Drink now. 10,000 cases made.—N.W.

88 Lamadrid Cabernet Sauvignon Agrelo 2010 \$15 A ripe Cabernet, with syrupy layers of cassis, fig paste and boysenberry that carry pleasant herbaceous and mineral undertones to the tobacco-tinged finish. Drink now. 4,500 cases made.—N.W.

88 Michel Torino Cabernet Sauvignon Calchaquí Valley Don David La Urquiza # 8 2009 \$20 A solid red, with a ripe mix of black and red fruits, grilled herbs and tarry mineral notes that accent the broad finish. Drink now. 2,000 cases made.—N.W.

87 Finca La Amalia Cabernet Sauvignon-Malbec Uco Valley Carlos Basso Dos Fincas 2010 \$13 Forward and open-knit, with bright notes of boysenberry and black currant that are framed by light tannins. Hints of spice and espresso fill the finish. Drink now. 3,500 cases made.—N.W.

87 Bodegas y Viñedos La Esperanza Cabernet Sauvignon Uco Valley Finca El Origen 2010 \$8 See Best Values, page 108.

87 Bodega Septima Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza 2009 \$12 A more traditional style, offering notes of cassis and black cherry framed by light hints of wild herbs and graphite, as moderate tannins frame the finish. Drink now. 20,000 cases made.—N.W.

86 Finca Perdriel Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza Colección 2008 \$20 Dark and ambitious up front, offering a creamy mix of boysenberry, cassis and fig flavors, but the finish flattens out with a pruny edge and an aftertaste of chocolate. Drink now. 3,000 cases imported.—N.W.

86 Bodegas Salentein Cabernet Sauvignon Uco Valley Reserve 2006 \$19 Shows some mature character, with notes of cedar, leather and mushroom framing the dried currant and cherry notes that fade on the finish. Drink now. 8,300 cases made.—N.W.

85 Henry Lagarde Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza Altas Cumbres 2010 \$17 Ripe and fresh, with a solid core of black currant and cherry fruit backed by bright acidity that carries the herb-tinged finish. Drink now. 12,500 cases made.—N.W.

85 Familia Rutini Cabernet Sauvignon Mendoza Trumpeter 2010 \$17 A ripe, easy-drinking Cabernet, with enough currant and fig notes to carry the hints of tar and cedar on the finish. Drink now. 3,000 cases imported.—N.W.

ARGENTINA Malbec & Blends

92 Achával-Ferrer Finca Altamira Mendoza 2009 \$120

A dark, powerful red that has cut and grace to its core of vibrant boysenberry, raspberry and blackberry notes. There's a well of acidity that pushes the fruit through hints of flint, violet and spice to the long, berry-filled finish. Malbec. Drink now through 2016. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 300 cases imported.—J.M.



SANTIAGO ACHÁVAL
Owner

91 Achával-Ferrer Finca Bella Vista Mendoza 2009 \$120 Shows good cut to the dense boysenberry, blackberry and crushed raspberry notes, which are supported by silky tannins and vibrant acidity. Layers of hot stone, spice and violet slowly stretch out on the tightly wound finish. Malbec. Drink now through 2016. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 500 cases imported.—J.M.

90 Achával-Ferrer Finca Mirador Mendoza 2009 \$120 Aromas and flavors of fresh crushed raspberry, blackberry, violet and graphite expand on the palate, which remains fresh and focused as medium tannins add support to the finish. Malbec. Drink now through 2016. 300 cases imported.—N.W.

90 Añojo Malbec Mendoza El Regalo 2008 \$45 Game and spice aromas follow through to a jammy palate of blackberry liqueur, cassis and plum sauce notes, tightly wound with layers of spice, mocha and toasty oak that frame the long finish. Drink now through 2012. 1,000 cases imported.—N.W.

89 Bodega Mendel Malbec Uco Valley Finca Remota 2009 \$115 This ambitious red exhibits layers of mesquite, toasty oak and baking spices, wrapping the rich blackberry, plum skin and dark fig fruit that hangs on through the smoky finish. Drink now. 67 cases imported.—N.W.

89 Bodegas Nieto Senetiner Malbec Mendoza Terroir Blend 2009 \$33 A toasty red, with notes of smoke, dark espresso and grilled herb leading to a focused palate of blackberry, blueberry and fig fruit that carries through to the juicy finish. Drink now. 8,000 cases made.—N.W.

88 Bodega Mendel Unus Mendoza 2009 \$40 A concentrated and jammy red, with crushed black cherry, blackberry and cassis notes that are framed by hints of tar and mesquite. The finish turns a touch cedary. Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now. 1,822 cases made.—N.W.

88 Bodega Renacer Malbec Mendoza Punto Final Reserva 2008 \$12 Dense and syrupy, showing creamy layers of spice-accented blackberry coulis, plum pudding and cassis. A charrry note dials in on the slightly bitter finish. Drink now. 75,000 cases made.—N.W.

88 Bodegas Nieto Senetiner Malbec Mendoza Reserva 2010 \$11 A flashy, vibrant red, with left to the dark plum skin, blackberry and black fig notes that remain focused and pure through the smoky finish. Drink now. 38,304 cases made.—N.W.

87 Valentín Bianchi Malbec San Rafael Familia 2009 \$19 Toasty, with forward, jammy notes of spice cake, blackberry pudding and fig paste that are framed by dusty tannins and layers of smoke and spice on the solid finish. Drink now. 10,000 cases made.—N.W.

87 Bodegas Colores del Sol Malbec Mendoza 2010 \$12 Medium-bodied, yet with a solid core of racy blackberry and cassis fruit that's vibrant and fresh, with touches of wild herb and tarry mineral on the finish. Drink now. 85,000 cases imported.—N.W.

87 Kaiken Malbec Mendoza Ultra 2009 \$20 A solid red, with jammy layers of cassis and boysenberry, framed by toasty oak and spice notes that turn a touch dry on the finish. Drink now. 2,900 cases imported.—N.W.

87 Bodega Mendel Malbec Mendoza 2009 \$30 This spicy version offers firm oak notes leading to crushed dark berry fruit that fades on the cedary finish. Drink now. 5,500 cases made.—N.W.

87 Finca Perdriel Centenario Mendoza 2008 \$35 A solid, dark and jammy red, with a good mix of blackberry, cassis, spice, oak and mineral, as the finish falls a touch short. Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Drink now. 350 cases imported.—N.W.

87 Finca Perdriel Malbec Mendoza Colección 2008 \$20 Dark yet polished, with black cherry, fig paste and plum sauce notes that linger through the charrry finish. Drink now. 3,000 cases imported.—N.W.

87 Finca Perdriel Malbec-Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot Mendoza Vineyard Selection 2006 \$70 A big, jammy red, with ripe layers of blackberry, fig paste and plum pudding woven with hints of spice cake, smoke and flint that lead to the cedar-tinged finish. Drink now 250 cases imported.—N.W.

87 Bodegas y Viñedos Hugo y Eduardo Pulenta Malbec Luján de Cuyo Gran X 2008 \$40 Dense and smoky, with ripe blackberry and black cherry note that lead to hints of game, spice and oak on the moderate finish. Drink now. 961 cases made.—N.W.

86 Bodega Diamandes Malbec Uco Valley 2010 \$20 Forward, with layers of blueberry and blackberry fruit framed by spice and mesquite. Medium tannins and a briny note balance the creamy finish. Drink now. 6,666 cases made.—N.W.

Tasting Report: Tuscany

CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$58	93
Brunello di Montalcino Vigna di Pianrosso 2006	\$72	95
Rosso di Montalcino 2009	\$30	88
Rosso di Montalcino 2008	\$28	87
Sangiovese Montecucco 2008	\$30	87
Sangiovese Montecucco 2007	\$30	87

LE CINCIOLE

Toscana Camalaione 2007	\$75	90
Toscana Cinciorosso 2009	\$20	90

PODERE CIONA

Chianti Classico Gatteschi Riserva 2006	\$26	88
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CITILLE DI SOPRA

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$60	87
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COL DI LAMO

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$78	92
Rosso di Montalcino 2008	\$21	88

COL D'ORCIA

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$55	93
Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2005	\$90	91
Rosso di Montalcino 2009	\$24	89
Rosso di Montalcino Banditella 2008	\$38	90
Sant'Antimo Nearco 2006	\$68	88
Toscana Spezieri 2009	\$16	83

COLLAZZI

Toscana Libertà 2009	\$22	89
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COLLELCETO

Brunello di Montalcino Elia Palazzesi 2006	\$52	91
Rosso di Montalcino Elia Palazzesi 2009	\$19	82

COLLEMASSARI

Vermentino Montecucco Melacce 2010	\$18	86
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COLLEMATTONI

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$78	91
Rosso di Montalcino 2008	\$21	84

COLLOSORBO

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$48	93
Rosso di Montalcino 2009	\$26	90

COLOGNOLE

Chianti Rufina 2007	\$19	83
Chianti Rufina del Don Riserva 2007	\$35	89

LA COLOMBINA

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$42	92
Rosso di Montalcino 2008	\$21	88

DONATELLA CINELLI COLOMBINI

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$60	94
Brunello di Montalcino Prime Donne 2006	\$70	94
Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2005	\$65	93
Chianti Superiore Fattoria il Colle 2008	\$23	86
Orcia Cenerentola 2007	\$50	90
Rosso di Montalcino 2008	\$28	89
Rosso di Montalcino 2006	\$28	90
Toscana Il Drago e le Sette Colombe 2006	\$33	91

CONDUZIONI E MIGLIORAMENTI FONDIARI

Bolgheri Poggio alle Querce Il Guado 2007	\$26	92
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CORTE PAVONE

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$72	93
Rosso di Montalcino 2009	\$27	88

FATTORIA CORZANO E PATERNO

Chianti I Tre Borri Riserva 2007	\$45	89
Toscana Il Corzano 2007	\$45	91

RODOLFO COSIMI

Brunello di Montalcino Terra Rossa 2006	\$65	94
Rosso di Montalcino Terra Rossa 2008	\$26	89
Toscana Terra Rossa Oltre 2009	\$24	78

CONTI COSTANTI

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$75	93
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LEONARDO DA VINCI

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$60	87
Chianti 2008	\$14	86

DEGLI DEI

Toscana Le Redini 2009	\$30	82
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DEI

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Bossona Riserva 2007	\$54	89
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DIEVOLE

Chianti Dievolino 2008	\$14	88
Sangiovese Toscana Dievolino 2008	\$11	85

DOGA DELLE CLAVULE

Morellino di Scansano 2009	\$19	92
Vermentino Toscana 2010	\$16	86

DUEMANI

Cabernet Franc Toscana 2008	\$90	88
Syrah Toscana Suisassi 2008	\$120	87

TENUTA IL FAGGETO

Toscana Diavoletto 2009	\$14	81
Vernaccia di San Gimignano Torre Terza Brunora 2010	\$17	84
Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Pietra del Diavolo 2008	\$26	90
Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Pietra del Diavolo 2007	\$25	90
Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Pietranera Riserva 2004	\$45	95

RICCARDO FALCHINI

Vernaccia di San Gimignano Vigna a Solatio 2009	\$13	88
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FANTI

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$60	92
Rosso di Montalcino 2009	\$25	88
Sant'Antimo Sassomagno 2009	\$20	87

STEFANO FARINA

Chianti Classico Le Bocce 2009	\$17	90
Chianti Classico Le Bocce Riserva 2008	\$23	88
Chianti Classico Podere della Sala 2009	\$17	89
Chianti La Ginestra 2009	\$11	90
Toscana Sassaia di Albereto 2009	\$23	88
Toscana Solers Le Bocce 2009	\$12	89

CASTELLO DI FARNETELLA

Sauvignon Toscana 2009	\$16	88
Toscana Lucilla 2009	\$16	89

FATTOI

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$56	92
Rosso di Montalcino 2009	\$20	90

FATTORIA DI FELSINA

Cabernet Sauvignon Toscana Maestro Raro 2008	\$60	88
Chianti Classico 2009	\$25	91
Chianti Classico Rancia Riserva 2008	\$49	90
Toscana Fontalloro 2008	\$56	90
Toscana White Pepestino 2010	\$13	84

FERRERO

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$50	92
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FERTUNA

Maremma Toscana White Plato 2010	\$14	86
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FATTORIA LA FIORITA

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$55	93
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FOLONARI

Chianti 2009	\$9	86
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ALESSANDRO FONSECA

Chianti Colli Fiorentini Petreto 2007	\$15	89
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FONTELLA

Chianti 2008	\$11	84
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FONTERUTOLI

Chianti Classico 2009	\$29	92
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FATTORIA LE FONTI

Chianti Classico 2009	\$20
Chianti Classico Riserva 2008	\$45
Toscana Vito Arturo 2008	\$50

LE FONTI

Chianti Classico 2008	\$23
Chianti Classico Riserva 2007	\$36
Toscana Fontissimo 2006	\$36

LA FORNACE

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$78
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FORNACELLE

Toscana Valcaia 2007	\$320
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FORNACINA

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$53
Rosso di Montalcino 2009	\$23

LA FORTUNA

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$60
Rosso di Montalcino 2009	\$24

FOSSACOLLE

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$74
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MARCHESI DE' FRESCOBALDI

Brunello di Montalcino Castelgiocondo 2006	\$65
Brunello di Montalcino Castelgiocondo Ripe al Convento Riserva 2004	\$100
Chianti Castiglionesi 2009	\$15
Pinot Nero Pomino Castello di Pomino 2008	\$33
Rosso di Montalcino Castelgiocondo Campo ai Sassi 2007	\$26
Toscana Giramonte 2008	\$120
Toscana Mormoreto Castello di Nipozzano 2007	\$75
Toscana Rèmole 2010	\$10
Toscana Rèmole 2008	\$10
Toscana Tenuta di Castelgiocondo Lamaione 2007	\$80

EREDI FULIGNI

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$76
Rosso di Montalcino Ginestretto 2009	\$34

CASTELLO DI GABBIANO

Chianti Classico Riserva 2008	\$23
Toscana Alleanza 2008	\$35

ANTICO PODERE GAGLIOLE

Chianti Classico Rubiolo 2009	\$48
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GEOGRAFICO

Chianti Classico 2008	\$18
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LA GERLA

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$50
Rosso di Montalcino 2009	\$25

TENUTA DI GHIZZANO

Toscana Il Ghizzano 2009	\$20
Toscana Nambrot 2007	\$65
Toscana Veneroso 2007	\$45

GIACOMO

Sangiovese Toscana 2009	\$11
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REMO GIANNELLI

Chianti Villa Anna 2008	\$8
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I GIUSTI & ZANZA

Toscana Belcore 2009	\$20
Toscana Dulcamara 2008	\$50
Toscana Nemorino 2009	\$20
Toscana Perbruno 2009	\$55

LE GODE

Brunello di Montalcino 2006	\$57
Rosso di Montalcino 2008	\$26

GORELLI

Brunello di Montalcino Le Potazzine 2006	\$60
Rosso di Montalcino Le Potazzine 2009	\$28