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Accornero Brigantino 2011 90 points Wine Advocate

“The estate's 2011 Brigantino presents the unique qualities of Malvasia di Casorzo, one of the many grapes native to this part of Piedmont. An exotic, beguiling bouquet redolent of balsamic-infused spices, prune cake, tar and leather add complexity to the dark red fruit, while underlying notes of minerals, petrol and graphite give the wine its length, vibrancy and focus. This is a gorgeous, sparkling red dessert wine to enjoy over the next few years.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Collelcto Brunello di Montalcino 2010 91 points Wine Advocate

“Elia Palazzesi’s 2010 Brunello di Montalcino is a fruit-forward and toasty wine with a good level of aromatic intensity and power. The wine is aged in botte grande and you get a pretty good sense of the fruit on hand. Black cherry and crème de cassis are in center stage. It delivers a medium build but its sense of grandeur is underlined by the toasty aromas of Indian spice, vanilla and clove that do most of the heavy lifting...” – *Monica Lamer*

Collelcto Brunello di Montalcino 2009 90+ points Wine Advocate

“Elia Palazzesi’s 2009 Brunello di Montalcino opens with a pretty garnet color and a good amount of inner energy that comes across in clean, pristine pulse of plum, blackberry, leather and licorice. There’s a pretty smoky aftertaste that adds a smooth polished feel to the palate. This is a medium-bodied Brunello that offers cooling freshness and pretty menthol renderings on the close. Drink: 2016-2024.”

Di Giovanna – Poggionotte Nero d’Avola 2012 88 points Wine Advocate

“The 2012 Nero d’Avola Poggionotte is a well-composed and put-together red wine with balanced freshness and neat aromas of cherry, cassis, cola and dark spice. Four months of barrique aging is employed in order to soften the contours of the wine and build intensity...(Di Giovanna wines) are truly Sicilian in identity and crafted in a very clean, upfront style.” – *Monica Lamer*

El Principal El Principal 2010 92 points Wine Advocate

“The 2010 El Principal is a serious blend of Cabernet Sauvignon with 17% Petit Verdot, which has the balance of the old world and the brightness and light of the new world, with good concentration and depth of fruit, ripe without excess and with the stuffing to absorb the 18 months elevage in new French oak barrels. The palate is full-bodied, with good structure, acidity and balance, with some gritty tannins that would do well with a powerful stew on a winter day. Drink now-2020.”

El Principal Memorias 2010 90+ points Wine Advocate

“The 2010 Memorias show more freshness than the Calicanto, as it is from a much fresher harvest. It’s a blend of 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Carmenere and a 2% dash of Petit Verdot, with the brightness and light of the altitude terroirs, notes of blue fruit and aromatic herbs like rosemary and thyme. The palate shows some oak tannins (it was aged in wood, 70% new), which is well integrated but still there, and is medium to full-bodied with



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moderate acidity. With a little more freshness it would be phenomenal. The nose gets the + in my rating. Drink now-2018.”

El Principal Calicanto 2012 89 points Wine Advocate

“The 2012 Calicanto is a Cabernet and Camenere based blend with some Cabernet Franc, Syrah and Malbec to add complexity. It was harvested quite early in this warm vintage and resulted in a well-crafted, balanced red offering aromas of black fruit and dark spices with well-integrated oak aromas. The palate is medium-bodied with very good balance, a soft tecture, polished tannins and good acidity with some toasty notes toward the end that should be integrated with time in bottle. It could be drunk now, but it has the stuffing to age. Drink now-2018.”

La Rasina – Brunello di Montalcino 2010 92 points Wine Advocate

“The 2010 Brunello di Montalcino shows an impressive level of craftsmanship and quality of fruit. Dark cherry, blackberry and plum are the protagonists with pal-related tones of spice and tobacco stacked tall at the back. In fact, my first reaction was that the wine was too leaded with oak (it sees 28 months of wood contact), but its quick evolution in the glass gave me increased confidence that the oak spice will integrate within the thick fruity fleshiness of the wine. Give it five more years in the cellar to move towards a greater sense of balance. I’m very happy to see that so many vineyards are currently making the necessary changes to achieve organic farming. Among these new converts is La Rasina located was of the Montalcino fortress.” – Monica Larner

Laila Rosso Conero 2010 88 points Wine Advocate

“The 2010 Rosso Conero caresses the palate with generous, silky dark fruit. Floral, spiced notes add an attractive element of lift that balances some of the overtness of the fruit. This is another harmonious, beautifully balanced wine with tons of character and plenty of near-term appeal.” –Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo Riserva Silver Label 2005 92+ points Wine Advocate

“The 2005 Barolo Riserva Vigna Vecchia di Monforte d’Alba is a gorgeous wine endowed with considerable textural depth. Layers of finessed red fruit, smoke, earthiness, sweet herbs and tobacco are some of the notes that emerge from the glass. The 2005 Riserva possesses tons of depth and richness. It will be interesting to see the direction the wine takes over the coming years. Bright red fruit, flowers, mint and licorice add brightness on the finish.” – Antonio Galloni

Poderi Foglia Concarosso Aglianico 2010 88 points Wine Advocate

“The 2010 Conca Rosso is a decidedly darker, richer wine than the Aglianico. Endowed with the essence of smoke, incense, tobacco, black cherries, scorched earth, the 2010 shows the more muscular side of Aglianico and Pallagrello Nero. Some elements of wildness remain, but that is a relatively small critique for a wine that delivers so much pleasure and sheer character.” –Antonio Galloni

Quintay – Q Sauvignon Blanc 2013 89 points Wine Advocate

“The 2013 Q Sauvignon Blanc from a slope vineyard on granitic soils has a strong herbal strike in the nose from a cool zone within a cool valley in an extremely cold vintage. 35,000 bottles produced. This is very good Sauvignon at a very good price. Drink now-2016.”

Quintay – Q Pinot Noir 2012 88 points Wine Advocate

“The 2012 Q Pinot Noir is ripe without excess, with aromas of morello cherries, raspberries and hints of curry. The palate is medium-bodied with clean, ripe flavors and a strawberry-driven finish with moderate acidity. Drink now.”

Quintay – Q Syrah 2012 88 points Wine Advocate

“The 2012 Q Syrah is produced from a vineyard relative;y high in altitude on slopes where soils are mainly granitic. The wine is quite smoky and meaty with notes of coffee, chocolate and blueberries, a medium to full-bodied palate, powerful but round tannins and a slightly warm finish. 50,000 bottles produced. A nicely priced Syrah. Drink now-2017.”



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Rocca di Castagnoli Cabernet Sauvignon Buriano 2006 94 points Wine Advocate

“The 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Buriano speaks of varietal expressiveness but with a distinctly Tuscan accent. It possesses remarkable concentration and depth in its dark fruit, spices, flowers and licorice, all supported by an unmistakable sense of Tuscan acidity and structure. A persistent, beautifully nuanced finish rounds things out in style.” –Antonio Galloni

Rocca di Castagnoli Chianti Classico 2010 91 points Wine Advocate

“The 2010 Chianti Classico is superb. Dark red cherries, mint, spices and licorice are some of the many notes that emerge from this beautifully delineated, energetic Chianti Classico. In the style of the year, the tannins are quite firm, yet also serve to give the wine much of its energy. I would not be surprised to see the 2010 age gracefully for many, many years. Best of all, it’s a ridiculous value. The estate’s Chianti Classico is 90% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo and 5% Colorino, aged in a combination of barriques and tonneaux.” –Antonio Galloni

Rocca di Castagnoli Chianti Classico Riserva Poggio A Frati 2008 93+ points Wine Advocate

“The 2008 Chianti Classico Riserva Poggio A Frati reveals gorgeous complexity and nuance. Tobacco, wild flowers, mint and plums are some of the many notes that are woven together in this classy, refined Riserva. Hints of tar and licorice give the finish a brooding quality that is quite attractive. Everything is in the right place for the 2008 to develop beautifully over the next 10-20 years, perhaps longer. Poggio A Frati is 95% Sangiovese and 5% Colorino, aged in tonneaux and casks. This is another stupendous wine for the money.” –Antonio Galloni

Rocca di Castagnoli Stielle 2006 92 points Wine Advocate

“The 2006 Stielle comes across as bold and racy, with expressive dark fruit, leather, spices and licorice. All of the aromas and flavors build towards the intense, round finish. Stielle is 85% Sangiovese and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon.” –Antonio Galloni

Antonio Galloni on Torre Quarto -Wine Advocate Issue # 205 February 2013

I am a big fan of the Torre Quarto wines. These delicious, forward reds deliver tons of varietal and regional character at modest prices.

Torre Quarto Sangue Blu Negroamaro 2010 88 points Wine Advocate

“Torre Quarto’s 2010 Sangue Blu (Negroamaro) comes across as a bit gamey in this vintage. Dark red cherries, plums, worn-in leather, licorice and spices linger on a finish that is at times a touch fleeting, even for Negroamaro, which is often on the delicate side.” – Antonio Galloni

Torre Quarto Bottaccia Uva di Troia 2010 89 points Wine Advocate

“The 2010 Bottaccia (Uva di Troia) is beautiful. Sweet, floral aromatics meld into dried cherries and plums. Hints of spice and tobacco appear later, adding complexity to the perfumed, expressive finish.” – Antonio Galloni

Antonio Galloni on Vestini Campagnano: *The allure of history going back millennia is a central part of what makes the various districts north of Napoli so compelling. Vestini Campagnano was among the wineries to nurture Pallagrello Bianco, Pallagrello Nero and Casavecchia away from obscurity and into the resurging prominence they are now enjoying. These wines are imbued with an extraordinary amount of pure personality and a timelessness that is impossible to miss.*

Vestini Campagnano Pallagrello Bianco 2011 92 points Wine Advocate

“Vestini Campagnano’s 2011 Pallagrello Bianco is strikingly beautiful. White peaches, flowers, the essence of crushed rocks and saline notes are all woven together beautifully in this focused yet generous white. The 2010 is just bursting with character and personality. It is easily one of the most beautiful wines I tasted from Campania this year. With time in the glass, the wine develops pretty, passion fruit-hued tropical/exotic notes, yet it never loses its pungent salinity. Wow!” –Antonio Galloni



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Vestini Campagnano Casavecchia 2008 92 points Wine Advocate

“The 2008 Casavecchia impresses for its silky tannins and finessed personality, something I can’t say too often about this indigenous red grape. Juicy cherries, tar, licorice and sweet spices are all woven together beautifully in a textured, impeccably crafted wine that impresses for its overall balance.” –Antonio Galloni

Vestini Campagnano Pallagrello Nero 2008 91 points Wine Advocate

“A dark, brooding wine, the 2008 Pallagrello Nero is loaded with black fruit, plums, game, asphalt, tar and smoke. The essence of these volcanic soils comes through in the wine’s flavor profile and massive structure. Today the aromatics aren’t as delineated as I had hoped, but this is nevertheless a strong showing. My sense, though, is the 2008 could have been even better. I would give the tannins another year or two to start settling down.” –Antonio Galloni



Antonio Galloni on Accornero: *It's always a pleasure to taste the new releases from Accornero, one of Piedmont's under the radar jewels. The estate excels with Barbera, which finds gorgeous dimensions of expression in these gently sloping hillside vineyards....*

Accornero Bricco Battista 2011 94 points Vinous

“A huge, thrilling wine, the 2011 Barbera del Monferrato Superiore Bricco Battista is endowed with magnificent depth and tons of personality. Layers of intense Barbera fruit burst from the glass in a racy, opulent wine that shows what this variety can do in Monferrato. The 2011 is rich and intense to the core, but never heavy or overdone; just a great example of Monferrato Barbera at its best.” – Antonio Galloni

Accornero Giulin 2012 93 points Vinous

“Dark red cherries, spices, new leather and menthol are woven together in the 2012 Barbera del Monferrato Giulin. Hints of lavender and violets develop in the glass, adding attractive floral overtones. The combination of freshness and density makes for an incredibly delicious Barbera to drink now and over the next handful of years.” – Antonio Galloni

Accornero Girotondo Monferrato Nebbiolo 2011 93 points Vinous

“A rich, ample wine, Accornero's 2013 Monferrato Nebbiolo is fabulous. Expressive floral and spiced notes blossom as this generous Nebbiolo fleshes out in the glass. Layers of dark red stone fruits built to the resonant, voluptuous finish. The 2011 drinks well today but also has enough stuffing to develop nicely in bottle for at least a handful of years.” – Antonio Galloni

Accornero Bricco del Bosco 2013 92 points Vinous

“The 2013 Grignolino Bricco del Bosco is compelling. In fact, it may very well be the best Grignolino I have ever tasted. Exotic red stone fruits, spices and flowers are all framed by firm yet nicely integrated tannins. There is a lot going on in this beautifully crafted, artisan Piedmont red.” – Antonio Galloni

Accornero Campomoro 2012 90 points Vinous

“The 2012 Barbera Campomoro is one of the more reserved wines in this range from Accornero. Savory herbs, cassis, blackberry jam, cloves and leather are all laced into the energetic, polished finish. Readers who like Barberas with a measure of reserve, will enjoy the Campomoro, which is quite a bit less opulent than the Giulin.” – Antonio Galloni



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Accornero Brigantino 2013 90 points Vinous

“The 2013 Brigantino Casorzo, a traditional sweet sparkling red from Piedmont's Monferrato district, is flat out delicious. Hints of leather, licorice and dried rose petals add nuance in a wine loaded with personality.” – Antonio Galloni

Collelcto Brunello di Montalcino 2010 91 points Vinous

“The 2010 Brunello di Montalcino is open-knot and expressive. Sweet red cherries, cinnamon, leather and mint are some of the notes that emerge in a soft, pliant Brunello with plenty of near term appeal. The 2010 is sweet, perfumed and quite pretty. I expect the 2010 will provide a good decade or so of fine drinking upon release.” – Antonio Galloni

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2010 93 points Vinous

“La Rasina's 2010 Brunello di Montalcino is one of the darker, racier wines of the dark. Black cherries, plums, mocha, spices, new oak, new leather and licorice are all laced together in a ripe, voluptuous Brunello loaded with near term appeal. Forward and beautifully layered in the glass, the 2010 is already quite delicious. This is a terrific vintage for La Rasina, with plenty of the estate's signatures on full display.” – Antonio Galloni

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2008 92 points Vinous

“What a pleasure it is to taste La Rasina's 2008 Brunello di Montalcino after the somewhat disappointing 2007. One of the richer, more voluptuous wines of the vintage, the 2008 saturates the palate with expressive dark fruit, mocha, espresso, violets and cloves. As always, the style here is one that favors textural richness and depth, yet all the elements are in gorgeous balance. This generous, inviting Brunello is superb today and should continue to drink well for at least a handful of years.” – Antonio Galloni

Nicodemi 'Notari' Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva 2012 92 points Vinous

“Vivid ruby. Floral raspberry and red cherry scents show a spicy topnote. Takes on a darker fruit character in the mount, picking up a smoky quality that builds in the glass. Finishes on a violet note, with racy tannins and outstanding length and spicy cut... I find it to be the estate's best almost every year.” – Ian D'Agata

Nicodemi 'Neromoro' Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva 2011 91+ points Vinous

“Bright ruby-purple. Ripe dark berries and cherry on the nose, along with sweet spices and a hint of mocha. Chewy in texture, offering spicy flavors of sweet red cherry and smoky plum covered in dark chocolate. This densely packed, masculine Montepulciano becomes increasingly sweet with air but its very firm tannins are currently tough going... Decant two hours ahead if you plan to try a bottle soon.” – Ian D'Agata

Nicodemi 'Notari' Trebbiano d'Abruzzo 2013 90 points Vinous

“Pale, bright straw color. Brisk aromas of green tropical fruits, lemon, herbs and flowers. Lemony and penetrating, offering intense flavors of orchard fruits and herbs... The dry finish shows a delicate, persistent herbal note.” – Ian D'Agata

Nicodemi Trebbiano d'Abruzzo 2014 88 points Vinous

“Pale straw-yellow. Aromas of apple, banana and flowers, plus a touch of sweet spices. Supple, floral and light on its feet; not a gripping style but boasts attractive banana and raw pineapple flavors and nice inner-mouth perfume. Finishes with average length and complexity. A delicious, easygoing white wine...” – Ian D'Agata

Antonio Galloni on Parusso 2011 Barolos: Marco Parusso's 2011 are rich, intense wines. Parusso continues to push the outer boundaries in Barolo, starting with a preference for late harvests. The fruit is left to cold macerate, or 'rest' to use Parusso's definition, for 5-7 days before fermentation begins, a highly unusual approach in Barolo. Over the last few years, Parusso has used a high percentage of whole clusters, another technique that only one or two other producers employ. French oak barrels are de rigeur, usually 100% new, with the exception of the Riserva, where the barrels are often switched out for the



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second year of aging, a technique sometimes referred to as 200% new oak. Parusso's Barolos remain some of the most unique wines in Piedmont. Parusso bottled his 2011 Barolos about two weeks before this tasting..

Parusso Barolo 2011 90 points Vinous

“Marco Parusso's 2011 Barolo is terrific. Sweet tobacco, mint, crushed flowers and dried red cherries are all laced together in a perfumed, aromatically expressive Barolo that should drink well pretty much upon release. Dried rose petal, mint, pine and a host of high-toned aromatics add considerable nuance. This is a gorgeous entry-level wine to drink over the next decade.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo Le Coste Monforte 2011 93 points Vinous

“New leather, smoke, black cherries and plums all meld together in Parusso's 2011 Barolo Le Coste. In this vintage, Le Coste seems to have handled the heat better than the Mariondino, as it has the broad shoulders and structural frame to hold the pure volume and resonance of the fruit. Mocha, French oak and spices flesh out on the racy finish. It will be interesting to taste the 2011 with a bit more time in bottle.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2011 94+ points Vinous

“The 2011 Barolo Bussia is the most tannic of Parusso's 2011 Barolos. Firm tannins provide the backdrop for a huge, powerful wine built on serious depth. Sweet floral and savory notes from the whole clusters add aromatic lift and striking perfume, but the Bussia remains a decidedly vertical Barolo that emphasizes structure...” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2011 92 points Vinous

“The 2011 Barolo Mariondino is one of the most explosive, ripe wines I have tasted from Marco Parusso in recent years. Black cherries, plums, smoke, spices and new leather all burst from the glass. Readers will need to give the Mariondino at least a few years in bottle, as the 2011 really needs time to lose some of its baby fat. The 2011 was done with 80% stems and aged in 100% new French oak barrels.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo Bussia Riserva 2016 95+ points Vinous

“The 2006 Barolo Bussia Riserva is developing nicely, but it is still much too young to show the full breadth of its personality. Rose petal, lavender, mint, sweet spices and hard candy open up with time in the glass, but only with great reticence. The 2006 Riserva finishes with a classic sense of austerity that is one of the signatures of the year.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2012 91 points Vinous

“Parusso's 2012 Barbera d'Alba Superiore jumps from the glass with hard candy, mint, flowers, spices and intense floral notes. This is an especially sensual, perfumed Barbera with super-expressive fruit, bright acidity and terrific balance. In this vintage, Parusso used 80% whole clusters.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Langhe Nebbiolo 2012 90 points Vinous

“Orange peel, cinnamon, flowers, sweet tobacco, mint and bright red cherries are some of the many notes that are laced together in the 2012 Langhe Nebbiolo. The flavors are bright and focused throughout in an impeccable Langhe Nebbiolo loaded with nuance.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barbera d'Alba Ornati 2013 90 points Vinous

“The 2013 Barbera d'Alba Ornati is terrific. Dark cherries, plums, mint and sweet floral notes are all laced together in a supple, silky Barbera that encapsulates the essence of this cool, late-harvest vintage.” – Antonio Galloni



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Parusso Dolcetto d'Alba Piani Noce 2013 88 points Vinous

“Freshly cut rose petals, violets, mint and cinnamon are some of the many notes that take shape in the 2013 Dolcetto d'Alba Piani Noce. This is one of the more perfumed, delicate Dolcettos readers will come across. A week of pre-maceration cold soaking preserves marvelous perfume and silky texture.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2010 94 points Vinous

“The Barolo Bussia is the most polished and silky of the 2010's. The structure of the vintage and the finesse of Bussia meld together in a Barolo that is both graceful, powerful and resonant. Dark red/black fruit, smoke, tobacco, menthol and a host of balsamic-inflected nuances take shape in the glass. The 2010 turns bright, floral and savory in the glass, hinting at a promising future that lies ahead.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2009 95 points Vinous

“The 2009 Barolo Bussia is rich, explosive and full-bodied. A powerful, structured wine, the 2009 is remarkably backward and inexpressive at this stage. With time in the glass, layers of fruit gradually uncoil, revealing wine of considerable pedigree and pure class. At times the 2009 is quite powerful, but occasionally a more feminine side of its personality emerges. Sweet notes of freshly cut flowers, menthol and cloves ring out on the expressive, resonant finish. The 2009 has serious structure, power and depth. Parusso crafts the Bussia from Rocche, Munie and Fiurin, all parcels within Bussia.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Riserva Oro 2004 95 points Vinous

“The 2004 Barolo Riserva Oro bursts from the glass with the essence of freshly cut flowers, sweet red cherries, spices, mint and licorice. Aromatically layered and totally silky, the 2004 impresses for its exceptional balance and pure class. The French oak – 150-liter cigarillos in this vintage – is totally integrated. There is no hint of wood, just plenty of super-ripe fruit. Today, the 2004 is alive and totally changing in the glass. It is without question a standout.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Le Coste Mosconi 2010 92 points Vinous

“Marco Parusso's Barolo Le Coste is a bit changed in this vintage, in that the new regulations forbid using the name of more than one vineyard on a label, so there is no more Mosconi fruit here. Dark red cherries, tobacco, savory herbs, menthol, smoke and incense are some of the many notes that blossom in the 2010 Barolo Le Coste. Here the aromas and flavors are slightly darker, but the savory notes typical of the vintage at Parusso are very much on display. Readers will need to give the 2010 at least a few years for the tannins to soften. Without the Mosconi fruit, the Le Coste remains about more structures and linear than in the past.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Le Coste Mosconi 2009 94 points Vinous

“Parusso's 2009 Barolo Le Coste-Mosconi wraps around the palate with serious depth. Here the fruit, aromas and flavors are best suited to the use of 100% new barrels. Mocha, black cherries, plums and licorice jump from the glass in this rich, full-bodied wine. The 2009 explodes in all directions with seamless, endless layers of fruit. Rich and voluptuous, the 2009 impresses for its fabulous overall balance.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2010 93 points Vinous

“The 2010 Barolo Mariondino is quite pretty. Dark red cherries, plums, dried flowers, new leather and spices flesh out in a racy, expressive Barolo with lovely mid-palate pliancy and depth. The Mariondino has a bit more depth than the straight Barolo, which serves to balance the whole clusters nicely. The 2010 closes up pretty quickly in the glass and is likely headed for a long period of dormancy. This is another fascinating, intriguing Barolo from Marco Parusso.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2009 94 points Vinous

“Another standout, the 2009 Barolo Mariondino is rich, deep and implosive in this vintage. The early appeal of 2009 is nowhere to be found in this powerful, structured Barolo. Black cherries, menthol, mocha and crushed rocks flow through to the huge, intense finish. The 2009 needs time for the new oak to integrate, but it is



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impressive, even today. Sweet spiced, floral and mentholated notes add intrigue, depth and complexity on the close.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo Riserva Oro 2009 94 points Vinous

“The 2009 Barolo Riserva Oro is a bit sweeter, richer and layered than the straight Bussia Barolo. There is plenty of intensity in the aromas and flavors. Sweet red cherries, mint and herbs are shaped by the 200% new French oak in a Barolo that is both sensual and powerful. For my taste, the oak is a bit prominent. It will be interesting to see where things go over the coming years. Regardless, this is an impressive effort, especially within the context of the year.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo 2009 91 points Vinous

“The 2009 Barolo is classic Parusso. Sweet candied cherries, mint, flowers and cinnamon literally jump from the glass. Rich, open and deeply expressive, the 2009 impresses for its balance and harmony. Violets, sweet herbs, dried roses and hard candy flesh out on the rich, generous finish. This is a fabulous effort in its class. In any class, really.” – Antonio Galloni

Antonio Galloni on Rocca di Castagnoli: Rocca di Castagnoli is another estate that seems to fly under the radar despite making beautiful, pedigreed wines year after year. Once again, the estate Chiantis are drop-dead gorgeous and well worth the effort of seeking out.

Rocca di Castagnoli Chianti Classico 2011 90 points Vinous

“An exuberant wine, the 2011 Chianti Classico bursts from the glass with an explosion of sweet, floral-laced red berries. This gorgeous, intensely perfumed Chianti Classico is best enjoyed over the next handful of years, while the fruit retains its racy personality. A soft, caressing finish rounds things out beautifully. Today, the 2011 is striking. What a gorgeous wine!” – Antonio Galloni

Rocca di Castagnoli Poggio A’ Frati Chianti Classico Riserva 2009 92+ points Vinous

“Dark cherries, plums, scorched earth and rosemary are some of the many notes that emerge from the 2009 Chianti Classico Riserva Il Poggio. Firm yet beautifully integrated tannins support the fruit in this introspective, brooding Riserva. Readers should give the 2009 a few years in bottle to settle down. This is another impressive showing from Rocca di Castagnoli.” – Antonio Galloni

Rocca di Castagnoli Poggio A’ Frati Chianti Classico Riserva 2010 93 points Vinous

“Sage, rosemary, incense, black cherries and tobacco burst from the glass in the 2010 Chianti Classico Riserva Poggio a’Frati. Here it is the wine’s energy and vibrancy that stand out most. The 2010 finishes with a real sense of density and pure power that rounds things out. My impression is that the 2010 will be even better in another few years, although it is pretty special, even today.” – Antonio Galloni



Alfredo Bertolani Lambrusco Rose 2012 88 points Wine Spectator ‘Smart Buy’

“Vibrant and well-knit, offering an appealing mix of ripe and candied strawberry, red licorice, ground clove and aromatic rose petal flavors, with tea leaf notes.” –AN

Alfredo Bertolani Lambrusco Rosso All’Antica 2012 88 points Wine Spectator

“Well-balanced and fresh, this vinous version shows flavors of black cherry coulis, grilled plum and smoke, with hints of violet, vanilla, cocoa powder and ground spices.” –AN



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El Principal El Principal 2007 91 points Wine Spectator

“An old-school style, delivering aromas and flavors of mint, sage, tobacco, mulled plum and currant fruit, all woven together and carried by a long cedar- and loam-tinged finish. This has plenty of stuffing still, too.”

Parusso Barolo 2009 90 points Wine Spectator

“Fresh and elegant, this red displays cherry, strawberry, floral and subtle eucalyptus notes. The tannins are firm and balanced. Fine length.” -BS

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2009 90 points Wine Spectator

“Full of balsamic aromas and flavors, this red displays macerated cherry, leafy and black tea notes. Firmly tannic, balanced on the astringent side.” -BS

Parusso Barolo Le Coste di Monforte 2010 95 points Wine Spectator

“Aromatic, featuring rose, strawberry, raspberry and wild cherry flavors. The fruit tastes more macerated than fresh, with flourishes of licorice and tar. Silky, yet with a solid structure supporting the flavors. Shows fine length and leaves a mouth watering impression. Best from 2017 through 2033.” -BS

Parusso Barolo Le Coste Mosconi 2009 92 points Wine Spectator

“This aromatic Barolo boasts ripe peach and plum aromas, picking up notes of wild herb, leather and underbrush on the palate. The lingering finish echoes peach and herb accents. Approachable now, but should be better in a few years.” -BS

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2010 94 points Wine Spectator

“Juniper, sage and sandalwood aromas segue into cherry and raspberry flavors in this polished Barolo. Leather and tea accents add dimension as this stays vibrant through the firm finish. Best from 2018 through 2035.” -BS

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2009 92 points Wine Spectator

“Fresh and inviting, this red exhibits cherry, beet, iron and tobacco aromas and flavors on a firm, athletic frame. The tannins are assertive, but remain in bounds, with ample sweet fruit for balance.” -BS

Parusso Barolo Riserva 2005 91 points Wine Spectator

“Fresh cherry and herb notes mingle in this lush red, which feels different texturally than other Barolos, open and lacy, though it’s still backed by solid, dusty tannins. Finishes with spice and tobacco accents.” -BS

Pepi Lignana Leopoldino Vermentino 2011 88 points Wine Spectator

“A rich, full-bodied version, this exhibits peach, melon, grapefruit and savory mineral notes. Bright, leaving a mouthwatering impression on the finish.” -BS

Wine&Spirits

Accornero Bricco del Bosco Grignolino 2011 88 points Wine & Spirits - BEST BUY

“A light and fragrant Grignolino, this has clean flavors of red currants and pomegranate, juicy, spicy and lasting. Bring it along on a hike with landjaeger sausages.”

Col Vektorz Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut NV 90 points Wine & Spirits

“Dark tones of kumquat and green olive balance this wine’s floral aspects. The flavors are cushioned by a gentle minerality, finishing with a full juicy feel. For burrata and grilled bread.”



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El Principal El Principal 2008 92 points Wine & Spirits YEARS BEST CABERNET

“Pique is one of the highest areas in the Alta Maipo, its vineyards ascending to 3,215 feet. It’s also one of the coldest. The influence of the Andean breezes are clear in this Cabernet Sauvignon based red (with 5% Carmenera), the spice and fresh herbal notes playing against a background of juicy and acidic black fruit. It’s a classic Maipo Valley Cabernet in its fine, pointed tannins, ready to cut into a pepper steak.”

Nicodemi Terrana 2012 90 points Wine & Spirits – YEARS BEST & BEST BUY

“This estate in the Abruzzo hills grew a bright and zesty red in 2012. It’s light and floral in scent, with a delicate strawberry fragrance to the fruit that lasts. The finesse of the texture is based on red grape-skin tannins, making this a wine to serve cellar temperature with braised rabbit”

Parusso Barolo Riserva 2005 93 points Wine & Spirits – YEARS BEST BAROLO

“A dark, earth riserva, this wine’s generous red fruit is balanced by equally generous, ironbound tannins. The tannins keep everything tightly enclosed for now, giving this the feel of a Barolo far from maturity, though the wine’s sophistication and detail is already in evidence...”

Parusso Barolo Bussia Riserva 1999 92 points Wine & Spirits

“The delicate red fruit and tree ear mushroom scents have a fatness to them, balancing the precision of the tannins and filling out their structural tension. Even as a mature wine, this is lean, peppery and tight. Serve it with rabbit braised with wild mushrooms.”

Parusso Barbera d’Alba Ornati 2011 89 points Wine & Spirits – BEST BUY

“A simple, blueberry scented barbera, this impresses with its crisp line of fruit flavor. It’s round, rich and delicious. For salumi.”

Parusso Dolcetto d’Alba Piani Noce 2011 91 points Wine & Spirits – BEST BUY

“Packed with lucid cherry flavors and fruity mushroom freshness, this has bright edges of acidity to define the structure. The finish balances cherry licorice with an earthy note. For pork braised with juniper.”

Rocca di Castagnoli Buriano 2009 90 points Wine & Spirits –YEARS BEST TUSCAN REDS

“This grows at an estate in Gaiole in Chianti, presenting the tight, red-fruited tension of the areas wines in an herbal, cabernet context. Scents of sage, thyme and bay add complex highlights over the fruit, focusing the wine on roast lamb.”

Rocca di Castagnoli Stielle 2006 90 points Wine & Spirits –YEARS BEST TUSCAN REDS

“A single vineyard blend of Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon from Gaiole, this is herbal and soft, with scents of thyme, super ripe black cherries and a nut-skin bitterness to the tannins. Serve it with braised short ribs.”

Tololo Sauvignon Blanc 2012 Wine & Spirits – CRITIC PICK BEST FOR \$10 OR LESS

“A fresh, crystalline sauvignon, spicy and bright; for an apertif.”

**Vestini Campagnano Pallagrello Bianco 2013 90 points Wine & Spirits
YEARS BEST SOUTHERN ITALY & BEST BUY**

“This wine represents pallagrello bianco in a fresh style, with the crispness of a Granny Smith apple and the citrus acidity of lemon zest. It’s a powerful white driven as much by the earthy grip of tannins as it is by the bristle of acidity. That earthiness will benefit from rich foods, like grilled anchovies.”

Vina Quintay Clava Sauvignon Blanc 2014 90 points Wine & Spirits – BEST BUY

“Ripe fruit flavors fill this rich and creamy sauvignon, built on the warmth of the 2014 vintage. The aromas are shy, but the juicy flavors unfold on the palate; to serve with French onion soup.”



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Vina Quintay Clava Sauvignon Blanc 2012 90 points Wine & Spirits - BEST BUY

“Fresh, herbal and focused on tart white citrus flavors, this is unusually vibrant for the warm 2012 vintage. Bring a bottle to the nearest sushi restaurant.”

Vina Quintay Q Syrah 2010 90 points Wine & Spirits

“Toasty scents of oak fill out the aroma of this wine, a function of its youth. Give this a couple of years in the cellar and you will find fruit blanketing the structure with ripe flavors absorbing the wood notes and creating layers of complexity. For the cellar.”

WINEENTHUSIAST

Collelcto Brunello di Montalcino 2008 91 points Wine Enthusiast

“Bright fruit tones of cherry, pomegranate and red currant give this Brunello a pristine and youthful personality. The quality of those red fruit aromas is remarkable and the wine shows well-integrated spice, leather and tobacco notes. A very welcome splash of sweet-fruit flavor helps smooth out Sangiovese’s natural acidity.” - ML

Collelcto Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2007 94 points Wine Enthusiast

“This beautiful riserva offers bright aromas of ginger, cola, dried mint, forest berry and cassia. The wine is bright and lively, with dusty tannins and balanced acidity. Overall, the wine shows incredibly clean and polished characteristics that linger long on the palate.” -ML

El Principal El Principal 2008 93 points Wine Enthusiast - EDITORS CHOICE

El Principal Memorias 2008 91 points Wine Enthusiast

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2008 93 points Wine Enthusiast

“All the elements of this Brunello work beautifully together. The bouquet is redolent of soft black fruit, plum cake, leather, spice and tobacco and the wine shows thick, velvety concentration in the mouth. The tannins are supple and firm and there’s a touch of bright acidity that is not too sharp or in any way unbalanced.” -ML

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino Il Divasco Riserva 2006 95 points Wine Enthusiast

“La Rasina has really hit a winning formula with Il Divasco. This wine is bold and opulent with lavish layers of bright fruit, spice, cola and leather. It is one of those wines that seems to have melted chocolate fudge at its core with a round, soft mouthfeel at the backend. Intensity and complexity are both there.” -ML

Laila Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi 2012 89 points Wine Enthusiast

“Here’s a Verdicchio that shows off the grape’s quintessential aromas of yellow spring flowers and whiffs of stone fruit. It offers creamy peach and lemon flavors alongside hints of sea salt and almond. Crisp, refreshing acidity leaves the palate feeling cleansed..” -KO BEST BUY & TOP 100 WINES OF 2014 #61

Quintay Q Sauvignon Blanc 2011 90 points Wine Enthusiast ~~BEST BUY~~

“Pungent and precise, with a textbook mix of green aromas, tropical fruits and lushness. Feels lively and juicy, with lime, lychee, green apple and pineapple flavors that settle on passion fruit come finishing time.: - MS

Quintay Clava Sauvignon Blanc 2013 Wine Enthusiast ~~BEST BUY~~

‘Crisp, spicy, grassy, citrus aromas are all good. This is acidic and cleansing; zesty flavors of orange and pineapple..’



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Quintay Clava Chardonnay 2012 Wine Enthusiast BEST BUY

For basic Chardonnay from a warm vintage, this is good. Apple and oak aromas are mild and lead to a full, almost syrupy palate with honeyed flavors of white fruits. A melony finish with vanilla is sweet but inoffensive.

Quintay Q Pinot Noir 2010 88 points Wine Enthusiast

"Floral red-fruit aromas get heavier with airing. Feels thick and full, with soft tannins and mild acidity. Tastes oaky but not overoaked, with caramel, vanilla and standard red-berry and plum flavors. A touch stewy on the finish, with a resinous oak flavor hanging in there." – MS

Parusso Metodo Classico 2010 91 points Wine Enthusiast

"Made entirely from Nebbiolo, Italy's most noble grape, this offers a fragrance of McIntosh apple, grapefruit and yellow peach. The palate displays an enticing depth of flavors including red cherry, strawberry and notes of cinnamon-spice alongside a refined and persistent perlage." – KO

Rocca di Castagnoli Poggio ai Frati Riserva 2009 90 points Wine Enthusiast

"Blue flower, red berries, spice and leather aromas open this Chianti Classico made from Sangiovese and 5% Canaiolo. The juicy fruity palate delivers ripe wild cherry, raspberry, white pepper and nutmeg supported by a tannic backbone. This should develop more complexity over the next few years. Drink through 2019." – KO

Tololo Sauvignon Blanc 2013 Wine Enthusiast BEST BUY

"With grapefruit and orange aromas, this is on the ripe side, but the feel is fresh and flavors of citrus, white pepper, arugula and briny melon get the job done..."



Alfredo Bertolani Lambrusco Rose NV 91 points International Wine Cellar

"Deep pink-red. Very intense strawberry and raspberry aromas are lifted by white pepper, violet and botanical herbs. Comes across as almost light after the other richer, more grapey lambruscos from Bertolani, with lovely energy and breed to the savory flavors of red berries, spices and flowers. Sharply delineated, but with an enticing creamy sweetness that makes this come across as off-dry. Finishes with lovely length and real style. Great stuff." – Ian D'Agata

Collelcto Brunello di Montalcino 2008 90 points International Wine Cellar

"Bright red. Enticing aromas of sweet raspberry, licorice and herbs. Sweet, bright and suave, with good intensity to the fresh red fruit, graphite and nutty oak flavors. In a soft style, finishing with substantial ripe tannins and very good length; I would have scored it even higher had it shown just a little more complexity." – Ian D'Agata

Collelcto Brunello di Montalcino Elia Riserva 2007 92 points International Wine Cellar

"Bright red. Perfumed redcurrant, sour red cherry, licorice, graphite and violet on the drop-dead gorgeous nose. Lively and minerally on entry, then expands in the middle palate to show terrific density without any loss of clarity. Offers a really lush texture to the plum, cherry and graphite flavors, with vibrant, harmonious acidity extending the floral finish. Beautifully balanced wine, though I would have liked a little less graphite and flint." – Ian D'Agata

El Principal Memorias 2007 91 points International Wine Cellar

"Vivid ruby. A smoky, floral-accented bouquet evokes dried cherry, tobacco, licorice and a hint of fresh rose. Pliant, expansive red fruit flavors gain weight in the mid-palate, picking up notes of bitter cherry and candied flowers. Dusty tannins add grip to a sweet, penetrating finish, which echoes the cherry and floral notes with real authority"



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El Principal El Principal 2006 92 points International Wine Cellar

"Deep ruby. Pungent, herb-accented aromas of cherry and blackcurrant are complicated by smoke and anise nuances. Firm, slightly bitter and focused on entry, then expansive and alluringly spicy in the mid-palate, offering dark fruit and floral flavors that show a sneaky sweetness. Finishes with outstanding persistence and resonating notes of tobacco and bitter cherry. This is complex enough to drink now but has the structure to age for at least a few more years."

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2009 90 points International Wine Cellar

"Bright medium ruby-red. Highly aromatic nose offers smoky plum, minerals, vanilla and coffee. At once fat and juicy, with firm-edged bitter red cherry and spicy dark plum flavors showing very good grip and persistence. Finishes big, fat and flinty, with strong inky and tarry nuances. Though it is accessible now, this is another 2009 Brunello that will be best after another five years in the cellar." - Ian D'Agata

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2008 91+ points International Wine Cellar

"Bright red with a pale rim. Aromatic notes of cardamom and cumin complicate red cherry and berries on the bright, deep nose. Seamless flavors of ripe red cherry, red plum and flowers carry through to a pure, long finish. Very promising Brunello." - Ian D'Agata

Laila Verdicchio Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore 2012 90 points International Wine Cellar

"Gold-tinged yellow. Aromas of yellow apple, citrus blossom and fresh herbs are complicated by a hint of tropical fruit. Juicy, intense and light on its feet, with a perfumed floral element providing lift to the rich, ripe flavors of pear, apple and spicy papaya. The finish is long and satisfying." - Ian D'Agata

Laila 'Eklektikos' Verdicchio Castelli di Jesi Classico Sup 2012 91 points International Wine Cellar

"Bright yellow. Spicy, intensely fragrant aromas of lemon zest, nectarine, pear, and jasmine. Silky and concentrated, with vibrant citrus cut to its melon and almond flavors. Finishes long, seamless and focused, with a lingering floral note. (Incidentally, this wine has one of the prettier labels I've seen lately on a bottle of Italian)"

Nicodemi 'Notari' Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2009 91 points International Wine Cellar

"Deep ruby. Strongly mineral-driven aromas of blackberry, smoky dark cherry, tar and crushed rock. Juicy, fresh and wonderfully light on its feet, with the pronounced minerality giving the wine's dark fruit flavors an element of precision and extending them on the back end. The finish features notes of smoky licorice and bitter chocolate.

Quintay Clava Pinot Noir 2011 88 points International Wine Cellar

"Bright red. Musky aromas of dried cherry, redcurrant and rose, with a hint of tobacco emerging with aeration. Lightbodied and tangy, offering fresh red fruit and bitter chocolate flavors complemented by a deeper hint of licorice. Shows good energy on the finish, which features a note of cherry pit and finegrained tannins." - Josh Reynolds

Rocca di Castagnoli Chianti Classico 2010 91 points International Wine Cellar

"Dark red. Bright, perfumed aromas of redcurrant, flint and violet. Fresh and lively in the mouth, with flavors similar to the aromas. The juicy, long finish features polished tannins and a repeating violet note. This Chianti will likely age very well." - Ian D'Agata

Rocca di Castagnoli Chianti Classico "Poggio ai Frati" Ris 2010 92+points International Wine Cellar

"Good full, bright red. Captivating aromas of red plum, red licorice, minerals and sweet brown spices, with higher-pitched suggestions of sour red cherry and violet. Suave and light on its feet, showing a youthfully medicinal aspect to the flavors of red fruits, flowers and licorice. Firmly structured but not a bit hard, this wine finishes with strong fruit, a hint of marzipan, and outstanding length and verve. The juicy, mouthwatering acidity leaves you wanting another glass." - Ian D'Agata



From James Suckling on jamesuckling.com:

Di Giovanna Helios Rosso 2010 90 points jamesuckling.com

"This is a tangy and delicious red with lots of spicy and sour cherry character. Full body, round tannins and a juicy finish. Made from organically grown grapes. Real Sicilian wine here. Drink now."

Collelcto Brunello di Montalcino 2010 92 points jamesuckling.com

"Sensual aromas of meat, earth and ripe berries follow through to a full body with ripe tannins and a chewy finish. Plenty of spice, walnut and cedar undertones."

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2008 94 points jamesuckling.com

"Aromas of blueberries and cherries. Lovely intensity to this. Full body, with velvety tannins and a long and lovely finish. This is extremely well done for the vintage. From organic grapes. Drink or hold. "

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2009 92 points jamesuckling.com

"This shows rich fruit for the vintage, with dried berry and fig character. Full body, silky tannins and a fresh finish. "

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2010 94 points jamesuckling.com

"Lots of blackberry and dark chocolate and cedar aromas follow through to a full body, with firm and chewy tannins. Salty and savory underneath the fruit. So much going on inside. Rich and thoughtful. From organically grown grapes. "

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2007 Il Divasco 93 points jamesuckling.com

"Very earthy aromas with sliced meat and foie gras character intertwined with ripe fruit. Full body, with velvety tannins and lots of new wood on the finish. But then the fruit comes out and it's gorgeous."

La Rasina Rosso di Montalcino 2012 90 points jamesuckling.com

"Aromas of ripe fruit, walnut and smoked meat follow through to a full body, with velvety tannins and a wet earth, mushroom and berry aftertaste. Drink now." - Ian D'Agata

La Rasina Sangiovese Toscana IGT 2012 90 points jamesuckling.com

"A red with grape, orange peel and floral character on the nose and palate. Full to medium body, silky tannins and a berry and chocolate aftertaste. Delicious. Drink now or hold." - Ian D'Agata

Parusso Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2011 94 points jamesuckling.com

"Amazing aromas of dark chocolate, graphite and raspberries. Full body and integrated tannins with superb depth of fruit and richness. Old vines. Cold-soaked for a week, too. This was fermented with stalks and aged one year in new wood. Only 3,000 bottles. A monumental Barbera. Drink now."

Parusso Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2012 92 points jamesuckling.com

"This is powerful and rich with loads of fruit and spice character, plus flowers. Full-bodied, round and delicious. So beautiful and juicy. This gets the full Barolo treatment. One year in barrel but no wood character. Delicious. Drink now."

Parusso Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2013 92 points jamesuckling.com

"This is serious Barbera with tar, chocolate, licorice and berry character, and a meaty undertone. Full-bodied, juicy and delicious now Why wait?"

Parusso Barbera d'Alba Ornati 2013 90 points jamesuckling.com

"A tangy, fresh red with walnut, chocolate and sliced-peach and plum character. Medium body, bright acidity and a fresh finish. So delicious. Finesse. Drink now."



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Parusso Barolo Le Coste di Monforte 2010 95 points jamesuckling.com

"This is incredibly floral with rose petal and cherry character. Full body, with a wonderfully integrated tannin and fruity character. Racy and Silky. Thoroughly great wine. Should be better in 2017."

Top 50 Barolo 2010

Parusso Barolo 2011 91 points jamesuckling.com

"A spicy and rich wine with lots of dried meats and raisins. Full-bodied, round and juicy. Decadent style here. "

Parusso Barolo 2010 93 points jamesuckling.com

"This shows an intense character of rose petal and green tobacco leaf with plums. Full-bodied and chewy with lots of ripe tannins and an intense finish. Dense and layered. Wild, funky and stylish. Decant two hours before serving. Fascinating Barolo. "

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2010 93 points jamesuckling.com

"A wine with plum, flower and light mushroom. Earthy and so floral. Full body with soft tannins and a juicy finish. Better in 2017."

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2011 93 points jamesuckling.com

"A ripe style with berries, blackberries and spices. Full body, chewy tannins and a long finish. Concentrated style."

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2010 92 points jamesuckling.com

"Lots of ripe fruit, dried flowers and dried mushrooms on the nose here. Full body with round, velvety tannins and a flavorful finish. Decadent and rich. Better in 2016 when the tannins soften. "

Parusso Bricco Rovella Bianco 2011 91 points jamesuckling.com

"This is a white that is very ripe with spice, dried apple and honey character. It is slightly tannic. Full and phenolic. This is a white made like a red. Stylish and thoughtful wine. Drink now."

Top 25 Sauvignon Blancs from Italy 2013

Quintay Clava Chardonnay 2013 90 points jamesuckling.com

"A crisp and clean white with sliced pear and apple plus hints of kiwi. Medium to full body, fresh acidity and a bright finish. Chablis-like in its purity..."

Quintay Q Syrah 2012 92 points jamesuckling.com

"A dense and rich red with dried berries and dark chocolate character. Full body plus round and polished tannins and a flavorful finish. Seamless texture. "

Quintay Q Pinot Noir 2012 95 points jamesuckling.com

"Aromas of ripe red fruits and grilled autumn leaves. Warm strawberry pudding too. There's elegance and richness to this wine. Gentle tannins with black truffle and a round, consistent finish. "

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Quintay Clava Carmenere 2012 88 points jamesuckling.com

Rocca di Castagnoli Chianti Classico 'Stielle' Gran Selezione 2010 93 points jamesuckling.com

"A ripe, decadent wine with a dried-berry, light raisin and dried-meat character. Hints of walnuts, too. Full body, firm tannins and a long, intense finish. Drink now. "



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Rocca di Castagnoli Buriano 2010 91 points jamesuckling.com

“This is a very attractive, refined red with currants, minerals and delicate mint. Medium body, fine tannins and a clean finish. There’s purity and beauty here. Drink now.”

From Decanter Magazine

Rocca di Castagnoli Poggio ai Frati Riserva 2009 90+ points Decanter Magazine May 2013 Issue

From Gambero Rosso

Di Giovanna Grillo 2012 2 GLASSES

“The winery of the two Di Giovanna brothers is in the most densely planted zone in Sicily: Sambuca di Sicilia. Among the first to cultivate international varietals, the Di Giovannas certainly haven’t neglected the indigenous varieties, but rather churn out whites of exquisite workmanship. Grillo 2012 is a full white with good structure, embellished by aromas of minerals and herbs. Fit, bright, with a beautifully savory and fresh finish.”

Accornero Bricco Battista 2012 3 GLASSES



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