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Claudio Tipa und Schwester Maria Iris Bertarelli

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Editorial



Tourists all over Europe have now learned how to handle the pandemic, its restrictions, and a steady flow of new virus variants, and – together with travel fans like us – are taking their first steps back to normal holidays. Although the practice of booking three nights and having two paid for by the region and hotel business respectively (as is the case in Piedmont) is still the exception rather than the rule, travel on our continent is now extensively controlled and monitored thanks to the green pass.

However, since we are not all immediately looking to disappear to distant shores, our local environment – and above all the sunny, gently rolling hills to the south – has become even closer to our hearts.

Tuscany is right up there at the top of the wish list, and is of course always worth a return trip. Wine tourism is another example of how closely winegrowing is linked to the daily life of Tuscany, and how much it has benefited the economy, restaurants and the hotel industry. Well-known labels such as Brunello di Montalcino, Chianti Classico, Vino Nobile or even Antinori, Frescobaldi or Masseto stand for the high quality of Italian wine all over the world. These are also increasingly being joined by new names, both winemakers and new, small designations of origin.

Tuscan wine and its symbiotic relationship with 'toscanità', or the Tuscan lifestyle, shines through in these pages. And just like the past five issues, for the sixth time we are also offering a wealth of tips for where to stay, where to eat, and above all – which wines to drink. More than 400 of our favourite treasures have once again earned the title of Top of Tuscany.

We hope you enjoy our little toscanità trip!
Christian Eder



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Trends & Facts

Frescobaldi now also in Montepulciano

Marchesi de Frescobaldi, one of Italy's most historic wine estates, has acquired the Corte della Flora property in Montepulciano, one of the few Tuscan wine regions where it did not yet have a presence: Corte della Flora is 60 hectares in size, 30 of which are vineyards. 'We are delighted to be able to make our own distinctive contribution to the reputation of the Vino Nobile di Montepulciano region', Marchesi Frescobaldi's president Lamberto Frescobaldi explained. Frescobaldi now has a total of nine estates. The others are Castello Nipozzano (Chianti Rufina), Castello Pomino (Pomino), Ré mole (Sieti), Tenuta Castiglioni (Montespertoli), Tenuta Perano (Gaiole in Chianti), Tenuta Ammiraglia (Maremma), CastelGiocondo (Montalcino) and Gorgona (on the island of Gorgona).



Sting bakes pizza

Sting and his wife Trudie Styler are known to own a 350-hectare estate in Chianti, south of Florence: Il Palagio. Visitors were previously not welcome, but now they are invited to taste and buy the wines called Message in a Bottle or Sister Moon, alongside a pizza: the 'Wine Bar Il Palagio' pizzeria also serves beer - handmade in Tuscany, of course.

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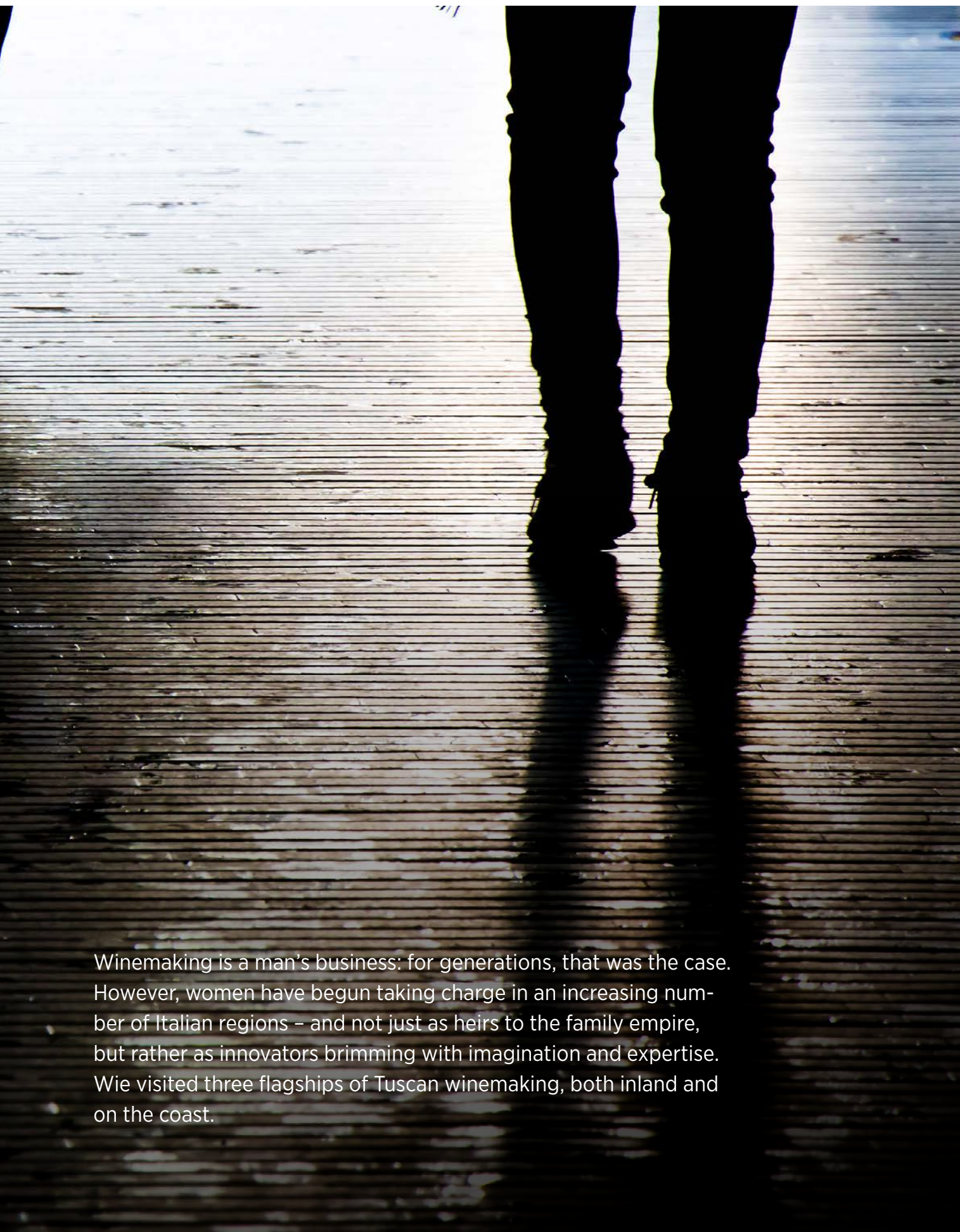
The 2021 vintage: small but perfectly formed

2021, the harvests for which were still well under way during the time of writing, will offer reduced quantities: this expected 20% drop was due to frosts in the spring and drought stress in the summer. However, 2021 offers some good prospects in terms of quality: the harvests were delayed, but that enabled the grapes to ripen perfectly, with large temperature differences between day and night. Winemakers in virtually all areas of Tuscany are therefore optimistic. Francesco Ricasoli of Castello di Brolio: 'We expect the Sangiovese harvest in mid-September to offer small quantities, but this will definitely benefit quality. The smaller grape volumes are reminiscent of 2017, but they have more colour, more intense aromas and higher concentration.'

In Montalcino, Emilia Nardi - the owner of Tenute Silvio Nardi - explained: 'Thanks to preparatory agronomic measures undertaken after the 2020 harvest, we were able to ensure a water reserve that allowed the plants to cope with the subsequent lack of water. The grapes are now demonstrating astonishing balance and good vegetative development'. Staying on the coast, director of the Ornellaia and Masseto estates Axel Heinz noted that soil's unique texture - deep with a high proportion of limestone and clay - enabled the grapes to seek for water far underground in order to withstand the extended drought. In addition, 'the sunny and dry weather benefited the ripening of white varieties in the earliest ripening vineyards'. Ultimately, a drop in temperature created 'the ideal conditions to complete ripening and thus gave the red varieties time to achieve perfection'.

A high-contrast, black and white photograph showing the lower legs and feet of three women walking on a wooden deck. The women are wearing high-heeled shoes, and their silhouettes are dark against the lighter, reflective surface of the wood. The lighting creates a strong glow around the edges of their legs and feet, suggesting a bright light source from behind them. The text 'I tre Soprani' is overlaid in large, white, serif font at the bottom of the image.

I tre Soprani



Winemaking is a man's business: for generations, that was the case. However, women have begun taking charge in an increasing number of Italian regions – and not just as heirs to the family empire, but rather as innovators brimming with imagination and expertise. We visited three flagships of Tuscan winemaking, both inland and on the coast.

Albiera Antinori: 600 years of wine in her blood

Alongside oenologist Renzo Cotarella, she has been heading up the family empire for several years: Albiera Antinori, the oldest daughter of Marchese Piero Antinori. Her work is driven by prudence and expertise.



These are qualities that she also demonstrates in her part-time job as president of the Bolgheri DOC consortium. In this role, she helped to organise Bolgheri Divino for the second time in early September. This unique en primeur event welcomed 1000 guests from all over the world to the Viale dei Cipressi ('cypress avenue'), the symbol of this coastal Tuscan appellation, to dine on a mild late summer's evening and taste Bolgheri wines. Bolgheri and the Antinori's family estate Guado al Tasso have long been a key focal point in the lives of Albiera, her sisters Allegra and Alessia, and also father Piero and uncle Lodovico - especially during lockdown.

However, it all began in Florence. The Antinori family has been devoted to wine here for more than 26 generations: since 1385 to be precise, when Giovanni di Piero Antinori joined the Florentine guild of winemakers and wine merchants. The company is now a foundation, but it is run by Piero's daughters Albiera, Allegra and Alessia and the oenologist Renzo Cotarella - and of course, still with the energetic assistance of father Piero, now 83, who has officially stepped back from the company but remains a major voice in decision-making.

Antinori covers numerous wine estates and wineries, and not just in Tuscany (with a total of around 1700 hectares of vineyards). The estates include various holdings in Chianti Classico, Guado al Tasso in Bolgheri, Le Mortelle in Maremma, La Braccessa in Montepulciano, Pian delle Vigne in Montalcino, Castello della Sala in Umbria, Prunotto in Piedmont, Tormaresca in Apulia, and as of recently, Jermann in Friuli. And not forgetting numerous wineries abroad, some fully owned and others joint ventures: Antica in the Napa Valley, Tuzko in Hungary and Meridiana in Malta, as well as estates in Chile, Washington State and Romania.

Albiera Antinori knows all of these estates like the back of her hand: she joined the family business in 1986. She soon developed an interest in marketing, communications, oenology and winemaking, but always on the premise of preserving the house of Antinori for the family's future generations. 'Women can make a big difference', this mother of two once said, 'no more so than men, but also no less'.

The Antinori sisters are very different in terms of their character, passions and personal interests. As Albiera Antinori puts it, 'we do not step on each other's toes, instead we support each other.' Their roles within the company are clearly assigned: Albiera is Antinori's president, Alessia heads up the Art Project, whilst Allegra looks after the restaurants such as Cantinetta Antinori. Teamwork alla femminile, you might say.

However, the sisters are also tightly knit on a personal level. They can generally be found not at the Palazzo Antinori in Florence, but rather in Bolgheri. Albiera's sisters Allegra and Alessia also have a house here, alongside her own. And Albiera also enjoys going hunting in the vast forest, a passion she shares with her father Piero, uncle Lodovico and Renzo Cotarella.

Donatella Cinelli Colombini: The grande dame of Brunello

Wine is in Donatella Cinelli Colombini's blood, quite literally: she was born into a family of Tuscan winemakers in Montalcino, whose roots extend back to the 16th century.



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Today, she makes wine at two estates in two different parts of Tuscany: Casato Prime Donne in Montalcino and Fattoria del Colle near Trequanda in Val d'Orcia. Sangiovese is the focus of both. However, both are also holdings with a long history - and not just in winegrowing: a hundred years ago, Casato Prime Donne was a hunting ground for Donatella's forebears. Fattoria del Colle was also once used as a hunting lodge, and even hosted Peter Leopold von Habsburg (1747-1792), the Grand Duke of Tuscany, who came there to enjoy romantic nights with Contessina Isabella. His bedroom with its ceiling frescoes is now used as the honeymoon suite for couples who get married at the Fattoria del Colle - because the Fattoria (106 beds across apartments, rooms and the villa) is now a hospitality destination with a restaurant, cookery school, three gardens and a gym. Wine tourism has always been very close to Donatella Cinelli Colombini's heart: she co-founded the Movimento Turismo del Vino and the Cantine Aperte in Italy and has written books about marketing for wine tourism.

However, for a long time Donatella Cinelli Colombini has also been advocating wines from this region, including as president of the Vino Orcia wine consortium. In addition, she was a leading voice in the Brunello di Montalcino winegrowers' consortium for many years, and in 1986 was elected president of Italy's Donne del Vino.

This is of course also thanks to the quality of her wines: Casato Prime Donne in Montalcino covers 40 hectares, 17 of which are planted with Sangiovese. One concept underlying the estate is to give the wine back the characteristics that Donatella first discovered in her younger years in the wines made by her grandfather Giovanni Colombini, one of the pioneers of Brunello di Montalcino: elegant wines that are vertical and fresh, as well as being strongly shaped by their terroir and demonstrating long ageing potential.

This is closely tied to a focus on craftsmanship and ancient traditions, such as using concrete tanks for fermentation. The Brunello spends at least two years maturing in French oak barrels five or seven hectolitres in size, and is then decanted into 15 to 40 hectolitre barrels before finally maturing further in bottle. However, what makes Casato Prime Donne special is that the wines are made entirely by women: like the Primo Donne, Donatella's Brunello selection. This focus on the female side of things is also expressed in the Premio Internazionale Prime Donne, awarded every year to a woman selected by a judging panel for her achievements.

The Brunello di Montalcino Riserva IOSONO-DONATELLA is only made in the best years: the bottle has stars that glow in the light, gathering to form a ring in the middle with a golden seal at the centre. There is a meaning behind this: before Donatella became a winemaker she studied the history of medieval art, focusing on goldsmithery in the Middle Ages.

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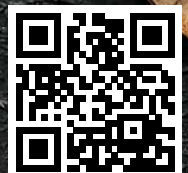
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Elisabetta Geppetti: Maremma and more

She is an ambassador for Maremma and its wines. A sentence like this is often overused by communications agencies, but it is 100% true when it comes to Elisabetta Geppetti.



Photos: Bruno Bruchi, z.v.g.

Elisabetta Geppetti is deeply rooted in the traditions of southern Maremma: she was appointed the first president of the Morellino di Scansano consortium in 1992. Her Fattoria Le Pupille stands on one of the gentle hills at the foot of the Monte Amiata, near to the sea: she now cultivates 75 hectares of vineyards, spread across various parts of Maremma like the pieces of a mosaic. A further 20 hectares are devoted to growing olive trees, and grains and cork oaks then alternate with meadows across the estate's total of 420 hectares.

The winery was built in early 2000 and is close to Istia d'Ombrone near Grosseto. From the outside it looks more like a manor house than a functional, modern winery facility, but that changes on the inside. The Le Pupille story began in 1985 when Elisabetta left university to devote herself to her family's wine estate. She planted Cabernet Sauvignon with the help of the legendary Tuscan oenologist Giacomo Tachis, thus becoming one of the pioneers of new, modern winegrowing in Tuscany.

The heart of the property is around the village of Pereta, covering a total of 25 hectares now known as old Pupille, including a five-hectare vineyard that forms the basis of Saffredi. The Poggio Valente vineyard, acquired in 1996, grows grapes for the wine of the same name on a gentle hillside at 280 metres above sea level. Near to Scansano, a four-hectare plot is planted with white varieties, whilst right by Magliano there is a 20-hectare vineyard set aside for Morellino production.

Her wines have long since gained cult status - such as Saffredi, which celebrated its 30th birthday before Covid-19 with a vertical tasting at the Ten Trinity Square private club in London: Elisabetta Geppetti, the owner of the Le Pupille estate on the Tuscan coast, and her children Clara Gentili and Ettore Rizzi presented 19 vintages from 1987 to 2017. This vertical tasting of 19 vintages demonstrated the ongoing evolution of the wine icon: famous oenology names such as Giacomo Tachis, Riccardo Cotarella, Christian Le Sommer and since 2011 Luco D'Attoma have all provided their support.

But the vision for a new wine primarily comes from Elisabetta herself. And she is not resting on her laurels: a few years ago she created the varietal Syrah Le Pupille, which has already become a flagship for this variety in Italy. And in the spring of 2021, she presented her white Piemme - an abbreviation of Petit Manseng, which she matures in 500-litre barrels for 16 months. As well as creating unique Tuscan wines and establishing one of the most important wine estates in Tuscany, Elisabetta Geppetti has also brought up five children, some of whom have already joined the family business: the next generation is now at work at Le Pupille in the shape of daughter Clara and son Ettore.

I magnifici sette

Combining tradition with innovation is a feature of Tuscany's top wine estates. Some of the best known are run by women, producing some of this Italian region's flagship wines.



Laura Bianchi **Eternal Sangiovese**

San Donato in Poggio is on the western edge of Chianti Classico in a fertile, hilly landscape. The vineyards belonging to Laura Bianchi and her Monsanto wine estate are nestled in the woods here. The region is made for winemaking: the influence of the Tyrrhenian Sea ensures that the grapes receive constant movement of air, the soils are primarily galestro, and the climate is balanced. Perfect for long-lasting wines, in Laura Bianchi's view. Like Il Poggio, the historic Monsanto single-vineyard wine with its clay and limestone soils. As Laura Bianchi puts it, 'this is the vineyard that taught me the most about the region and Sangiovese.' She is the third generation of the family to be looking after Monsanto. The estate was acquired by Laura's grandfather Aldo, but it was his son Fabrizio who first realised the potential of the Monsanto terroir: in 1962 he decided to use the grapes from a single vineyard, Il Poggio, to make a wine - something that had never been done before in Chianti Classico. The result was the first Chianti Classico cru. In 1974, Fabrizio then created the wine Fabrizio Bianchi and the Sangiovese Grosso from the Vigna di Scanni vineyard (planted in 1968), one of the first varietal Sangioveses. Fabrizio's daughter Laura Bianchi has been working at the estate since 1989 and now runs it with a careful hand. She demonstrates the exceptional ageing potential of Monsanto wines again and again via vertical tastings of historic vintages. In her view, these prove the character of San Donato in Poggio. She is therefore very committed to the concept of UGAs - controlled geographic designations of origin in Chianti Classico - and is a member of the local winegrowers' association: 13 member companies joined forces in February 2018 to give a San Donato in Poggio a voice as a small but unique part of Chianti.

Caterina Dei

The harmony of Nobile

Caterina Dei's estate has long been one of the top producers of Vino Nobile DOCG. Once intended as a holiday home by her grandfather Alibrando, the Dei family has been turning its attentions to winegrowing since 1985. Maria Caterina Dei took over running of the estate in 1991, and after completing her theatre studies decided to devote herself to the vineyards and her land. 'Another of our goals', Caterina explains, 'is sustainability, both in the vineyard and in the winery. On the land, we create scope for prevention in order to harvest healthy grapes without any chemicals. We are converting to organic winegrowing, which will be certified from the 2021 harvest onwards. A complex geothermal system has also been installed in the winery for temperature control using renewable energy.' Caterina Dei now runs the estate, which has four top historic sites spread across 38 hectares: Martiena, Bossona, La Ciarliana and La Piaggia. In the winery, Vino Nobile is matured in large Slavonic oak barrels in accordance with the traditional specifications. The estate's two Vino Nobile flagships - as well as the Annata and Riserva - come from terroirs ideally suited to the Sangiovese grape and are only made in exceptional vintages: the Nobile Riserva Bossona from the Bossona vineyard and the Nobile Madonna della Querce from the La Piaggia vineyard. In addition, Sancta Catharina - made from Sangiovese with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon - and Bianco di Martiena are produced under the Toscana IGT. And not forgetting Vin Santo, which has long been a traditional Passito from Montepulciano's vineyards.



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Maria Elisabetta Fagioli

The queen of Vernaccia

Since 1965, Elisabetta Fagioli has been living on a picturesque farm near San Gimignano - Montenedoli. Originally from a wine-making family in the Verona region, she soon recognised the potential of the San Gimignano hills for this unique white wine. The first wine was created in 1971. Today, her vineyards cover more than half a dozen sites between just under 200 and 460 metres above sea level.

The sandy and clay soils and the moderate climate, which is also influenced by the Tyrrhenian Sea, help give the Vernaccia its character. The vineyards are grown using organic and biodynamic methods without herbicides or pesticides. The estate now has three varietal Vernaccia's in its arsenal, which - in Elisabetta's view - each offer a particular expression of the San Gimignano terroir: the Vernaccia Tradizionale spends longer on the skins to provide flavour and structure, the Vernaccia Fiore is made entirely from free run juices and produces a light, delicate wine, and the Vernaccia Carato is fermented in oak and is extremely elegant and long-lived. Every label features the phrase 'Sono Montenedoli' - I am Montenedoli. But that's not all: Sangiovese, Canaiolo, Trebbiano Gentile and Malvasia Bianca - the traditional Chianti grapes - also feature in the vineyards, and are vinified with the same care and attention as the Vernaccia. And Elisabetta always has the final say. The legendary late Italian journalist Luigi Veronelli understood the special nature of the estate, its owner and her Vernaccia: he once wrote that 'Elisabetta Fagioli is a living metaphor for her land'. And that still holds true.

Faye Lottero

In harmony with nature

Fattoria Lavacchio is in Montefiesole to the west of Florence: a diverse landscape with forests, fields and endless vineyards, primarily producing Sangiovese for the Chianti Rufina DOCG. Amid this Tuscan landscape stands Fattoria Lavacchio. Its owner Faye Lottero switched over to organic production years ago, and began establishing harmony between the agricultural work and the nature surrounding it. It also boasts a windmill that was restored 20 years ago, olive oil production (organic, of course), and an agriturismo with associated restaurant.

However, organic production is not the only focus: avoiding sulphur is another of the young winemaker's key objectives. Among other achievements, she has managed to make Annata and Riserva versions of Puro 'senza solfiti' ('without sulphites'). This varietal Sangiovese impresses by its freshness and harmony, without losing its potential to age. The foundations for this are laid in the vineyard and the winery, and can only be achieved using meticulous work and by avoiding any oxidation whatsoever. However, the estate's flagships also include wines like the elegant and precise Chianti Rufina Cedro, and the harmonious Chianti Rufina DOCG Ludiè, the 2011 vintage of which is on sale. This single-vineyard example from old Sangiovese vines also demonstrates the estate's potential for creating long-lasting wines with balance and freshness. With or without added sulphur.



Cinzia Merli

Bolgheri 'in purezza'

On the Via Bolgherese on the Tuscan coast, the grandiose yet simple operational buildings of Le Macchiole rise up with the vineyards stretching behind: with their exceptionally high density, they have always formed part of the avant-garde in the Bolgheri wine region. They have been cultivated in accordance with sustainable principles for many years, but without seeking certification. Le Macchiole was named the winery of the year by the Italian sommeliers' association AIS in 2009.

Cinzia Merli and her late husband Eugenio Campolmi were among the pioneers of Bolgheri winemaking in the early 1980s, and began planting Cabernet Franc as early as 1983, followed by Syrah - the basis for the Paleo Rosso (Bolgheri's first varietal Cabernet Franc, an example that an increasing number of winegrowers are now following) and the Sciro (a varietal Syrah in tiny quantities). These were joined in 1994 by the Merlot wine Messorio, which is one of the best of its kind in top vintages. All of these are Toscana IGT wines. The Bolgheri DOC appellation instead produced the Rosso, which is also one of the region's flagships. The winemaker now has more than 20 hectares of vines at Le Macchiole and runs the estate with huge commitment and attention to detail, assisted by her sons Elia and Mattia. Various projects also promote the relationship between poetry, art, landscape and wine - for example, a mural by street artist OZMO adorns the winery wall. In addition, Cinzia Merli is a leading voice in the Bolgheri DOC wine consortium, serving as vice president.



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Emilia Nardi

The many sides of Brunello

Only very few Brunello winemakers have a tradition of making single-vineyard wines around Montalcino. One of the few is Emilia Nardi, and one of the wine region's best known single vineyards is Vigneto Manachiara, from which Emilia Nardi has been making her eponymous cru since 1995. However, the wine estate's history goes back further than that: Emilia's father, entrepreneur Silvio Nardi, bought the Tenuta di Casale del Bosco estate west of Montalcino in 1950, producing his first Brunello in 1958. This was finally joined in 1962 by the Tenuta di Manachiara estate near Castelnuovo dell'Abate in the south-eastern part of the production area, where the vineyard of the same name also stands. Tenute Silvio Nardi - the name of the estate - is now therefore made up of two properties. Casale del Bosco, to the west where the sun sets, offers elegant and complex wines. Manachiara, to the east where the sun rises, offers powerful, well-structured wines. The Brunello Vigneto Poggio Doria was created in 2004, when Emilia Nardi received the Dea Terra award from Italy's Ministry of Agriculture. But that's not all - eight separate pieces of land, different terroirs, twenty different soil types, and dozens of microvinifications are all used to explore the potential of Sangiovese in particular...

Emilia Nardi has consistently been committed to innovation and the pursuit of even higher quality: Emilia - who has been working with her father at the estate since 1985 and running it alone since 1990 - began selecting her own clones and conducting scientific research in her own vineyards as early as 1995. She is supported by an experienced team led by her nephew Emanuele as oenologist.

Ginevra Venerosi **Pesciolini: biodynamic Pisa**

Tenuta di Ghizzano near Pisa has been owned by the Venerosi Pesciolini family since 1370. Ginevra Venerosi Pesciolini joined the estate in 1995, continuing the work begun by her father a few years before. She is the second of Count Pierfrancesco Venerosi Pesciolini's three daughters. Nambrot was created in 1996 as a tribute to the knight of Charlemagne, the Venerosi Pesciolini's earliest ancestor. Over the subsequent decades, Ginevra Venerosi Pesciolini - with the help of her sisters - transformed this estate steeped in tradition into one of the top wineries on the Tuscan coast. The winemaker is also a driving force behind the new Terre di Pisa DOC, first launched just a few years ago. The biodynamic estate now numbers around 280 hectares, including 18 of vineyards, 15 of olive groves, 100 hectares growing grain and 150 hectares of forests and poplars. Tenuta gained its name from the eponymous village, which extends along the Tuscan coast south-east of Pisa at 200 metres above sea level. The landscape is gentle and the climate mild, influenced by the sea. The soils consist of ocean sediment containing clayey, sandy limestone with shell fossils. In Ginevra Venerosi Pesciolini's view, 'these soils give the wines a refined elegance, but their mineral components also ensure a long life.' Ginevra Venerosi Pesciolini made Tuscan winemaking history with two wines in particular: Veneroso (two thirds Sangiovese and the remainder Cabernet Sauvignon, produced as a Terre di Pisa DOC) reached its 30th birthday with the 2015 vintage, whilst its brother Nambrot (originally a Merlot, now a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot) turned 20 with the 2016 vintage.



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Top 5 White wines

There is no denying that Tuscany is dominated by red grapes, but some bianchi are demonstrating the potential of white varieties – and not just in the Vernaccia region of San Gimignano.

Le Pupille, Grosseto

Toscana IGT Bianco Piemme 2015

17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

A varietal Petit Manseng from a one-hectare vineyard near the coast, matured in tonneaux for 16 months: bright straw yellow, intriguing nose of citrus fruit, apple and pear aromas with some subtle mineral touches, powerful yet smooth on the palate supported by fresh acidity, with creaminess lasting all the way into the finish.

fattorialepupille.it

Ornellaia, Bolgheri

Toscana IGT Bianco Poggio alle Gazze dell'Ornellaia 2019

17 points | 2022 to 2026

A Bolgheri classic made primarily of Sauvignon Blanc: citrus fruit with some exotic fruit aromas on the nose, refreshing in the attack, saline and mineral, supported well by the acidity, with a firm structure and an opulent, lingering finish. Enjoy with seafood.

ornellaia.com

Grattamacco, Castagneto Carducci

Bolgheri DOC Vermentino Grattamacco 2019

17.5 points | 2022 to 2029

Offers up a bewitching nose of lime blossom and exotic fruit with some delicate balsamic touches, powerful yet also precisely made on the palate, combining structure with minerality, and a lingering, complex finish. Still needs to mature.

grattamacco.com

Casa Lucii, San Gimignano

Vernaccia di San Gimignano DOCG Riserva Mareterra 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Complex nose of peach and lime blossom aromas, harmonious texture with crisp acidity and a light, exotic fruit finish. A textbook example of a well ripened Vernaccia from a wonderful white vintage.

casalucii.shop

Tenuta Le Calcinaie, San Gimignano

Vernaccia di San Gimignano DOCG Riserva Vigna Ai Sassi 2018

17 points | 2022 to 2026

The grapes come from the estate's oldest vines: hay, menthol and Mediterranean vegetation on the nose, then a smooth texture that impresses with its minerality, crisp acidity and endlessly lingering fruit finish. Very successful.

tenutalecalcinaie.com



Top 10 Red wines

Climate change is creating an interplay between vintages: dry 2017 was followed by cool, elegant 2018 and 2019. The basis for a series of fantastic wines across all regions – here is a selection.

Bolgheri DOC

Tenuta San Guido, Bolgheri

Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC Sassicaia 2018

19 points | 2024 to 2034

The Bolgheri legend turns 50: intriguing and elegant nose of red fruit aromas with some balsamic touches, powerful in the attack, perfectly balanced, with an utterly harmonious finish of undergrowth, spice and lots of fruit. Excellent with food, but also a delight on its own!

sassicaia.com

Cabernet Franc in purezza

Le Macchiole, Bolgheri

Toscana IGT Paleo 2018

19 points | 2024 to 2030

Bewitching nose of black forest berries and herbs, intense on the palate with perfect balance between the acidity and the fine-grained tannins, compelling style through to the blueberry and herb finish. Very successful.

lemacchiole.it

Antinori, Firenze

Toscana IGT Tignanello 2018

19 points | 2024 to 2030

As a blend of Sangiovese with some Cabernet, this symbolises tradition and innovation rolled into one. Tignanello is once again in top form for the 2018 vintage: fruity and spicy on the nose with refined yet characterful development, hugely lingering and elegant.

antinori.it

Poggio di Sotto, Castelnuovo dell'Abate

Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2016

19 points | 2025 to 2034

Compelling forest fruit and violet aromas, very classic; youthful and polished on the palate with a perfectly balanced framework of tannins and acidity, elegant and finely chiselled in the finish with clear fruit and precisely scattered balsamic notes. Leave in the cellar and do not touch for a few years.

poggiodisotto.com



Chianti Classico Gran Selezione

Barone Ricasoli – Castello di Brolio, Gaiole in Chianti Chianti Classico DCG Gran Selezione Colledilà 2018 18.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Finely chiselled single-site wine from the vineyards around Castello di Brolio, very polished yet also offering structure: impressively well-balanced nose with delicate fruity and floral aromas plus some subtle mineral touches, smooth on the palate yet also heralding a great future, with finely spun tannins and a hugely lingering finish. Compelling elegance and ageing potential.

ricasoli.com

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano

Cantine Dei, Montepulciano

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DCG Riserva Bossona 2016 18 points | 2023 to 2029

18 points | 2023 to 2029

Utterly appealing Maraschino cherry nose with a hint of tobacco in the attack, combining robust tannins with beautiful juiciness, and a lingering finish of ripe stone fruit, spice and tempting balsamic notes. Still needs to mature.

cantinedei.com

Chianti DOCG

Fattoria Selvapiana, Rufina

Chianti Rufina DCG Riserva Vigneto Bucerchiale 2018 18 points | 2023 to 2027

18 points | 2023 to 2027

Compelling stone fruit and herb nose, juicy on the palate, with well-integrated, tightly knit tannins and accentuated acidity, ending with a long finish of fresh forest fruit, leather and herb notes. Very inviting.

selvapiana.it

Cantina Endrizzi, San Michele all'Adige

Maremma Toscana DOC Sangiovese Dono 2015 17.5 points | 2022 to 2026

17.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Captivating black cherry and spice nose with delicate floral aromas as the icing on the cake; harmonious texture with velvety, tightly knit tannins and an intense, lingering finish.

www.endrizzi.it

Terenzi, Scansano

Morellino di Scansano DCG Riserva Madrechiesa 2016 17.5 points | 2023 to 2026

17.5 points | 2023 to 2026

Matured in large Slavonic oak barrels for twelve months: inviting berry, leather and chocolate nose, powerful and straightforward on the palate with fine-grained, precisely integrated tannins and a spicy, fruity finish. Once again convincing in this vintage.

terenzi.eu

Podere Montebendico – Amiata, Castel del Piano

Montecucco Sangiovese DCG Riserva Cenere 2012 17.5 points | 2022 to 2026

17.5 points | 2022 to 2026

From volcanic soils at more than 400 metres above sea level, matured in oak for 24 months: finely chiselled nose also supported by mineral touches, juicy on the palate, well balanced, very polished with sweet tannins and a lingering finish of cherry jam notes. An individual, elegant interpretation of a Montecucco.

amiatavini.it



Top 10 Best Buy

Good wine does not have to be expensive: we have chosen ten examples offering impressive value for money. There are one or two representing each region.

Panizzi, San Gimignano

Vernaccia di San Gimignano DOCG Vigna Santa

Margherita 2019

16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Single-site varietal wine from a Vernaccia vineyard close to San Gimignano, fermented in oak and steel: tempting floral nose with fresh apple notes, lively acidity, combining character with a lingering style. A delicately tart, mineral finish. Elegant yet offering ageing potential.

16 euros | panizzi.it

Val delle Rose, Grosseto

Maremma Toscana DOC Val delle Rose Il Ciliegolo 2018

17 points | 2022 to 2025

A tribute to the Ciliegolo grape, which produces refined, characterful wines in Maremma: small forest fruit and undergrowth aromas on the nose, compact structure with defining acidity, huge amounts of polish and fresh elegance, ending with red berry and spice notes.

16 euros | valdellerose.it

Fattoria di Magliano, Magliano

Morellino di Scansano DOCG Heba 2019

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Fattoria di Magliano stands amid gentle hills close to the town of the same name, where it makes this harmonious Morellino matured in steel: accentuated fruit nose with delicate spice aromas, fresh in the attack with lively acidity and a red berry finish. Suitable for laying down.

12 euros | fattoriadimagliano.it

Basile, Cinigiano

Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG Riserva Ad Agio 2016

17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

A long-lived Riserva from the slopes of Monte Amiata: raspberry and violet nose casually spiced up with mineral aromas; elegant development – fine-grained tannins, invigorating acidity – into spicy red forest fruit notes, along with some balsamic touches and delicate salinity.

28 euros | basilessa.it



Baricci, Montalcino**Brunello di Montalcino DOCG Montosoli 2016****18.5 points | 2024 to 2032**

A classic from the Brunello wine region: ripe fruit and spice aromas shape the intriguingly complex nose, noble on the palate with fine-grained tannins, perfectly integrated acidity, and a classic, complex, endlessly lingering finish. A traditional style vibrantly re-interpreted.

53 euros | baricci.it**Tre Rose, Valiano di Montepulciano****Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG Riserva Simposio 2017****17.5 points | 2023 to 2029**

For some time, Tenuta Tree Rose has been undertaking zoning of its Montepulciano vineyards, and here is one of the extraordinarily successful results: charismatic raspberry and violet nose, fresh in the attack, shaped by the invigorating acidity and tightly knit tannins, offering spirit and sophistication all the way into the lingering finish.

34 euros | tenutatrerose.it**Colle Bereto, Radda in Chianti****Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione 2016****18 points | 2024 to 2031**

The vineyards are at 450 to 500 metres above sea level, one of the highest sites in Chianti: graceful nose of blueberry and chocolate with some floral touches, polished texture with very long-lasting acidity, and a compellingly fruity and opulent finish. A wine best enjoyed with food.

40 euros | collebereto.com**Lamole di Lamole, Gaiole in Chianti****Chianti Classico DOCG Riserva 2017****17 points | 2023 to 2027**

At around 500 metres above sea level, Lamole di Lamole also has one of the most exposed positions in the wine region: captivating nose of red berry, tobacco and spice, compact structure with well-integrated, fine-grained tannins and a compellingly polished style.

28 euros | lamole.com**Uggiano, San Vincenzo a Torri****Uggiano – Riserva Fagiano 2018****Chianti DOCG Riserva Fagiano 2018****17 points | 2022 to 2026**

The vineyards used for this wine are in some of the best locations of Castello di Montespertoli: this well-balanced Riserva is matured in French oak, and delights with its berry and tobacco aromas; the structure of tannins and acidity is perfectly balanced, the acidity is vibrant, and the finish is linear. Excellent with food.

10 euros | uggiano.it**Fabio Motta, Castagneto Carducci****Bolgheri DOC Superiore Le Gonnare 2018****17.5 points | 2023 to 2029**

The vineyards of this six-hectare estate are primarily on the edge of Castagneto Carducci in the Le Pievi zone: wins you over with its spicy berry nose with pepper, herb and undergrowth aromas; elegant development with fine-grained tannins, hugely lingering and refined.

34 euros | mottafabio.it



VERNACCIA DI SAN GIMIGNANO DOCG

Tuscany in white

It was once said to make a red dressed up as a white, but many winemakers are now focusing on its minerality and its potential to mature: the Vernaccia grape variety.

Around the town of San Gimignano at the heart of Tuscany, late-ripening Vernaccia (the grape is generally not harvested until the end of September) is exclusively used as the basis for partly floral and fruity, partly well-structured wines. A hint of minerality and solid acidity also ensure astonishingly long-lived wines - not just Riservas, which have to mature in cellars for eleven months, but also Annatas, which are marketed in the spring after the harvest.

This is thanks to the limestone and loam soils, but also and above all to the airy location of the vineyards between inland Tuscany and the sea. The coast is just 25 kilometres away and guarantees a stiff breeze even in hot years. The breezy vineyards ensure that Vernaccia grapes have few disease issues even in volatile years, and are very well suited to organic cultivation. Numerous producers around San Gimignano therefore hold organic certification.

Vernaccia di San Gimignano was first referenced in 1276, was the first Italian wine to receive a DOC in 1996, and is the only DOCG white wine in Tuscany (since 1993). Today, there are more than 700 hectares of vineyards. However, a lot of the Vernaccia is consumed locally and sold to wine enthusiast tourists, but the town with its substantial dynasty towers is one of the most photographed landmarks in Tuscany. If you should happen to be in San Gimignano, the audiovisual Vernaccia di San Gimignano Wine Experience is definitely worth a visit: in Rocca di Montestaffoli at the high-

est point of the town, you can try a wide range of wines alongside cheese, prosciutto and salami.

The 2020 Vernaccia, tasted this year at the Anteprima in San Gimignano, is already demonstrating great drinking and ageing potential. Almost all the wines share a good structure of acidity and beautiful minerality. The Riservas and some Selections, which are marketed a year or two later, develop interesting petrol notes and tertiary aromas after some time in cellar. Despite experiencing capricious weather, the current 2019 Riserva vintage shows the same potential as the well-balanced 2018. In short: you are better off leaving them a while and starting with a 2014 or 2016!

Facts and figures

Cultivation area: around the town of San Gimignano at the heart of Tuscany.

Vineyard: approx. area 720 hectares

Producers: approx. 90

Key grape varieties: Vernaccia (must make up at least 85% of the blend)

www.vernaccia.it

Top 10 Best of Vernaccia



1 Casa Lucii, San Gimignano Riserva Mareterra 2016 17 points | 2023 to 2027

Complex nose of peach and lime blossom aromas, harmonious texture with crisp acidity and a light, exotic fruit finish. A textbook example of a well ripened Vernaccia from a wonderful white vintage.

casalucii.shop,
pywinery.com



2 Tenuta Le Calcinaie, San Gimignano Riserva Vigna Ai Sassi 2018 17 points | 2022 to 2026

The grapes come from the estate's oldest vines: hay, menthol and Mediterranean vegetation on the nose, then a smooth texture that impresses with its minerality, crisp acidity and endlessly lingering fruit finish.

tenutalecalcinaie.com



3 Il Palagione, San Gimignano Lyra 2018 17 points | 2022 to 2026

Beginning with exquisite floral and green apple aromas, powerful on the palate with spirited, precisely integrated acidity, beautifully polished all the way into the finish. Enjoy with sea bream.

ilpalagione.com



4 Montenidoli, San Gimignano Carato 2018 17 points | 2022 to 2027

Spicy with bright stone fruit and flower aromas, along with some tempting sandalwood notes; juicy on the palate with invigorating acidity, beautifully polished with mineral salinity and a delicately tart yet fruity finish. Characterful yet also very elegant.

montenidoli.com



5 Fratelli Vagnoni, San Gimignano Riserva I Mocali 2017 16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

A spirited start with pear and rose blossom aromas on the nose, compact on the palate, perfectly integrated acidity, and an opulent and spicy finish with stone fruit and Mediterranean macchia notes.

fratellivagnoni.com



6 Cesani Vincenzo, San Gimignano Riserva Sanice 2018 16.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Inviting nose of balsamic and citrus aromas, juicy and fruity with invigorating acidity, right into the finish with its balsamic touches and hint of Mediterranean macchia. Appealingly elegant style.

cesani.it



7 Panizzi, San Gimignano Vigna Santa Margherita 2019 16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Tempting floral nose with fresh apple notes, lively acidity, combining character with a lingering style. A delicately tart, mineral finish. Elegant.

panizzi.it,
fusterswy-bude.ch



8 Casa alle Vacche, San Gimignano Riserva Crocus 2018 16.5 points | 2023 to 2026

Delicately spicy and complex nose, compact and fresh on the palate with lively acidity and a citrus fruit and blossom finish. Combines elegance with youthful spirit. Could still be left to age.

casaallevacche.it



9 Cappella Sant'Andrea, San Gimignano Riserva Prima Luce 2018 16.5 points | 2023 to 2026

Organic wine from 50-year-old vines. Fermented in clay and matured in oak: superb lime blossom and exotic fruit nose, complex in the attack with well-integrated acidity, very juicy right into the finish.

cappellasantandrea.it



10 Il Palagione, San Gimignano Riserva Ori 2019 16.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Superb peach and citrus fruit nose, a harmonious texture with fresh acidity, very juicy and intense with lots of minerality, and an appealing fresh finish of delicate stone fruit and acacia blossom notes.

ilpalagione.com

Tenuta La Vigna, San Gimignano**Riserva 2019****16 points | 2022 to 2025**

Spicy wine with beautiful salinity and excellent development, and a finely chiselled, delicately tart finish. Fantastic with grilled fish.

tenutalavigna.com/it**Fattoria di Fugnano, Comune di San****Gimignano****2020****16 points | 2022 to 2025**

Tempting floral and pear nose flanked by toasted hazelnut aromas, with invigorating, well-integrated acidity, crisp and appealing right into the delicately tart finish.

fattoriadifugnano.com**Fattoria di Fugnano, Comune di San****Gimignano****Donna Gina 2019****16 points | 2022 to 2024**

Pleasantly fresh fruity nose spiced up with elderflower aromas, juicy on the palate, compact with invigorating acidity and a mineral, delicately tart finish. Successful.

fattoriadifugnano.com**Il Lebbio, San Gimignano****2020****16 points | 2022 to 2025**

Complex floral and fruity nose, full-bodied on the palate with well-integrated acidity, ending with fresh stone fruit notes. Excellent with food.

illebbio.it**Cesani Vincenzo, San Gimignano****2020****16 points | 2022 to 2024**

Complex fruity nose, compact on the palate, characterful with an opulent finish of bitter almond and fruity, fresh peach.

cesani.it**Casa alle Vacche, San Gimignano****I Macchioni 2020****16 points | 2022 to 2024**

Floral and peach nose, crisp on the palate, with invigorating acidity and a well-balanced, lingering finish.

Serve with grilled trout.

casallevacche.it**La Mormoraia, San Gimignano****Suavis 2020****16 points | 2022 to 2024**

Impresses with lush aromas of apple and peach; full-bodied in the attack with invigorating acidity, and a stone fruit finish with some saline, mineral touches. Good with a merenda.

mormoraia.it**Il Palagione, San Gimignano****Hydra 2020****16 points | 2022 to 2025**

Intriguing apple and exotic fruit notes shine through on the nose, compact on the palate with perfectly integrated acidity, smooth and fruity with a subtle bitter almond finish.

ilpalagione.com**Il Colombaio di Santa Chiara, San****Gimignano****Selvabianca 2020****16 points | 2022 to 2024**

Stimulating mint and Mediterranean macchia on the nose, compact on the palate with mineral-saline touches and a crisp finish. Good with spaghetti alle vongole.

colombaiofantachiarait**Borgo Tollena, San Gimignano****Riserva Signorina Vittoria 2017****16 points | 2022 to 2025**

A successful mixture of fruit and balsamic aromas, refreshing on the palate enlivened with crisp acidity, and an appealing peach and herb finish.

Enjoy with a porcini mushroom risotto.

borgotollena.com**Panizzi, San Gimignano****Riserva 2017****16 points | 2022 to 2026**

Delicately spicy nose cocooned in peach aromas, compact on the palate with lively acidity, and white pepper, ripe fruit and nuts in the finish. Pleasingly complex.

panizzi.it**San Benedetto, San Gimignano****Riserva 2018****16 points | 2022 to 2026**

Crisp and fresh nose with beautiful floral aromas, juicy with subtle mineral touches on the palate and a delicately tart finish.

agrisanbenedetto.com**Cappella Sant'Andrea, San Gimignano****Rialto 2019****16 points | 2022 to 2024**

Strikes a pose with a complex nose, fresh and invigorating on the palate, polished, with a lingering, well-balanced finish. Reliable.

cappellasantandrea.it**Teruzzi, San Gimignano****Isola Bianca 2020****16 points | 2022 to 2024**

Offering up a fruity expression of peach aromas supported by floral notes, compact on the palate with invigorating acidity, and a lingering fresh apple and peach finish.

teruzziwine.com**Tenuta Le Calcinai, San Gimignano****2020****16 points | 2022 to 2024**

Intriguing nose of flowers and stone fruit with subtle minerality, accentuated on the palate with present acidity and a well-balanced finish. Compelling.

tenutalecalcinai.com**Poderi del Paradiso, San Gimignano****Biscondola 2019****16 points | 2022 to 2024**

Finely chiselled peach and citrus aromas, juicy on the palate with vibrant acidity, smooth and polished all the way into the finish.

poderidelparadiso.it**Cantine Guidi, San Gimignano****Riserva Aurea 2018****16 points | 2023 to 2026**

Citrus nose with mineral touches, then crisp and well balanced with invigorating acidity and a spicy bitter almond and exotic fruit finish.

guidi1929.com**Signano, San Gimignano****Riserva La Ginestra 2019****16 points | 2022 to 2025**

Reticent floral nose with exotic fruit aromas, crisp on the palate, fresh with perfectly integrated acidity, juicy and lingering. Offering mineral elegance.

casolaredibucciano.it**La Lastra, Siena****2020****16 points | 2022 to 2024**

Complex nose of green apple and sensual flowers, polished texture, invigorating acidity, with a delicately tart finish. Successful.

lalastra.it**La Lastra, Siena****Riserva 2019****16 points | 2023 to 2025**

Delicately spicy blossom and lime nose, compact on the palate with well-balanced acidity, ending with ripe stone fruit, elderflower and almond notes. Compelling complexity.

lalastra.it

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MAREMMA TOSCANA DOC

Fantastic native reds

Tuscan Maremma, with its sun-kissed vineyards by the coast, is known for Vermentino and Bordeaux varieties, but is also producing fantastic results with native red grapes – particularly Sangiovese and Ciliegiolo.

Maremma stretches across southern Tuscany on the slopes of Monte Amiata, from the Argentario peninsula to Isola del Giglio, and is generally viewed as an entirely coastal area. However, the Maremma Toscana DOC wine region also stretches far inland across the entire province of Grosseto. The range of wines produced is equally broad: volcanic subsoils – forming the basis for mineral white and red wines – can be found east of the Fiora river around the communes of Pitigliano and Sorano, marl soils in the hills between the Fiora and Ombrone rivers, and clay and silt in Alta Maremma, the hilly areas near the coast and the alluvial soils on the plain. There are also climatic differences shaped by influences from the inland and the sea, ensuring a broad spectrum of wines on offer.

However, winemaking is a relatively recent pursuit and does not have a long-standing tradition in the Morellino region. It first began growing in importance when Maremma's extensive marshland was drained in the 18th century.

As well as international red grape varieties such as Cabernet, Merlot or Syrah, indigenous grapes are now also offering good results: Sangiovese, of course, but also Ciliegiolo and Pugnitello benefit from this well-balanced climate near the sea. Furthermore, the white grape variety Vermentino has enjoyed huge success in recent years, and is responsible for the majority of the newly planted vines. However, Maremma Toscana is also an area that is well suited to sustainable winemaking. Numerous operations hold organic certification.

The Consorzio Tutela Vini della Maremma Toscana (founded in 2014) now has more than 300 members, around 90 of which are vertical operations that produce and bottle their own grapes. The consortium is responsible for monitoring and promoting the wines.

Despite or thanks to their differences, recent vintages have produced hugely differing results: the 2017s (also a dry year in Maremma) impress with power and substance, the 2018s bring finesse, and the 2019 vintage offers exceptional results despite some capricious weather conditions. The well-balanced 2020 vintage, of which not many samples have yet been presented, also offers good prospects.

Facts and figures

Cultivation area: vineyards across the whole of the Grosseto province in southwest Tuscany

Vineyard area: 8750 hectares in the province of Grosseto

Producers: approx. 90 (from around 300 consortium members)

Key grape varieties: Cabernet, Sangiovese, Vermentino

www.consorziovinimaremma.it

Top 10 Best of Maremma

This time we are devoting our attentions to Tuscany's very own red grapes: primarily Sangiovese, as well as Cilieggiolo, which is well worth exploring.



1 Cantina Endrizzi, San Michele all'Adige Sangiovese Dono 2015
17.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Captivating black cherry and spice nose with delicate floral aromas as the icing on the cake; harmonious texture with velvety, tightly knit tannins, and an intense, lingering finish.

endrizzi.it, sabitze.com



2 Valdonica, Sassofortino Cilieggiolo Vigna Rigualdo 2018
17.5 points | 2022 to 2028

Ripe black cherry, Mediterranean macchia and spices on the nose, smooth on the palate with fine-grained tannins and well-integrated acidity, combining depth with an easy-drinking style.

valdonica.com, vipinowein.de, zweifel1898.ch



3 Podere San Cristoforo, Bagno di Gavorrano Sangiovese Carandelle 2017
17 points | 2022 to 2026

Biodynamic wine matured in French oak for ten months: forest fruit and delicate spice nose, acidity and finely knitted tannins providing spirit, and a lingering fruity finish.

poderesan cristoforo.it, silkes-weinkeller.de, aniel-vins.ch



4 Val delle Rose, Grosseto Val delle Rose II Cilieggiolo 2018
17 points | 2022 to 2025

Small forest fruit and undergrowth aromas on the nose, compact structure with defining acidity, huge amounts of polish and fresh elegance, ending with red berry and spice notes.

Successful.
valdellerose.it



5 Valdonica, Sassofortino Saragio 2018
17 points | 2022 to 2027

A selection of grapes from 600 metres above sea level, matured in barriques for eight months: inviting red berry and violet nose, juicy, compact, with invigorating acidity, and beautifully polished right into the accentuated fruit finish. Refined.

valdonica.com, superiore.de, zweifel1898.ch



6 Tenuta Moraia, Castellina in Chianti Sangiovese 2018
16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Sangiovese with some Alicante: striking forest fruit and herb nose, juicy on the palate with tightly knit tannins and an appealingly smooth and elegant style.

piccini1882.it



7 Tenuta Ribusieri, Cinigiano Sangiovese Solaura 2018
16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Inviting red berry nose with some delicate balsamic touches, juicy and well balanced on the palate with fresh acidity that invigorates the wine right into the floral, fruity finish. Successful.

agricolaribusieri.it



8 Fattoria di Magliano, Magliano Rosso Sinarra 2019
16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Red berry and pepper nose, juicy on the palate with invigorating acidity and fresh, well-integrated tannins, beautifully smooth right into the finish of stone fruit and delicate spice.

fattoriadimagliano.it, elderansch.de, flaschenpost.ch



9 La Selva, Orbetello Cilieggiolo 2017
16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Matured in barriques for eight months: plump nose of cherry and spice aromas, juicy on the palate with the prominent acidity well integrated, and a beautiful sour cherry finish. Spirited.

laselva-bio.it, probiowein.de



10 La Biagiola, Sovana di Sorano Sangiovese Alideo 2018
16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Silky red berry and floral nose, soft and well balanced on the palate, beautifully smooth with well-integrated tannins pleasingly underpinned by the acidity, harmonious and lingering.

labiagiola.it



Maremma Toscana

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Regione Toscana



**Azienda Guido F. Fendi, Fonteblanda
Maremma Toscana DOC Rosso
Burattini 2018**

16 points | 2022 to 2026

Opulent cherry and chocolate aromas, juicy on the palate with well-integrated acidity and tannins, polished right into the ripe plum finish.

Successful.

guidoffendi.com

**Azienda Agricola San Beatrice, Gavorrano
Maremma Toscana DOC Sangiovese
Valpazza 2019**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Stimulating nose of red fruit and flowers, crisp texture, accentuated acidity, appealingly youthful style.

aziendaagricolasanbeatrice.it

**Tenuta Sassoregale, Grosseto
Maremma Toscana DOC Riserva
Poderalta 2017**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Spicy berry nose with herb and pepper aromas, fresh in the attack with invigorating acidity, very smooth and juicy right into the ripe finish. Perceptible oak.

sassoregale.com

**Tenuta Cupiroso, Magliano
Maremma Toscana DOC Sangiovese
Suadente 2019**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Reticent stone fruit nose, juicy on the palate, invigorating acidity, elegant and fresh development, and a stimulating fruit finish. Characterful.

cupiroso.com

**Tenute Valdifalco, Magliano in Toscana
Maremma Toscana DOC Sangiovese 2019**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Exquisite nose of raspberry and floral aromas, compact in the attack with good balance between the tannins and acidity, and a forest fruit finish. Typical of the grape.

loacker.bio

**Giovanni Valentini, Massa Marittima
Maremma Toscana DOC Sangiovese
Vivoli 2018**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Still rather closed on the nose with red berry and spice aromas, juicy on the palate, beautifully smooth, with a ripe, red berry finish. Robust.

agricolavalentini.it

**Le Vigne, Montenero d'Orcia
Maremma Toscana DOC Ciliegolo 2019**

16 points | 2022 to 2024

Spicy red berry and herb nose, full-bodied on the palate with fresh tannins, vibrant acidity and a fresh, fruity finish.

aziendalevigne.com

**Muralia, Roccastrada
Maremma Toscana DOC Sangiovese
Altana 2019**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Classic raspberry and violet nose, full-bodied on the palate with well-integrated acidity, fresh and crisp right into the red berry finish.

muralia.it

**Valdonica srl, Sassofortino
Maremma Toscana DOC Rosso
Arnaio 2019**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Blend of Sangiovese and Ciliegolo: tempting raspberry nose with macchia notes, full-bodied on the palate with the acidity and robust tannins in perfect balance, and a lingering finish of plum, red berries and spice. Successful.

valdonica.com

**Tenuta Aquilaia, Scansano
Maremma Toscana DOC Ciliegolo 2019**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Fresh fruit nose with red berry and Mediterranean macchia aromas, well-balanced texture, lively acidity, fresh fruit, yet also character all the way into the finish.

tenutaaquilaia.it

**Vignaioli del Morellino di Scansano,
Scansano
Maremma Toscana DOC Sangiovese Vin
del Fattore 2020**

16 points | 2022 to 2024

Made using the Governo Toscano method with a proportion of dried Sangiovese grapes: ripe cherry and leather nose, juicy on the palate with well-integrated acidity, appealing in its intense style.

vignaiolidiscansano.it

**Triacca, Villa di Tirano
Maremma Toscana DOC Rosso Spadino
2018**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Varietal Sangiovese matured in steel: classic raspberry and violet nose, lively on the palate, invigorating acidity, with elegant, well-balanced development into red berries and delicate spice in the finish.

triaccavini.eu

**Il Poderone - Terre dell'Etruria, Castag-
neto Carducci
Maremma Toscana DOC Ciliegolo Briglia
2020**

15.5 points | 2022 to 2023

Cherry and red berry nose, fresh in the attack, invigorating acidity and a pleasantly fruity finish.

terretruria.it

**Paniole, Magliano
Maremma Toscana DOC Rosso
Pugnetello 2019**

15.5 points | 2022 to 2024

Black cherry and herb aromas, full-bodied on the palate, with defining acidity, ending with black-berry jam and herb notes. Robust style.

mocali.eu

**Mocali, Montalcino
Maremma Toscana DOC Ciliegolo 2020**

15.5 points | 2022 to 2023

Forest fruit and herbs on the nose, juicy on the palate with concise acidity, ending with currant and herb notes. Typical of the grape.

mocali.eu

**Vignaioli del Morellino di Scansano,
Scansano
Maremma Toscana DOC Ciliegolo
Capoccia 2020**

15.5 points | 2022 to 2023

Ciliegolo with some Alicante: currant and spice nose, juicy on the palate, beautifully polished with well-integrated acidity. Compellingly easy-drinking.

vignaiolidiscansano.it



MORELLINO DI SCANSANO DOCG

Rosso with ocean views

Near the Tuscan coast, Sangiovese grapes are able to ripen perfectly. They form the basis for fresh, fruity wines that are still able to age. All have a Mediterranean goût de terroir.

The Morellino di Scansano region covers around 1500 hectares of vineyards in southern Tuscany at altitudes of up to 500 metres. The vineyards stand between the Ombrone and Albegna valleys and are open to breezes from the Tyrrhenian Sea, ensuring good movement of air and significant temperature differences between day and night.

Morellino di Scansano DOCG has also recently been granted permission to use the designation 'Toscana' on its labels - and rightly so, because it is a typically Tuscan wine made from Sangiovese (at least 85%, the remainder being complementary native or international grape varieties), named after a local horse breed (Morellini). The wine's origins date back a long way, to the Etruscan and Roman eras. Wine was also cultivated on a local level during the Middle Ages, but the ascent of the area around the town of Scansano, where aristocrats from Grosseto once fled to escape malaria, only began once the Maremma swamps were drained in the 18th century. Winegrowing has become an increasingly important economic factor ever since.

The region was awarded a DOC in 1978 and a DOCG in 2007. The Morellino di Scansano wine consortium has been responsible for monitoring and promoting the wines since 1992. It currently has more than 200 member operations, with over 90% producing a Morellino di Scansano DOCG. The DOCG area covers the entire commune of Scansano and parts of the communes of Campagnatico, Grosseto, Magliano in Toscana, Man-

ciano, Roccalbegna and Semproniano in the province of Grosseto.

A Morellino di Scansano Annata can be marketed as a young wine, as early as the spring after the harvest. Morellino di Scansano Riserva must have been matured in cellars for at least two years, one of which must have been in oak. Between these two stands another form of Morellino di Scansano, namely Selections matured for between four and twelve months.

However, whether Annata, Selection or Riserva, one thing holds true: a Morellino di Scansano is Mediterranean, and when young is more accessible than inland Sangiovese. Among the Riservas currently being tasted, the harmonious 2016 and 2018 vintages stand out. 2019 and 2020 (the Annata vintages), however, impress with their fruitiness and elegance.

Facts and figures

Cultivation area: a hilly region covering around 60,000 hectares in the Grosseto hinterland near the coast

Vineyard area: 1500 hectares

Producers: approx. 100

Key grape varieties: Sangiovese (at least 85%)

www.consorziomorellino.it

Top 10 Best of Morellino DOCG

Morellino di Scansano DOCG wines are consistently very accommodating bottles that nevertheless have the potential to age.



2 Val delle Rose, Grosseto
Riserva Poggio Al Leone 2017
17 points | 2022 to 2026
Matured in small oak barrels for a year: elegant character, smooth and fresh even in this dry vintage, with ripe forest berries and delicate spice, well balanced on the palate with a lingering finish.
valdellerose.it, weisshaus.de, obrist.ch



3 Fattoria Le Pupille, Grosseto
Riserva 2018
17 points | 2023 to 2026
Sangiovese with some Cabernet Sauvignon, matured in large oak barrels for 15 months: delicate berry nose with fine spice and lovage, powerful on the palate, good balance between the tannins and the acidity, lingering.
fattorialepupille.it, vinatis.de, terravigna.ch



1 Terenzi, Scansano
Riserva Madrechiesa 2016
17.5 points | 2023 to 2026
Matured in large Slavonic oak barrels for twelve months: inviting berry, leather and chocolate nose, powerful and straightforward on the palate with precisely integrated tannins and a spicy, fruity finish. Compelling once again!
terenzi.eu, vinehouse.de, caratello.ch



4 Belguardo - Mazzei, Grosseto
Riserva Bronzone 2016
17 points | 2022 to 2026
Single-vineyard Sangiovese matured in small oak barrels for 14 months: tempting forest fruit, liquorice and Mediterranean macchia nose, juicy on the palate with tightly knit, perfectly integrated tannins and an endlessly lingering finish.
mazzei.it, superiore.de, xtrawine.com



5 Tenute Valdifalco, Magliano in Toscana
Poggio Marcone 2019
17 points | 2022 to 2025
Pleasantly spicy nose of forest fruit and Mediterranean macchia, elegant yet also full in the attack with finely meshed tannins and an intense fruity finish. Excellent with food.
loacker.bio



6 Fattoria Mantellassi, Magliano in Toscana
Riserva Le Sentinelle 2016
17 points | 2022 to 2026
Sangiovese with some Alicante, matured in small oak barrels for 20 months: Mediterranean macchia joins forces with elegant raspberry and tobacco aromas; fine-grained and well-integrated tannins, well balanced, lingering.
fattoriamentellassi.it



7 Poggio Nibbiale, Magliano in Toscana
Riserva Tommaso 2015
17 points | 2022 to 2026
A single-vineyard Sangiovese matured in small oak barrels for 24 months: inviting berry and herb nose with some leather and mushrooms, compact structure with good balance between the acidity and the tannins. Compelling with its elegance.
nibbiale.com, dallmayr.com/de, vinidamato.ch



8 Mocali, Montalcino
Riserva Suberli 2016
17 points | 2022 to 2026
Inviting ripe cherry, chocolate and Mediterranean macchia nose, full-bodied in the attack with perceptible tannins nevertheless balanced out well by the acidity, combining power with smoothness and ending in lingering, promising style.
mocali.eu, castelcosimo.de, rutishauser.com



9 La Selva, Orbetello
Riserva Colli dell'Uccellina 2018
17 points | 2022 to 2026
Fruity and spicy nose ornamented with beautiful balsamic touches, well structured on the palate with the acidity balanced out by the tightly knit tannins, reliable all the way into the finish. Enjoy with food.
laselva-bio.it, algrappolo.ch, biopartner.ch



10 Terenzi, Scansano
Riserva Purosangue 2017
17 points | 2022 to 2026
Clear fruit nose of raspberry aromas with a hint of undergrowth and herbs, juicy on the palate with sturdy tannins. Typical of the grape and well made. Excellent companion to a tender steak.
terenzi.eu, vinehouse.de, caratello.ch



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**Poggio Trevalle, Campagnatico
Riserva Larcille 2016**

16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Sangiovese with some Cabernet and Grenache, matured in oak for a year. Skilfully attuned plum, leather and blossom nose, polished yet full on the palate with a lingering fruity finish. Reliable.

poggiotrevalle.it

**Podere 414 Simone Castelli, Magliano in
Toscana
2019**

16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Sangiovese with some Colorino, Ciliegiolo, Alicante and Syrah: dark forest fruit, cherries and chocolate on the nose, full-bodied on the palate, smooth and juicy, beautifully lingering. Compellingly elegant style.

podere414.it

**Tenute Guicciardini Strozzi, San
Gimignano**

Riserva 2016

16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Cosy raspberry and Mediterranean macchia aromas on the nose with some balsamic touches, robust texture with compact tannins and perfectly integrated acidity, and a spicy forest fruit finish. Best enjoyed with food.

guicciardinistrozzi.it

**Vignaioli del Morellino di Scansano,
Scansano**

Riserva Roggiano 2018

16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Harmonious nose of plum and chocolate aromas enhanced with a subtle touch of spice, juicy on the palate with robust tannins, combining fullness with polish. Successful.

vignaiolidiscansano.it

**Poggio ArgentierA, Grosseto
Bellamarsilia 2020**

16 points | 2022 to 2024

From vineyards 350 metres above sea level: spicy currant and floral nose, compact in the attack, juicy and lingering. Solid interpretation of the vintage.

poggioargentiera.com

**Tenuta Ammiraglia – Frescobaldi,
Magliano**

Santa Maria 2019

16 points | 2022 to 2024

Tempting ripe raspberry and violet nose typical of the grape, well balanced on the palate, beautifully smooth and wonderfully lingering. For a mild summer's afternoon.

frescobaldi.com

**Fattoria di Magliano, Magliano
Heba 2019**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Accentuated fruit nose with delicate spice aromas, fresh in the attack with lively acidity and a red berry finish. Suitable for laying down.

fattoriadimagliano.it

**Poggio Nibbiale, Magliano in
Toscana**

2019

16 points | 2022 to 2024

Varietal Sangiovese matured in French oak for twelve months: appealing raspberry aromas with some balsamic notes, powerful on the palate with robust, well-integrated tannins, subtly sophisticated. Needs to mature somewhat.

nibbiale.com

**Fattoria Mantellassi, Magliano in Toscana
Mentore 2020**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

A cuvée made of Sangiovese with some Cabernet Sauvignon: blackcurrant nose, compact structure, well-integrated acidity and tannins, and a harmonious finish.

fattoriamentellassi.it

**Morisfarms, Massa Marittima
2018**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Beginning with fresh berries, then compact and juicy on the palate with a lingering finish of clear fruit and spice notes. Reliable style.

morisfarms.com

**Tenute Guicciardini Strozzi, San
Gimignano**

Morellino i Massi 2018

16 points | 2022 to 2024

Fresh, fruit-driven nose; harmonious on the palate, with a lingering finish of pleasant berry notes. Enjoy with pasta and mushrooms.

guicciardinistrozzi.it

**Cantina Endrizzi, San Michele all'Adige
2019**

16 points | 2022 to 2024

Accentuated cherry nose with leather and floral aromas, juicy texture with well-integrated tannins and acidity and a lingering berry finish. A good companion to food.

endrizzi.it

**Tenuta Ghiaccio Forte, Scansano
Ghiaccio Forte 2020**

16 points | 2022 to 2024

From the Maremma wine estate owned by Brunello producer Castello Romitorio: clear Sangiovese nose, juicy on the palate with invigorating acidity, and a lingering finish of forest fruit and Mediterranean macchia. Successful.

ghiaccioforte.com

**Terenzi, Scansano
2019**

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Sangiovese matured in steel: when swirled it develops ripe cherry, spice and tobacco notes, offering a smooth structure and well-integrated acidity. Compelling style.

terenzi.eu



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Beneath the volcano

Between the 1738-metre peak of Monte Amiata and the Val d'Orcia stands this small but perfectly formed wine region with its hot springs, mineral soils and 800 hectares of vineyards, where Sangiovese thrives in magnificent form.

You can gain a first look at the long history of winemaking in this area of southern Tuscany at the Vigna Museo, Montecucco's wine museum. Thanks to a collaboration with the University of Pisa, various clones of Sangiovese and other vines that have always been a feature of the area are being cultivated and researched in a vineyard. The attached wine museum looks at the history of winegrowing in Montecucco, which dates back to Etruscan times.

The wine region covers seven communes between the Val d'Orcia and Monte Amiata: Arcidosso, Campagnatico, Castel del Piano, Cinigiano, Civitella Paganico, Roccalbegna and Seggiano. The majority of the vineyards are on the slopes of Monte Amiata, an extinct volcano that is snow-capped in winter. Its soils give the wines a mineral, saline note. Further north, limestone dominates, and there are even alluvial soils. The climate is fresh and breezy, thanks to dry airflows from inland Tuscany and Mediterranean influences from the Tyrrhenian coast. At altitudes of up to 500 metres, there is a wide range of microclimates.

The region's wines, Montecucco DOC (the designation of origin established in 1998) and Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG (since 2011), are shaped by Tuscany's prime grape: Sangiovese. It must make up at least 90% of the blend for Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG and at least 60% for Rosso. Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG offers one of the lowest yields at 70 quintals of grapes per hectare. Riservas must mature in oak for twelve months

(Montecucco DOC) or 24 months (Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG) plus six months in bottle. In addition, more than a third of the region is grown using organic or biodynamic cultivation. Since it was founded in 2000, the Consorzio Montecucco has represented the majority of the region's approximately 80 wineries.

Sangiovese from Montecucco combines power with elegance and the aforementioned minerality. Of the vintages presented, 2017 was marked by drought but produced some very good wines in some cases, whilst 2018 and 2016 were both exceptional, well-balanced years. This is particularly evident in Riserva examples.

Facts and figures

Cultivation area: zone for Sangiovese, Rosso, Vermentino, Bianco, Rosato and Vin Santo in southwest Tuscany

Vineyard area: 800 hectares

Producers: approx. 80

Key grape varieties: Sangiovese, Vermentino

www.consorzioMontecucco.it

Top 10 Best of Montecucco



1 Podere Montebendico – Amiata, Castel del Piano

Riserva Cenere 2012

17.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Finely chiselled nose with mineral touches, juicy and well balanced on the palate, very polished with sweet tannins and a lingering cherry jam finish. An individual, elegant interpretation.

amiatavini.it



2 Basile, Cinigiano Riserva Ad Agio 2016

17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Raspberry and violet nose casually spiced up with mineral aromas; elegant development – fine-grained tannins, invigorating acidity – into spicy red forest fruit notes, along with some balsamic touches and delicate salinity.

basilessa.it, viniecc.ch



3 Tenuta L'Impostino, Civitella Paganico

Riserva Viandante 2016

17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Varietal Sangiovese matured in French oak for 24 months: tempting berry nose with subtle vanilla and floral notes, juicy on the palate with invigorating acidity and perfectly integrated tannins. Has potential.

**tenutaimpostino.it,
vinosdominguez.ch**



4 Castello Colle Massari, Cinigiano

**Rosso Riserva Colle
Massari 2018**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Tempting berry nose with subtle Mediterranean macchia aromas, smooth in the attack with soft, tightly knit tannins, complex with mineral touches.

collemassariwines.it



5 Poderifirenze, Arcidosso

Sottocasa Riserva 2015

17 points | 2022 to 2026

Bewitching raspberry nose with floral and macchia notes, smooth in the attack with well-integrated, tightly knit tannins, mineral and saline touches, and a well-balanced, lingering finish. Enjoy with food.

poderifirenze.it



6 Podere Assolati, Castel del Piano

Riserva 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Exceptionally spicy nose of cherry and menthol aromas, full-bodied texture with crisp acidity and an elegant, lingering finish. Suitable for laying down.

assolati.it



7 Peteglia, Castel del Piano

Riserva 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Matured in oak for 36 months; charismatic red berry and tobacco nose somewhat shaped by oak, polished on the palate, perceptible acidity, an elegant finish.

peteglia.com



8 Poggio Stenti, Montenero d'Orcia

Tribulo 2017

17 points | 2022 to 2026

Plum, tobacco and leather aromas on the nose, juicy on the palate with robust tannins, perfectly integrated acidity and a well-balanced, lingering finish. Appealingly elegant and enjoyable style.

poggiostenti.com



9 Ottoettari, Montenero d'Orcia – Castel del Piano

Riserva Bettari 2017

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Captivating nose of stone fruit with some dried flowers and spice, harmonious texture with astonishingly lively acidity and perfectly integrated tannins. Elegant and long.

ottoettari.com



10 Pierini e Brugi, Campagnatico

Rosso Albatreto 2017

17 points | 2023 to 2026

A blend of Sangiovese and Syrah matured entirely in steel: spicy and fruity nose with mineral touches, precisely made with pinpoint tannins borne up by the acidity, well-balanced, polished and lingering. Compelling.

pieriniebrugi.it

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Peteglia, Castel del Piano
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG 2017
16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

18 months in oak; spicy cherry nose with oak and leather aromas, full-bodied on the palate with tightly knit tannins, beautifully smooth. Already enjoyable now.
peteglia.com

Podere Montebendico – Amiata, Castel del Piano
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG Lavico 2012
16.5 points | 2022 to 2024

Matured in large oak barrels for 18 months; captivating berry nose with hot stone and spice aromas, smooth on the palate, very silky and juicy, with fine-grained tannins that have already rounded out nicely. An appealing wine that is already enjoyable now.
amiatavini.it

Campinuovi, Castellina in Chianti
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG Riserva 2016
16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Matured in large oak barrels for 24 months; complex forest berry, herb and undergrowth aromas on the nose, juicy on the palate, with robust tannins and a fresh berry finish.
campinuovi.com

Salustri, Cinigiano
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG Grotte Rosse 2018
16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Spicy berry nose with herb touches, full-bodied on the palate with perfectly integrated acidity, beautifully smooth and polished. Enjoy with wild boar and polenta.
salustri.it

Basile, Cinigiano
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG Cartacanta 2018
16.5 points | 2023 to 2026

Tempting raspberry nose with delicate aromas of flowers and orange zest, fresh and juicy on the palate with fine-grained tannins and invigorating acidity. A beautiful interpretation of the grape.
basilessa.it

Calle di Catocci, Cinigiano
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG Riserva Poggio d'Oro 2017
16.5 points | 2023 to 2027

A wine rounded out by 24 months in Slavonic oak: raspberry and floral nose, juicy in the attack with soft, well-integrated tannins, very polished and juicy right into the finish. Once again successful in this vintage.
lecalle.it

Tenuta Pianirossi, Grosseto
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG La Fonte 2018
16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Harmonious nose of red forest fruit and violets, juicy on the palate with smooth tannins, appealing right into the finish. Good with wild boar ragout.
pianirossi.it

Amantis, Montenero d'Orcia
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG 2016
16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Stone fruit and softwood nose, full-bodied on the palate with good balance between the acidity and the tannins, then a powerful finish. Perfect with a flavoursome steak.
agricolaamantis.com

Cantina Montenero, Montenero d'Orcia – Castel del Piano
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG 2016
16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

From vineyards at 400 metres above sea level: distinct cherry and sandalwood nose, juicy in the attack with well-integrated, tightly knit tannins and linear development into an elegant fruit finish.
montenerowinery.com

Le Vigne, Montenero d'Orcia
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG Riserva Fontecuoia 2015
16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Charismatic cherry and chocolate aromas on the nose, velvety in the attack, beautifully smooth and polished, then soft and spicy in the finish. A charmer.
aziendalevigne.com

Ottoettari, Montenero d'Orcia – Castel del Piano
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG 8ettari 2017
16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Red berry and violet nose with some spicy aromas, powerful on the palate, beautifully smooth with cajoling tannins and a silky finish. Perfect with food.
ottoettari.com

Tenuta Pianirossi, Grosseto
Montecucco DOC Rosso Sidus 2018
16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Complex nose of blueberries and herbs with some mineral touches, polished texture with invigorating acidity and a fresh, fruity finish. Best enjoyed with a hearty roast.
pianirossi.it

Castello Colle Massari, Cinigiano
Montecucco DOC Rosso Rigoletto 2019
16 points | 2022 to 2025

Rich raspberry nose flanked by violet aromas, fresh in the attack, crisp acidity, well-integrated tannins, and a soft, fruity finish. Reliable.
collemassariwines.it

Tenuta Ribusieri, Cinigiano
Montecucco DOC Rosso Le Maciole 2019
16 points | 2022 to 2025

Raspberry aromas and some subtle violet notes on the nose, compact on the palate with perceptible acidity and a fresh fruit finish. Already enjoyable but could also be left to mature.
agricolaribusieri.it

Tenuta L'Impostino, Civitella Paganico
Montecucco DOC Rosso Ciarlone 2018
16 points | 2022 to 2025

Blend of Sangiovese with Alicante, Merlot and Petit Verdot: blueberry and herb aromas with some chocolate touches, fresh in the attack with robust tannins and a pleasingly ripe, fruity finish. Fun.
tenutaimpostino.it

Parmoleto, Montenero d'Orcia
Montecucco DOC Rosso 2018
16 points | 2022 to 2025

Sangiovese, Montepulciano and Cabernet Sauvignon matured in barriques for ten months: fresh cherry and orange zest on the nose, juicy on the palate with invigorating acidity and a lingering fresh finish. Perfect with pasta and meat sugo.
parmoleto.it

Le Pianore, Monticello Amiata
Montecucco DOC Rosso Tiniatus 2018
16 points | 2023 to 2027

Sangiovese and Merlot: reticent floral and berry nose, fresh in the attack with vibrant acidity and a red berry finish. Needs to mature.
lepianore.it

Podere Assolati, Castel del Piano
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG 2016
16 points | 2022 to 2028

Forest berry and Mediterranean macchia aromas on the nose, smooth on the palate with soft tannins, beautifully smooth right into the blueberry and chocolate finish.
winermerchant.de

Calle di Catocci, Cinigiano
Montecucco Sangiovese DOCG Poggio d'Oro 2018
16 points | 2023 to 2026

Fresh berry nose with floral aromas, velvety in the attack, beautifully smooth and polished with a well-balanced, crisp and fresh finish.
lecalle.it



BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG 2016

A vintage for connoisseurs

We have been waiting with baited breath for the 2016 vintage, expecting the 'classic' year to offer up elegant, long-lasting wines. And that holds true, but even with this potential for ageing, the majority can also be enjoyed now.

2016 was an exceptional vintage in Montalcino. It was awarded the top grade of five stars by the expert panel of the Montalcino producers' consortium.

The basics: Sangiovese Grosso, the sole grape used in Brunello, is a variety that explicitly responds to vintages and different terroirs - as is also the case in Montalcino. 2100 hectares of vines (out of a total of 3500 hectares) are used to create a wide range of Brunello interpretations. The vineyards range from 150 metres above sea level on the slopes of the Val d'Orcia to around 500 metres on the top of the Montalcino hills. The wide variety of soils - including alluvial land, limestone sedimentation from the primordial ocean, and clayey 'galastro' and 'alberese' - contributes to this diversity. Winemaking philosophies, soils, locations and climatic conditions create a wide range of styles, ranging from full-bodied examples to fruity interpretations of the grape to elegant traditionalists.

Montalcino and its Brunello are therefore much in demand all over the world: this is evident not only from the high scores awarded to the wines by critics, but also fortunately in solid sales figures despite the pandemic.

Brunello di Montalcino must be 100% Sangiovese. The wines must be matured in oak barrels for at least two years and in the bottle for at least four months (six for Riservas). A Brunello di Montalcino is marketed no fewer than five years after the harvest, whilst for a Riserva this period is six years. Brunello di Montalcino was awarded a DOC in 1966, and just one year later in 1967, pro-

ducers decided to join forces to create the Brunello di Montalcino winegrowers' consortium. On 1 July 1980, Brunello became the first Italian wine to be awarded a DOCG.

Now, more than nine million bottles of Brunello are produced, a stable trend as no new sites have been identified. The first half of 2016 was marked by lots of rainfall and a cool spring. Summer went well, with lots of variations in temperature. In September, the weather alternated between cold nights and sunny days, perfect for grape ripening. The overall quality of the wines tasted was therefore very high: whether selection, single-vineyard wine or standard Annata (generally a blend of multiple vineyards), 2016 is a wonderful vintage!

Facts and figures

Cultivation area: vineyards around Montalcino in southern Tuscany

Vineyard area: 2100 hectares (out of a total of 3500 hectares of vineyards)

Producers: more than 200

Key grape varieties: Sangiovese (varietal)

www.consorzio-brunello-dimontalcino.it

Top 10 Best of Brunello di Montalcino DOCG



1 Poggio di Sotto, Castelnuovo dell'Abate 2016

19 points | 2025 to 2034

Forest fruit and violet aromas, very classic; youthful and polished on the palate with perfectly balanced tannins, elegant and finely chiselled in the finish with clear fruit and precise balsamic notes.

poggiodisotto.com,
vinobucks.de, granchateaux.ch



2 Siro Pacenti, Montalcino

PS Vecchievigne 2016

19 points | 2024 to 2031

Complex forest fruit, black pepper and violet nose, polished, full, with crisp acidity and youthful, tightly knit tannins and a lingering finish of red berry, floral and tobacco notes. Still needs to mature.

siropacenti.it, gute-weine.de, granchateaux.ch



3 Talenti, S. Angelo in Colle, Montalcino

Piero 2016

19 points | 2024 to 2033

Spicy dark berry nose, compact texture with lively acidity and tightly tannins, complex in the finish with Morello cherry, leather and black pepper notes. Pleasingly complex.

talentimontalcino.it,
barolobrunello.de, vergani.ch



4 Mastrojanni, Castelnuovo dell'Abate, Montalcino

Vigna Loreto 2016

18.5 points | 2024 to 2031

Captivating: red berry, violet, leather and tobacco aromas, juicy on the palate with good balance between acidity and tannins, and a polished fruity finish. Very distinctive, even given its elegance.

mastrojanni.com, tesdorpf.de, caratello.ch



5 Capanna, Montalcino 2016

18.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Utterly captivating nose of small forest fruit, flowers and undergrowth; harmonious structure, very juicy and elegant, with a lingering finish of forest fruit and undergrowth notes. Consistently reliable.

capannamontalcino.com,
bremer-weinkolleg.de,
xtrawine.com



6 Baricci, Montalcino Montosoli 2016

18.5 points | 2024 to 2032

Ripe fruit and spice aromas shape the intriguingly complex nose, noble on the palate with fine-grained tannins, perfectly integrated acidity, and a classic, complex, endlessly lingering finish. A traditional style vibrantly re-interpreted.

baricci.it, barolobrunello.de, 1870vinsetconseil.ch



7 Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona, Montalcino

Vigna di Pianrosso 2016

18.5 points | 2024 to 2031

Single-vineyard wine with a cherry and violet nose paired with subtle oak aromas, juicy on the palate with fine-grained tannins, lively acidity and a red berry finish, reverberating with lots of spice and floral touches.

ciaccipiccolomini.com,
50second-finish.de,
grandcru.ch



8 Tenuta Corte Pavone, Montalcino

Fior di Meliloto 2016

18.5 points | 2024 to 2032

Charismatic red berry notes in the attack, delicately cocooned in orange zest and spice touches; exceptionally made with fine-grained tannins and well-integrated acidity, needs to mature. A compelling single-vineyard wine from the Loacker family.

loacker.bio



9 Podere Giodo, Montalcino

2016

18.5 points | 2024 to 2031

Provides a magnificent welcome with its crystal-clear raspberry and violet nose, compact texture, well-balanced structure of tannins and acidity, and appealing, powerful, lingering finish. A very reliable representative of the DOCG.

giodo.it, superiore.de,
granchateaux.ch



10 Altesino, Torrenieri di Montalcino

Montosoli 2016

18.5 points | 2024 to 2031

Tempting raspberry nose, juicy and polished; full-bodied on the palate with well-integrated acidity and tightly knit yet perceptible tannins, offering appealing polish and displaying finesse right into the finish.

Enjoy with a hearty bistecca.
altesino.it, 50second-finish.de, topwines.ch

Tenute Silvio Nardi, Casale del Bosco, Montalcino**Riserva Vigna Poggio Doria 2016**
18 points | 2024 to 2031

Clear raspberry nose with silky violet aromas, fresh and juicy in the attack, beautifully polished and smooth with a lingering ripe berry finish. Compellingly elegant and polished.

tenutenardi.com

Pieve Santa Restituta, Montalcino
Sugarille 2016**18 points | 2024 to 2031**

Complex berry nose with floral, undergrowth and leather aromas; full-bodied on the palate, lots of acidity and spirit, with still youthful but utterly filigree tannins, and a lingering, fruity finish. A perfectly constructed Brunello in compellingly multifaceted style.

segnitz.de

Siro Pacenti, Montalcino
Pelagrilli 2016**18 points | 2024 to 2032**

Precise nose with raspberry, pepper and leather aromas, full-bodied in the attack, very polished, characterful and opulent with densely woven tannins that could age well, invigorating acidity, and a smooth, lingering finish. A perfectly made Brunello best enjoyed with food.

siropacenti.it

Casanova di Neri, Montalcino
2016**18 points | 2024 to 2030**

Clever nose of forest fruit, spice and tobacco aromas delicately flattered by cocoa notes; precise structure with polished tannins and lively acidity but also supported by lots of power and fullness, and a lingering finish. Reliable, as in every vintage.

casanovadineri.com

Fattoria Dei Barbi, Montalcino
Vigna del Fiore 2016**18 points | 2023 to 2030**

Offering a nose of raspberry, pepper and lilac aromas, powerful structure, yet also appealingly delicate smoothness, good tannins and an elegant finish. Perfect alongside a particularly delicious dish.

fattoriadeibarbi.it

Val di Suga, Montalcino
Poggio al Granchio 2016**18 points | 2024 to 2031**

Skilfully pairs fullness with lots of elegance: beginning with a potpourri of fruit, blossom and spice aromas, intriguing structure with acidity and tannins in perfect balance, some mineral touches, and a promising finish. Exceptionally made.

valdisuga.it

Luce, Montalcino
2016**18 points | 2024 to 2031**

From vineyards at 400 metres above sea level: pleasant forest fruit, lilac and pepper notes in the bouquet; a well-balanced texture with polish, lively tannins and perceptible acidity, made with precision and offering a nuanced yet intense finish.

frescobaldi.it

Poggio San Polo, Montalcino
2016**18 points | 2024 to 2032**

Tempting nose of forest fruit and balsamic aromas, combining polish with underlying character, precise right into the finish. Appealing in its utterly eloquent style.

poggiosanpolo.com

Pinino, Montalcino
2016**18 points | 2023 to 2029**

Compelling red berry, macchia and rose aromas, harmonious texture with tightly knit tannins balanced out perfectly by fresh acidity, complex and lingering. Very successful once again in this vintage.

pinino.com

Le Gode, Montalcino
Vigna Montosoli 2016**18 points | 2024 to 2030**

Tempting nose of sunny raspberry and floral aromas, flanked by refined pepper notes; linear structure, polished with skilfully integrated acidity and tannins, elegant and lingering. Enjoy with ossobuco and risotto milanese.

legodemontalcino.com

Tenuta Caparzo, Montalcino
Vigna La Casa 2016**18 points | 2023 to 2030**

Starting things off with delicate raspberry and blossom aromas, then offering fine-grained tannins and concise acidity, followed by utterly linear development into a complex, fruity finish. Very successful.

caparzo.com

Roberto Cipresso, Montalcino
2016**18 points | 2023 to 2030**

Spicy berry and undergrowth nose, juicy and full-bodied on the palate with perfectly integrated tannins, elegant yet corpulent and spirited. A modern, very successful version of a Brunello.

robertocipresso.it

Le Macioche, Montalcino
2016**18 points | 2024 to 2030**

Bewitching raspberry and floral aromas on the nose, juicy on the palate, beautifully smooth with perfectly integrated acidity, very polished and elegant, hugely lingering. An all-rounder.

lemacioche.it

La Poderina, Montalcino
2016**18 points | 2023 to 2030**

Tempting red berry, spice and rose nose, polished on the palate with intriguing, fine-grained tannins balanced out perfectly by the acidity, polished right into the finish. Classically elegant.

saiaagricola.it

Donatella Cinelli Colombini, Montalcino
Prime Donne 2016**18 points | 2024 to 2031**

Bewitching raspberry and herb nose with well-integrated oak notes, harmonious in the attack with well-integrated, tightly knit tannins, lively acidity and a polished finish, linear and complex. Can and should be left to mature.

cinellicolombini.it

Fattoi, Montalcino
2016**18 points | 2023 to 2030**

Reticent cherry nose; impeccable structure, very linear with stature and light tannins, when swirled the finish opens up into a potpourri of ripe fruit, flowers and spice.

fattoi.it

Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona, Montalcino
2016**18 points | 2024 to 2031**

Complex nose of sunny cherry, cinnamon and leather aromas, juicy in the attack with sturdy tannins, good acidity, and a fruity, floral finish. Refined and promising.

ciaccipiccolomini.com

Castello Romitorio, Montalcino
2016**18 points | 2023 to 2030**

Intriguing nose of red berry and delicate floral aromas, juicy and beautifully smooth on the palate with lively acidity, elegant and hugely lingering. Seductive.

castelloromitorio.it

Tenute Silvio Nardi, Casale del Bosco, Montalcino
Vigna Manachiara 2016**17.5 points | 2024 to 2030**

Clear raspberry fruit with violet aromas, powerful in the attack, an elegant structure of tannins and acidity, and a complex finish of red forest fruit notes with balsamic touches. Refined, could mature.

tenutenardi.com

**Podere Le Ripi, Castelnuovo Abate
Amore e Magia 2016**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Temptingly fruity raspberry and violet nose, full and juicy on the palate with well-integrated tannins, lingering and complex. Once again very reliable in this vintage.

podereleripi.com

**Castelgiocondo, Frescobaldi, Montalcino
Castelgiocondo 2016**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Berry nose with violet and wild rose aromas plus some black pepper, intense and well balanced on the palate with precisely positioned tannins and a lingering, fruity finish. Consistently reliable.

frescobaldi.it

**Pieve Santa Restituta, Montalcino
Rennina 2016**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Raspberry, hot stone and dark chocolate on the nose with precisely defined oak; powerful yet well-rounded in the attack, with lots of polished tannin and an opulent finish. Full yet elegant.

**Banfi, Montalcino
Poggio alle Mura 2016**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2032

Interesting cassis and sandalwood aromas with some delicate spice, spirited in the attack with tightly knit tannins, well-integrated acidity, and a beautifully lingering finish of stone fruit and leather notes. Impeccably made.

castellobanfi.com

**Poggio San Polo, Montalcino
Podernovi 2016**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2030

Complex cherry, leather and dried flower nose, harmonious texture, good balance between acidity and tannins, and a polished, lingering finish. Enjoy with wild boar and polenta.

poggiosanpolo.com

**Vasco Sassetti, Montalcino
2016**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2032

Spicy berry nose with subtle oak aromas, juicy on the palate, beautifully smooth with wonderful balance between the acidity and tannins; impresses with its traditional style.

agriturismofraschetta.it

**Salvioni – Cerbaiola, Montalcino
2016**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2031

Captivating raspberry, liquorice and floral aromas, full-bodied in the attack with invigorating acidity, and pleasingly ripe berry notes in the finish. Compellingly traditional style.

aziendasalvioni.com

**San Polino, Montalcino
Helichrysum 2016**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Superb forest cherry, pepper and violet nose, refined in the attack with tightly knit, well-integrated tannins, saline and mineral components, and a very fruity and spicy finish. Elegant and complex.

sanpolino.it

**Argiano, Montalcino
2016**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2030

Forest fruit, spice and herbs on the nose, juicy and fresh with lively acidity, yet also fine-grained tannins and well made with a plump fruity finish. Good with game birds and polenta.

argiano.net

**Villa I Cipressi, Montalcino
Zebras 2016**

17.5 points | 2022 to 2029

Dynamic small forest fruit and herb nose, impeccable structure with lively acidity, tightly knit tannins and a captivating raspberry and leather finish. Good with mushroom and truffle dishes.

villacipressi.it

**Val di Suga, Montalcino
Vigna Spuntali 2016**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Graceful floral and fruity nose, harmonious on the palate with fine-grained tannins, and a jammy currant and tobacco finish. A successful interpretation of the vineyard.

valdisuga.it

**Canalicchio di Sopra, Montalcino
La Casaccia 2016**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2032

Promising wild cherry, liquorice and tobacco nose, powerful on the palate with tightly knit tannins, precisely integrated acidity and a lingering finish. Still needs to mature.

canalicchiodisopra.com

**Piancornello, Montalcino
2016**

17.5 points | 2022 to 2029

Inviting aromas of raspberry, casually accompanied by floral notes; elegant in the attack with fine-grained tannins, lively acidity, and scale right into the finish.

piancornello.it

**Mocali, Montalcino
2016**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Captivating red berry and floral nose, compact on the palate, sleek acidity, lingering and polished. Once again successful in this vintage.

mocali.eu

**Lisini, Montalcino
2016**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2030

Exquisite nose of stone fruit, pepper and chocolate aromas with a touch of lilac, complex in the attack with the tightly knit tannins balanced out perfectly by the acidity, lingering. Compellingly well balanced.

lisini.com

**La Gerla, Montalcino
2016**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2030

Spicy fruity nose cocooned in balsamic touches, juicy and well balanced on the palate, wonderfully smooth and pleasantly lingering. Compelling finesse.

lagerlamontalcino.com

**La Rasina, Montalcino
Persante 2016**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Captivating floral and fruity nose, full-bodied texture with tightly knit tannins and lively acidity, and an utterly lingering finish. Compellingly complex.

larasina.it

**La Magia, Montalcino
Il Ciliegio 2016**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Intriguing forest fruit and herb nose, compact structure with invigorating acidity, and a finish of fruit and spice notes. An elegant Sangiovese that could be left to mature for another few years.

fattorialamagia.it

**Fattoria La Lecciaia, Montalcino
Vigna Manapetra 2016**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2030

Floral and fruity aromas, complex texture, robust tannins, fresh acidity, with polished and elegant development and finish; once again successful in this vintage.

lecciaia.it

**La Fortuna, Montalcino
Giobi 2016**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Forest fruit and leather aromas combined with a bold touch of mushroom, fresh and juicy on the palate with youthful tannins, good and appealing with lively acidity and a well-balanced finish.

tenutalafortuna.it

**La Fiorita, Montalcino
Fiore di No 2016**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2030

Plump fruity nose with balsamic touches, juicy on the palate with perfectly integrated tannins and a complex, lingering finish. Appealingly full and opulent.

lafiorita.com

**Franco Pacenti, Montalcino
2016****17.5 points | 2023 to 2030**

Impresses with elegant red berry and spice notes; a compact texture with powerful tannins and a delicately fruity finish. Robust style.

francopacenti.it**Casanuova delle Cerbaie, Montalcino
2016****17.5 points | 2023 to 2028**

A spicy fruity and oak nose, juicy and well balanced on the palate with compact, well-integrated tannins, polished and lingering. Enjoy with game dishes.

casanuovadellecerbaie.it**Casisano Tommasi Family Estates,
Pedemonte
2016****17.5 points | 2024 to 2031**

Concise nose of stone fruit, forest berry and dried flower aromas, polished in the attack with tightly knit tannins balanced out perfectly by the lively acidity, and a punchy, lingering finish. Very successful. Good with bollito misto.

tommasi.com**Uggiano, San Vincenzo a Torri
2016****17.5 points | 2023 to 2030**

Captivating small forest fruit and undergrowth on the nose, with pepper and floral aromas; smooth structure with fine-grained tannins, crisp acidity and a lingering, fruity finish. Enjoy with game birds.

uggiano.it**Ferrero, Sant'Angelo in Colle
2016****17.5 points | 2023 to 2030**

Spirited nose of raspberry and herb aromas, perfectly integrated tannins, characterful, smooth and lingering. Impeccably made.

brunelloferrero.it**San Giorgio, Castelnuovo Abate
Ugolforte 2016****17 points | 2024 to 2030**

Forest fruit nose with aromas of undergrowth and dark chocolate, full-bodied on the palate with lively tannins and lots of meatiness, and a powerful berry finish. Best enjoyed with a juicy steak.

collemassariwines.it**Val di Suga, Montalcino
Vigna del Lago 2016****17 points | 2022 to 2029**

Appetising berry and herb nose, juicy on the palate with lots of polish and a beautiful finish of forest fruit and balsamic notes. Keeps you coming back for more.

valdisuga.it**Tassi, Montalcino****Colombaio 2016****17 points | 2022 to 2028**

Refined stone fruit and violet aromas, polished in the attack with well-integrated acidity and a spicy finish, lingering and opulent.

tassimontalcino.com**Solaria, Montalcino****31 Anni 2016****17 points | 2023 to 2030**

Succinct nose of fresh forest fruit, blossom and tobacco aromas, harmonious texture, invigorating acidity, and a complex finish. Enjoy with game birds.

solariacencioni.com**Palazzo, Montalcino****Cosimo 2016****17 points | 2023 to 2029**

Delicately spicy nose of forest fruit and violet aromas, straightforward structure, well-integrated acidity, polished tannins, and a lingering, finely chiselled and fruity finish. Appealingly refined.

aziendapalazzo.it**Cava d'Onice, Montalcino****Colombaio 2016****17 points | 2023 to 2029**

Clear raspberry aromas on the nose, spiced up by floral touches; compellingly crisp and authentic with a fruity, delicately tart finish. Successful.

cavadonice.it**Camigliano, Montalcino****Paesaggio Inatteso 2016****17 points | 2023 to 2028**

Floral and fruity nose with balsamic touches, beautifully polished, good balance between tannins and acidity, characterful yet also harmonious.

camigliano.it**Fanti, Montalcino****Vallocchio 2016****17 points | 2023 to 2029**

Spicy cherry nose with oak notes, compact structure with sturdy tannins, full and spirited right into the delicately tart finish. Still needs to mature.

fantisafilippo.com**Cortonesi, Montalcino****Poggiarelli 2016****17 points | 2023 to 2029**

Cherry and herb aromas, clear and polished in the attack with tannins and acidity in harmony, and a spicy, fruity finish. A classically elegant texture.

cortonesimontalcino.it**La Togata, Montalcino****La Togata dei Togati 2016****17 points | 2024 to 2030**

Intense nose of fresh forest fruit, full-bodied in the attack borne up by fresh acidity and tannins, and a lingering fruity finish. Pleasingly classic style.

latogata.com**Campogiovanni, San Felice, S. Giusmè
2016****17 points | 2023 to 2029**

Aromas of cherry and violets, harmonious structure, invigorating acidity, perfectly integrated tannins, and a lingering fruity finish. Robust.

agricolasanfelice.it



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Während unsere Flaschen
hier in Montalcino ruhen,
haben sie genug Zeit ihren
vorzüglichen Geschmack
zu entfalten.

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Tages oder wenn ein Tag es verdient,
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VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO DOCG

Pieve future project

The pieve – the region’s historic churches – will be safeguarding Vino Nobile’s goût de terroir in the future. Each represents a cultivation zone with specific characteristics.

Research into the geology and geography of the Vino Nobile di Montepulciano region took more than a year. Twelve areas have now been presented as AGUs (additional geographical units) and will display the word *pieve* on the label.

‘Vino Nobile di Montepulciano - Pieve’ will therefore indicate not only the origins but also the characteristics of a Vino Nobile from one of the twelve subzones. And there are some new rules: alongside Sangiovese (which has always been known as Prugnolo Gentile in Montepulciano), only native grape varieties may be used. Another change is the fact that the consortium has established an internal committee of oenologists and technicians tasked with assessing whether the characteristics fit the specifications, before the necessary legislative measures are taken. This will operate retroactively from the 2020 harvest, and the first vintage will hit the market in 2024 after maturing for 36 months.

In short: *pieve* represents the identity of a Vino Nobile di Montepulciano with an eye for history. The names of the areas into which the district was divided in late Roman and Lombard times demonstrate the influence of the churches.

Vino Nobile is a wine steeped in history: Prugnolo Gentile has been native to the region since the early Middle Ages and has formed the basis of Vino Nobile di Montepulciano for centuries. Vino Nobile di Montepulciano has been a DOC since 1966 and a DOCG since 1980. It can only be grown

in around 1400 hectares of vineyards at 250 to 600 metres above sea level in the Montepulciano region. A Vino Nobile must mature for at least 24 months, and a Riserva for at least three years, including at least six months in bottle. Plus: a Vino Nobile must be at least 70% Sangiovese. Some of the most interesting Vino Nobiles are varietal Sangioveses, but vineyards also feature other complementary grapes such as Merlot, Cabernet, and increasingly Canaiolo.

This year, we were particularly impressed by the Riserva wines from 2017 (which extremely successful in Montepulciano despite being hot and dry) and the wines of the 2018 vintage with their polished style.

Facts and figures

Production area: the slopes around the town of Montepulciano in south-eastern Tuscany

Vineyard area: 1400 hectares

Producers: approx. 80

Key grape varieties:

Sangiovese (at least 70%)

www.consorziovinonobile.it

Top 10 Best of Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG

Even a dry year like 2017 produced some interesting Vino Nobile Riservas, whilst 2018 is a top vintage.



2 Poliziano, Montepulciano Asinone 2018

18 points | 2024 to 2030

Utterly elegant Sangiovese from one of the best sites: raspberry and floral nose, precise and polished texture with tightly knit tannins, lively acidity and a hugely lingering finish. Suitable for laying down.

carlettipoliziano.com,
moevenpick-wein.de,
caratello.ch



3 Tenuta Vallocaia - Bindella, Acquaviva di Montepulciano I Quadri 2018

17.5 points | 2024 to 2030

Charismatic with black cherry and violet aromas, fresh on the palate with tightly knit tannins balanced out well by the acidity, fruity with lingering balsamic touches in the finish. Leave to mature!

bindella.it



1 Cantine Dei, Montepulciano Riserva Bossona 2016

18 points | 2023 to 2029

Appealing Maraschino cherry nose with a hint of tobacco in the attack, robust tannins interwoven with beautiful juiciness, and a lingering finish of ripe stone fruit, spice and tempting balsamic notes. Leave to mature.

cantinedei.com,
lieblings-weine.de



4 Boscarelli, Cervig- nano di Montepulciano Riserva 2017

17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Kicks things off with stimulating raspberry and floral aromas, then a polished texture borne up by the refined tannins, the freshness of the acidity, and the fruit. Fruity yet refined.

poderiboscarelli.com,
weinundglas.com, weibel-weine.ch



5 La Ciarliana, Gracciano Vigna Scianello 2016

17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Bewitching dark forest fruit aromas with balsamic touches, polished texture with smooth, well-integrated tannins, developing black cherry and pepper notes. Compellingly classic style.

laciarliana.it



6 Valdiplatta, Gracciano di Montepulciano Vigna d'Alfiero 2018

17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Refined blueberry and herb aromas with some oak and leather touches, very polished and juicy with fine-grained, youthful tannins and an elegant, lingering fruity finish. A compelling wine that should be left to mature.

valdiplatta.it, delea.ch,
vinothek-gallo-nero.de



7 La Braccasca, Montepulciano Maggiarino 2017

17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Bewitching nose with tempting stone fruit aromas, powerful yet polished in the attack with good balance between the tightly knit tannins and the acidity, and an endlessly lingering finish. Compellingly intense yet elegant in style.

antinori.it, weinemotionen.de, globalwine.ch



8 Contucci, Montepulciano Mulinvecchio 2017

17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Beginning with tempting small forest fruit and violet aromas, juicy structure with lively, well-integrated acidity, very elegant right into the delicately spicy and fruity finish.

contucci.it, vinisuvini.de,
martel.ch



9 Icario, Montepulciano Riserva Vitaroccia 2017

17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Intriguing cassis and herb nose, linear development with the tannins and acidity perfectly balanced, elegant with lots of fruit and spice, and some delicate floral notes. Good with steak or game dishes.

www.icario.it,
moevenpickwein.com,
wein-bauer.de



10 Tenuta Tre Rose, Valiano di Montepulciano Riserva Simposio 2017

17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Charismatic raspberry and violet nose, fresh in the attack, shaped by the invigorating acidity and tightly knit tannins, offering spirit and sophistication all the way into the lingering finish. Skilfully made.

tenutatrerose.it, hawesko.de,
xtrawine.com

Cantine Dei, Montepulciano
Madonna della Querce 2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Tempting plum, cherry and chocolate nose, full-bodied on the palate with tightly knit tannins balanced out perfectly by the acidity, and a spirited, spicy and fruity finish with tobacco and leather notes. Compellingly opulent.

cantinedei.com

Tenuta Vallocaia – Bindella, Acquaviva di Montepulciano
Bindella 2018
17 points | 2022 to 2027

Delicious berry and floral aromas, well-balanced texture, beautifully smooth with perceptible tannins and a lingering finish. Excellent with pasta and meat.

bindella.it

Carpineto, Chianciano Terme
Riserva 2017

17 points | 2023 to 2029

Stately cherry and herb nose, full-bodied on the palate with perfectly integrated tannins and a complex, lingering finish. Appealingly characterful and polished.

carpineto.com

Valdipiatta, Gracciano di Montepulciano
Riserva 2017

17 points | 2023 to 2029

Complex nose of small forest fruit and tobacco aromas, full-bodied on the palate with tightly-knit tannins, and a finish of ripe stone fruit and Mediterranean macchia notes.

valdipiatta.it

Tiberini, Montepulciano
Riserva Vigneto Fossatone 2013
17 points | 2023 to 2028

An elegant, complex nose of forest fruit and flowers, adorned with tobacco notes; polished in the attack with fresh acidity and a delicately spicy finish. Appealingly traditional style.

tiberiniwine.com

Godiolo, Montepulciano
Riserva 2015
17 points | 2022 to 2028

Delicately aromatic cherry and floral notes dominate the nose, compact in the attack with good balance between the acidity and the fine tannins, and a pleasantly fruity finish. Robust style.

godiolo.it

Contucci, Montepulciano
Pietra Rossa 2017
17 points | 2023 to 2029

Raspberry nose cleverly underscored by floral aromas, elegant in the attack with finely chiselled acidity and fine-grained tannins, ending with red berry notes. Flawless.

contucci.it

Triacca, Montepulciano
Poderuccio 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2029

Promising cherry and floral nose, well-integrated acidity balanced out well by the precise tannins, and a pleasant balsamic and spicy finish. Could still be left to age.

triaccavini.eu

Montemercurio, Montepulciano
Messaggero 2017

17 points | 2022 to 2027

Promising aromas of blueberries and herbs, compact on the palate with robust tannins, well-integrated acidity and an appealing spicy finish. Try this Nobile with roast beef.

montemercurio.com

Tiberini, Montepulciano
Podere Le Caggiole 2017

17 points | 2023 to 2029

A spirited start with black cherry and herb aromas, plus some spicy and pepper notes; robust tannins, perfectly integrated acidity and a spicy, fruity finish. Appealingly characterful.

tiberiniwine.com

Gracciano della Seta, Montepulciano
Riserva 2017

17 points | 2023 to 2029

Compelling berry nose with delicate mineral touches, good balance between acidity and tannins, a lingering complex finish, fruity and spicy. Suitable for laying down.

graccianodellaseta.com/it

Lunadoro, Montepulciano
Riserva Quercione 2018

17 points | 2022 to 2027

Black cherry and dark chocolate nose, juicy with lovely development, compelling balance between the lively acidity and full-bodied tannins, and a polished finish. Successful.

lunadoro.com

Lunadoro, Montepulciano
Pagliareto 2018

17 points | 2022 to 2027

Bewitching black cherry and lilac nose, full-bodied on the palate with good balance between the acidity and tannins, and a sweet plum finish that leaves you wanting more. Successful.

lunadoro.com

Vecchia Cantina di Montepulciano,
Montepulciano
Argo 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Homely aromas of small, dark fruit and pepper, full-bodied on the palate with good balance between the tannins and acidity, and a lingering finish. A successful interpretation of Prugnolo

Gentile by Vecchia Cantina.

vecchiacantina.com

Icaro, Montepulciano
2018

17 points | 2022 to 2028

Intriguing stone fruit, herb and undergrowth aromas, full-bodied texture with the tightly-knit tannins and invigorating acidity both well integrated, ending with a lingering finish of ripe forest fruit, liquorice and tobacco notes. Compelling complexity.

icario.it

Metinella di Stefano Sorlini,
Montepulciano
Burberosso 2018

17 points | 2024 to 2029

Tempting currant, violet and orange zest nose, juicy on the palate with beautiful acidity, elegant and spicy in the lingering finish. Appealingly smooth style.

metinella.it

Gracciano della Seta, Montepulciano
2018

17 points | 2023 to 2029

Fruity wine with playful hints of flowers and spice, corpulent on the palate, with tightly knit tannins balanced against the acidity, and a delicately fruity finish. Has potential.

graccianodellaseta.com/it

Salcheto, S. Albino di Montepulciano
2018

17 points | 2022 to 2028

Appealing black cherry and herb nose, powerful texture with invigorating acidity balanced out by the tannins, and a lingering finish. Compellingly powerful and fruity style. Good with game dishes.

salcheto.it



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CHIANTI CLASSICO DOCG GRAN SELEZIONE

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Initially eyed with suspicion, Gran Selezione has since become a success story: single-vineyard wines and selections of grapes coming all from the same winery. Now, this is being supplemented with additional geographical designations (UGA).

The Chianti Classico consortium has just agreed to introduce additional geographic units (unità geografiche aggiuntive, or UGA) matching the locations within the wine region. There are eleven: Castellina, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Gaiole, Greve, Lamole, Montefioralle, Panzano, Radda, San Casciano, San Donato in Poggio and Vagliagli. During the initial phase, UGAs will only be available for the Gran Selezione grade, with plans for it to be subsequently extended to Riserva and Annata wines.

There is also another change affecting Gran Selezione: the minimum proportion of the Sangiovese grape has been increased from 80% to 90%, and in the future the remaining 10% may only consist of native red varieties - international grapes such as Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon will no longer be permitted. Gran Selezione already represents the top of the Chianti Classico quality pyramid. It must be aged for 30 months and the grapes used must come from the producer's own vineyards. However, only some of them market the wine after three years, the minimum under production requirements. Many winemakers leave them to mature for a further year or two or even more, which does them good.

The spectrum ranges from traditional classics matured in large oak barrels, to powerful wines, to elegant bottles. The different areas of the wine-growing region - from San Casciano Val di Pesa in the north to Castelnuovo Berardenga in the south - have already developed different inter-

pretations of the Sangiovese grapes (and thus of Gran Selezione) aligned with their particular terroir: from warm wines made from vines with their roots in the sand, to fuller-bodied examples in galestro and alberese soils, to tart wines grown in the highest locations more than 400 metres above sea level. Gran Selezione thus displays the rich multifaceted nature of Chianti Classico, so experts are convinced that UGAs definitely make sense.

In 2019, Chianti Classico Riserva and Gran Selezione made up 42% of production 55% of sales. Gran Selezione sales rose 15% compared with 2018. The consortium consists of 515 members, including 354 companies that do their own bottling.

Facts and figures

Cultivation area: the historic Chianti region between Siena and Florence

Vineyard area: 7,000 ha

Producers: approx. 350

Key grape varieties: Sangiovese

www.chianticlassico.com

Top 10 Best of Chianti Classico DOCG Gran Selezione



2 Gagliole, Castellina in Chianti

Gallule 2018

18 points | 2024 to 2031

Compelling berry and juniper aromas along with undergrowth and clove, characterful texture, robust tannins, well made and intense right into the finish. Best enjoyed with game birds.

gagliole.com, neunweine.de, vonsalis-wein.ch



3 Mazzei - Castello di Fonterutoli, Castellina in Chianti

Vicoregio 36 2018

18 points | 2025 to 2033

Inviting rosehip and herb nose, robust texture, well-balanced structure of tannins and acidity, and a finish of red fruit, dried rose and leather notes.

fonterutoli.it, superiore.de



1 Barone Ricasoli - Castello di Brolio, Gaiole in Chianti

Colledilà 2018

18.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Well-balanced nose with delicate fruity and floral aromas, plus some subtle mineral touches; smooth on the palate, fine tannins, hugely lingering. Compelling elegance and ageing potential.

ricasoli.com, gute-weine.de, arvi.ch



4 Tenuta di Bibbiano, Castellina in Chianti

Vigne di Montornello 2018

18 points | 2022 to 2029

Complex aromas of black cherry and herbs, compact structure with robust tannins, juicy and intense, with a lingering berry jam and undergrowth finish. An opulent, compellingly polished wine.

tenutadibibbiano.it



5 Castello di Cacchiano, Gaiole in Chianti

Millennio 2015

18 points | 2024 to 2030

Complex nose of red forest fruit and lilac, compact in the attack with fine-grained, well-integrated tannins, and a lingering, fruit-driven finish with delicate touches of spice. Absolutely must be left to mature further.

castellodiacacchiano.it, vinobucks.de



6 Villa Calcinai, Greve in Chianti

Vigna La Fornace 2018

18 points | 2024 to 2031

Plump nose with sandalwood and ripe fruit notes, corpulent and characterful with robust tannins and invigorating acidity, and a potpourri of aromas in the finish. Compellingly complex.

villacalcinaia.it, greatest-wines.com



7 Castello di Querceto, Lucolena, Greve in Chianti

Il Picchio 2018

18 points | 2024 to 2032

Charming raspberry, undergrowth and herb aromas, fresh in the attack with fine-grained tannins, and lively acidity right into the finish. In this vintage, this is once again a classic that needs to round out somewhat.

castellodiquerceto.it, bolle.ch



8 Fontodi, Panzano in Chianti

Vigna del Sorbo 2018

18 points | 2023 to 2031

Clear fruit nose with balsamic aromas, a polished texture, fine-grained tannins, then a lingering, complex finish of cherry, lilac and black pepper notes. Pleasing polish.

fontodi.com, superiore.de, caratello.ch



9 Castello di Volpaia, Radda in Chianti

Coltassala 2018

18 points | 2023 to 2030

Delicate raspberry nose with herb, tobacco and sweet oak aromas; compact on the palate with appealing tannins balanced out well by the acidity, ending with a complex finish of maraschino cherry, leather and black pepper notes. Still youthful.

volpaia.it, superiore.de, millesima.ch



10 Colle Bereto, Radda in Chianti

18 points | 2024 to 2031

Graceful nose of blueberry and chocolate with some floral touches, polished texture with very long-lasting acidity, and a compellingly fruity and opulent finish. A wine best enjoyed with food.

collebereto.com, hahn-rickli.ch

Castello della Paneretta, Barberino Val d'Elsa Riserva Vigneto Torre a Destra 2016
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Blueberry and balsamic nose with delicate spice aromas, full-bodied on the palate with robust tannins and an intense finish, yet also distinctive and elegant.

castellodellapaneretta.com

Mazzei – Castello di Fonterutoli, Castellina in Chianti

Castello Fonterutoli 2018
17.5 points | 2024 to 2032

Tempting raspberry nose spiced up with fleet-footed floral aromas, shaped by acidity on the palate, very fresh, juicy and lingering. Successful.

fonterutoli.it

Mazzei – Castello di Fonterutoli, Castellina in Chianti

Badiola 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Fruity and spicy on the nose, full-bodied on the palate, perfect balance between tannins and acidity, ending with lingering red berry notes. Should still be left to age.

fonterutoli.it

Rocca delle Macie, Castellina in Chianti Sergio Zingarelli 2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Fruity and floral nose, well-balanced framework of tannins and acidity, juicy and smooth with a lingering, polished finish of blueberry jam notes. Good with delicate cheese.

roccadellemacie.com

Valiano, Castelnuovo Berardenga San Lazzaro 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

The nose impresses with hints of rosehip, violet and tobacco; a complex texture, full and spirited with robust tannins and a linear finish. Perfect with food such as braised lamb.

piccini1882.it
ttenute-di-famiglia/fattoriadi-valiano

Castello di Bossi S.p.A., Castelnuovo Berardenga 2016
17.5 points | 2024 to 2031

Finely chiselled nose of forest berry aromas wrapped in floral touches; offering lively acidity, tightly knit tannins and an intense cherry finish. Should still round out.

castellodibossi.it

Barone Ricasoli – Castello di Brolio, Gaiole in Chianti Roncicone 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Coming from alluvial soils at 320 metres above sea level: a complex nose with subtle mineral aromas, very polished yet also characterful, then a compact texture, good balance between tannins and acidity, and an elegant, youthful finish. Suitable for laying down.

ricasoli.com

Barone Ricasoli – Castello di Brolio, Gaiole in Chianti Ceniprimo 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

The most powerful of Francesco Ricasoli's single-vineyard selections: complex fruity and rose blossom nose, well balanced on the palate with the fine-grained tannins balanced out perfectly by the acidity, ending with an endlessly lingering finish of forest berry and balsamic notes.

ricasoli.com

Tenuta di Nozzole, Greve in Chianti Giovanni Folonari 2016
17.5 points | 2022 to 2027

Inviting berry and herb aromas with some subtle balsamic touches, juicy on the palate, beautifully

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[tenutefolonari.com](https://www.tenutefolonari.com)

**Villa Calcinaia, Greve in Chianti
Vigna Bastignano 2018**

17.5 points | 2024 to 2032

Harmonious nose of stone fruit and violet aromas, juicy on the palate, spirited and full with a velvety yet promising finish: already enjoyable but could still mature.

[villacalcinaia.it](https://www.villacalcinaia.it)

**Vecchie Terre di Montefili, Greve in Chianti
2017**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Intriguing small forest fruit, dried rose and spice aromas, compact in the attack with robust tannins balanced out well by the delicate acidity, ending with lingering berry and pepper notes. Compellingly classic and elegant style. Good with a Tafelspitz.

[montefiliwines.com/it](https://www.montefiliwines.com/it)

**Fattoria di Lamole, Greve in Chianti
Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Vigna
Grosoli 2015**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Classic Sangiovese nose with violet, raspberry and mushroom aromas, powerful in the attack, robust tannins, invigorating acidity, and a lingering finish with lots of fruit and balsamic touches. Traditional style, could still mature.

[fattoriadilamole.it](https://www.fattoriadilamole.it)

**Lornano, Monteriggioni
2016**

17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Dignified forest fruit, violet and oak nose, compact on the palate with good balance between tightly knit tannins and acidity, and a lingering spicy and fruity finish. A successful interpretation.

[fattorialornano.it](https://www.fattorialornano.it)

**Tenuta di Lilliano, Castellina in Chianti
2017**

17 points | 2023 to 2029

Tempting berry and chocolate nose, compact on the palate with precisely integrated acidity and a lingering, juicy finish of cherry and leather notes. Delicious with roasted duck breast.

[lilliano.com](https://www.lilliano.com)

**Tenuta di Capraia, Castellina in Chianti
Effe 55 2016**

17 points | 2022 to 2028

A spirited start with forest fruit and herb aromas, full-bodied on the palate with invigorating acidity and a lingering, fresh finish of delicate spice.

Enjoy with game birds.

[vinotti.ch](https://www.vinotti.ch)

Valiano, Castelnuovo Berardenga

Valiano 6.38 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2029

Inviting nose of forest fruit, rosehip and tobacco, precise texture, robust tannins, and a promising finish of ripe plum and leather notes.

[piccini1882.it](https://www.piccini1882.it)
[tenute-di-famiglia/fattoriadi-valiano](https://www.tenute-di-famiglia/fattoriadi-valiano)

Vallepiciola, Castelnuovo Berardenga

Lapina 2017

17 points | 2022 to 2027

Exquisite black berry and floral aromas, harmonious on the palate invigorated by lively acidity and fresh, fine-grained tannins, and beautiful development into a complex and elegant finish.

[vallepiciola.com](https://www.vallepiciola.com)

San Felice, Castelnuovo Berardenga

Il Grigio 2017

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Cosy nose of black cherry and herbs with a touch of menthol, full-bodied on the palate with invigorating acidity and an opulent blueberry finish.

Enjoy with a bistecca.

[agricolasanfelice.it](https://www.agricolasanfelice.it)

**Borgo Scopeto, Castelnuovo Berardenga
2016**

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Complex nose, then harmonious, well balanced and polished with a finish borne up by acidity. Successful.

[borgoscopeto.com](https://www.borgoscopeto.com)

Carpineto, Chianciano Terme

2016

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Berry aromas flanked by chocolate, full-bodied on the palate with powerful, well-integrated tannins and a lingering finish of blueberry and herb notes. Opulent.

[carpineto.com](https://www.carpineto.com)

Barone Ricasoli – Castello di Brolio,

Gaiole in Chianti

Castello di Brolio 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2029

Subtle cherry, violet and leather nose, corpulent texture with perceptible, fresh acidity, juicy and full with acidity as fresh as the finish, but a compact style that wins you over.

[ricasoli.com](https://www.ricasoli.com)

Castello di Ama, Gaiole in Chianti

San Lorenzo 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Spicy berry nose with floral touches, compact in the attack with fine-grained, well-integrated tannins, invigorating acidity and a fresh, fruity finish. Still needs to mature.

[castellodiama.com](https://www.castellodiama.com)

Il Colombaio di Cencio, Gaiole in Chianti

2016

17 points | 2022 to 2028

Red berry and floral notes in the attack, fresh texture, invigorating acidity, and a lingering finish of forest fruit, menthol and orange zest.

[colombaiodicencio.com](https://www.colombaiodicencio.com)

Lamole di Lamole, Gaiole in Chianti

Vigneto di Campolungo 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Spicy nose of stone fruit, mulberry, pepper and leather aromas, fresh in the attack with the lively acidity balanced out well by the fine-grained tannins, offering polish yet also youthful spirit. Could still be left to age.

[lamole.com](https://www.lamole.com)

Fattoria Viticcio, Greve in Chianti

Prunajo 2016

17 points | 2022 to 2026

Cherry and herb aromas shape the nose; fresh and clean on the palate with well-integrated acidity, robust and long-lasting tannins, and a captivating cassis finish. Reliable.

[fattoriaviticcio.com](https://www.fattoriaviticcio.com)

Villa Calcinaia, Greve in Chianti

Vigna Contessa Luisa 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2030

Appealing red berry and floral nose, harmonious structure, juicy and very polished with a beautiful forest fruit finish.

[villacalcinaia.it](https://www.villacalcinaia.it)

Le Cinciole, Greve in Chianti

Aluigi 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Intriguing stone fruit and herb aromas with a touch of pepper, well balanced in the attack, fresh acidity with velvety, long-lasting tannins. Impressively elegant and full.

[lecinciole.it](https://www.lecinciole.it)

Basilica Cafaggio, Greve in Chianti

Basilica Solatio 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Reticent berry nose with pepper aromas, fine-grained tannins balanced out by the acidity, smooth finish, complex and lingering.

[cafaggio.wine](https://www.cafaggio.wine)

Fattoria di Rignana, Greve in Chianti

Villa di Rignana 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Classic red forest fruit and floral aromas with some subtle touches of spice, well balanced on the palate with accentuated acidity, well-integrated tannins and a lingering finish. Very successful.

[rignana.it](https://www.rignana.it)

CHIANTI DOCG RISERVA

The spectrum of Tuscany

Florence, Siena, Arezzo, Pisa, Pistoia and Prato: Chianti DOCG can be produced in six different provinces, and thus the majority of Tuscany. In its Riserva form in particular, the wine demonstrates what Sangiovese can achieve.

Six provinces serve as the subareas for Chianti DOCG production: Chianti Colli Aretini, Chianti Colli Fiorentini, Chianti Colli Senesi, Chianti Colline Pisane, Chianti Montalbano, Chianti Montespertoli and Chianti-Rufina. Some of these - Chianti Rufina in particular, but also Colli Fiorentini - have a very clear goût de terroir.

From a geological perspective, the Chianti region can be split into four eras in descending order of age: Eocene deposits on the Anti-Apennine ridges, Pliocene hills, and the intermountain basin of the Upper Valdarno with its Pleistocene and alluvial deposits. The hilly landscape planted with vines sits at an average of 200 to 400 metres above sea level, with a favourable position and orientation.

Three historical events have defined the long history of Chianti: 1398 marked the first written reference to the name Chianti in connection with wine. In 1716, the Grand Duke of Tuscany Cosimo III set out the first official winegrowing regions in Europe in the form of Chianti, Carmignano and Pomino. And finally, in the 19th century at Castello di Brolio, Baron Bettino Ricasoli - the 'Iron Baron' - developed a formula for Chianti wine that endured until the end of the 20th century.

The Consorzio Vino Chianti was founded by a group of winemakers in 1927 and is now responsible for more than 3600 producers, cultivating more than 15,500 hectares of vines and producing over 800,000 hectolitres of Chianti DOCG. As per

31 May 2021, the consortium also achieved a 14% increase in sales compared with the previous period in 2020 and an 8% increase on January-May 2019, i.e. compared with before Covid-19.

The wine must contain at least 70% Sangiovese. The Sangiovese grape was often used alone 'in purezza' in the Riservas we tasted, and can gleam with fresh fruitiness and floral notes in well-balanced vintages like 2018 (or 2016 before it).

A Riserva must be matured in the cellar for at least 24 months before it can be marketed. From an organoleptic perspective, Riservas generally have a more complex nose, which can range from dark berries to earthy aromas to elegant roasted or vanilla notes.

Facts and figures

Cultivation area: large parts of inland Tuscany

Vineyard area: 15,500 hectares

Producers: 3600

Key grape varieties: Sangiovese (at least 70%), the remainder red and white grapes (up to max. 10%)

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Top 10 Best of Chianti DOCG

Once again, Riserva is the spearhead of Chianti DOCG: the 2018 vintage impresses with its finesse.



2 Petriolo, Incisa in Val d'Arno
Chianti DOCG Riserva 2018
17.5 points | 2022 to 2026
Atmospheric in the attack with forest fruit and floral aromas plus mineral touches, polished texture with well-integrated, fine-grained tannins and crisp acidity, juicy with an endlessly lingering finish. In timeless style.
fattoriapetriolo.com



3 Fattorie Parri, Montespertoli
Chianti Montespertoli DOCG Riserva 2016
17.5 points | 2022 to 2026
Owes its polish to around a year in 30hl barrels: black cherry, chocolate and leather on the nose, juicy on the palate with well-integrated acidity and compact development into forest fruit, mushroom and herb notes. Successful.
fattorieparri.it



1 Fattoria Selvapiana, Rufina
Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva Vigneto Bucerchiale 2018
18 points | 2023 to 2027
Stone fruit and herb nose, juicy on the palate, with good acidity, tightly knit and well-integrated tannins, and a finish of fresh forest fruit, leather and herb notes. Inviting.
selvapiana.it, garibaldi.de, liechti-weine.ch



4 Castello Nipozzano - Frescobaldi, Nipozzano
Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva Vecchie Viti 2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027
Forest fruit aromas with balsamic touches, well-balanced texture with fine-grained, well-integrated tannins, lively acidity and a beautiful, elegant, characterful fruity finish.
frescobaldi.it, moevenpick-wein.de



5 Villa Travignoli, Pelago
Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva Tegolaia 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027
Inviting juniper berry and herb nose with spicy aromas, juicy on the palate with fine-grained tannins underpinned by the lively acidity, and a smooth finish. Good with flavoursome game dishes. Very successful.
travignoli.com



6 Fattoria I Veroni, Pontassieve
Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva Vigneto Quona 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027
Complex nose with stone fruit, lilac and rose blossom aromas, precise texture, perfectly integrated acidity and tightly knit tannins. Ideal with food.
iveroni.it



7 Tenuta Bossi Marchesi Gondi, Pontassieve
Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva Villa Bossi 2015
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027
An intense raspberry nose with delicate spice and violet aromas, impeccably made with fine-grained tannins, lively acidity and a lingering finish of forest fruit, flowers and spice. Good with a hearty steak.
gondi.com



8 Tenuta Bossi Marchesi Gondi, Pontassieve
Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva Pian dei Sorbi 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2028
Bewitchingly fruity nose of tobacco and floral notes, compact on the palate with accentuated acidity, tightly knit tannins and a precisely defined finish. Appealingly characterful.
gondi.com



9 Fattoria Torre a Cona, Rignano sull'Arno
Chianti Colli Fiorentini DOCG Riserva Badia a Corte 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027
Delicate cassis and herb aromas, compact on the palate with well-balanced tannins, vibrant acidity, and a compact finish with stone fruit and black pepper notes.
torreacona.com



10 Poggiotondo, Subbiano
Chianti DOCG Riserva Vigna delle Conchiglie 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027
Matured in small oak barrels for 20 months: stone fruit and herb aromas, compact in the attack with a good balance between the acidity and the fine-grained tannins, and a pleasantly fruity finish.
poggiotondowines.it

**Cantagallo Pierazuoli, Capraia e Limite
Chianti Montalbano DOCG Riserva II
Fondatore 2018**

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Kicking things off with spicy and berry aromas, beautifully smooth, combining juiciness with acidity, and an elegant red fruit finish. Offering appealing elegance.

tenutacantagallo.it

Frascole, Dicomano

Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva 2017

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Captivating forest fruit and herb aromas, compact on the palate with well-balanced tannins, vibrant acidity, and a compact finish with red berry and pepper notes. Appealing, finely chiselled style.

frascole.it

**Castello Nipozzano – Frescobaldi,
Nipozzano**

**Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva Vigna
Montesodi 2017**

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Perfectly structured Sangiovese with red forest fruit, violet and mushroom aromas, juicy in the attack with well-integrated acidity and tightly knit tannins, very polished, juicy and long. An elegant wine that could still mature.

frescobaldi.it

Colognole, Pontassieve

Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva del Don 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Nose dominated by ripe berries and violet, an elegant structure, well-integrated tannins and acidity, lots of character and a polished finish.

colognole.it

Fattoria Selvapiana, Rufina

**Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva Vigneto
Erchi 2017**

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Tempting Sangiovese nose with subtle hints of spice, well-balanced texture supported by vibrant acidity and fine-grained tannins as well as some mineral and saline elements, and an elegant yet complex finish.

selvapiana.it

Uggiano, San Vincenzo a Torri

Chianti DOCG Riserva Fagiano 2018

17 points | 2022 to 2026

Matured in French oak, delights with its berry and tobacco aromas; the structure of tannins and acidity is perfectly balanced, the acidity is vibrant, and the finish is linear. Excellent with food.

uggiano.it

Poggiotondo, Subbiano

**Chianti DOCG Riserva Vigna delle
Conchiglie**

2018

17 points | 2022 to 2026

Wine from limestone soils with lots of fossils: beginning in spirited form with forest fruit and undergrowth aromas, polished texture with well-integrated tannins, lively acidity and beautiful development. Classically elegant.

poggiotondo.it

Badia di Morrona, Terricciola

**Chianti DOCG Riserva I Sodi del Paretaio
2018**

17 points | 2022 to 2025

Captivating plum nose with a hint of leather and tobacco, juicy in the attack with fine-grained, precisely integrated tannins and beautiful polish right into the finish. Appealingly traditional style.

badiadimorrone.it

Tenuta Il Palazzo, Arezzo

Chianti DOCG Riserva 2017

16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Plump nose of black cherry and chocolate aromas, juicy on the palate with tightly knit tannins, invigorating acidity, polish, juiciness and wonderfully lingering fruit.

cantinailpalazzo.it

Agricola Fontanelle, Chianciano Terme

Chianti DOCG Riserva Ri.Va.Le. 2012

16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

80% Sangiovese with Canaiolo and Mammolo: dark berry and chocolate on the nose, compact in the attack with robust tannins and lively acidity, combining polish with a lingering finish.

azfontanelle.it

Fattoria Il Lago, Dicomano

Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva 2018

16.5 points | 2023 to 2026

A complex nose of raspberries, stone fruit and herbs, then fresh and compact on the palate with robust tannins and pleasant spirit. Could still be left to age.

fattoriaillago.com

Malenchini, Grassina

**Chianti Colli Fiorentini DOCG Riserva del
Chianti Colli Fiorentini 2018**

16.5 points | 2023 to 2026

Matured in Slavonic oak: captivating berry nose with dried flower and tobacco aromas, linear on the palate with perfectly integrated tannins, overall very polished and refined into the lingering finish. Still needs to mature.

malenchini.it

**Castello Nipozzano – Frescobaldi,
Nipozzano**

Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva 2018

16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Small forest fruit and flowers on the nose, well balanced on the palate with accentuated acidity, linear, with development defined by its delicate elegance.

frescobaldi.it

**Ravazzi, Palazzone-San Casciano die
Bagni**

Chianti DOCG Riserva Bariosa 2018

16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Spicy and fruit nose, fresh in the attack with lively acidity, well-integrated tannins and a cherry and leather finish. Already enjoyable but could still mature.

ravazzi.it

Podere Il Pozzo, Pontassieve

Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva 2017

16.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Inviting plum, herb and undergrowth nose, firm texture with lively, well-integrated tannins, vibrant acidity, and a lingering, complex finish. Successful.

podereilpozzo.it

Fattoria Torre a Cona, Rignano sull'Arno

Chianti Colli Fiorentini DOCG Riserva

Terre di Cino 2018

16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Classically fragile raspberry and violet nose, juicy on the palate, beautifully smooth with fine-grained tannins and a delicate, graceful finish. Successful.

torreacona.com

Cantagallo Pierazuoli, Capraia e Limite

Chianti Montalbano DOCG Riserva 2018

16 points | 2023 to 2026

Red berry nose with delicate spice, polished in the palate with intense acidity, powerful and lingering with intense forest fruit notes shaping the finish.

tenutacantagallo.it

Castello di Oliveto, Castelfiorentino

Chianti DOCG Riserva 2018

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Blend of Sangiovese, Merlot and Colorino: classic Sangiovese nose of raspberry and violet aromas, juicy on the palate with lively acidity and a refreshingly youthful texture. Elegant.

castellooliveto.it

Tenuta San Jacopo, Cavriglia
Chianti DOCG Riserva Poggio ai Grilli
2018

16 points | 2022 to 2026

A Sangiovese shaped by charismatic raspberry and violet notes with a touch of spice; compact tannins, a well-balanced finish. In short: a robust wine.

tenutasanjacopo.it

Terre del Bruno, Certaldo
Chianti DOCG Riserva Poggio ai Falchi
2018

16 points | 2022 to 2025

Classic Sangiovese nose, solid structure of tannins and acidity, harmonious and fresh development, with a finish of subtle red berry notes. A good companion to food.

terredelbruno.it

Borgo Macereto, Dicomano
Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva Musica 2018
16 points | 2023 to 2027

Classically made with a raspberry and lilac nose, juicy on the palate with perceptible tannins and a fruity finish. Enjoy with a flavoursome roast.

borgomacereto.it

Tenuta Il Sosso, Lucignano
Chianti DOCG Riserva Ricordo 2017
16 points | 2023 to 2026

Matured in large oak barrels for 18 months: appealing aromas of ripe stone fruit, compact on the palate with robust tannins, invigorating acidity, and a lingering plum and leather finish. Appealingly opulent style.

ilsozzo.it

Piandaccoli, Malmantile – Lastra a Signa
Chianti DOCG Riserva Cosmos 2015
16 points | 2022 to 2025

Ripe fruit and balsamic components shape the nose; juicy on the palate, beautifully polished and developing wonderfully into ripe berry and tobacco notes.

piandaccoliwine.com

Fattoria di Petrognano, Montelupo
Chianti DOCG Riserva Meme 2017
16 points | 2022 to 2025

Forest fruit and violet dominate on the nose; dense structure with well-integrated tannins, herbs and acidity, and a velvety finish.

fattoriadipetrognano.it

Vecchia Cantina di Montepulciano,
Montepulciano
Chianti DOCG Riserva Poggio Stella 2016
16 points | 2022 to 2025

Interesting spice and stone fruit aromas on the nose, compact texture, beautifully smooth right into the finish. A polished wine that is already enjoyable but could also still mature.

vecchiacantina.com

Vecchia Cantina di Montepulciano,
Montepulciano
Chianti DOCG Riserva Astorre Nott 2016
16 points | 2022 to 2025

18 months in Slavonic oak: exquisite cherry, herb and undergrowth nose, firm texture with lively, well-integrated tannins, vibrant acidity, and a lingering finish. Successful.

vecchiacantina.com

Casa di Monte, Montespertoli
Chianti DOCG Montespertoli Riserva 2015
16 points | 2022 to 2025

Inviting raspberry and violet nose, juicy on the palate with invigorating acidity, compact, pleasantly well rounded and ripe in the finish. Robust style.

casadimonte.it

Fattoria Sonnino, Montespertoli
Chianti Montespertoli DOCG Riserva
Castello di Montespertoli 2018
16 points | 2022 to 2025

Sangiovese with some Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon: delicate stone fruit and herb nose, fresh and compact on the palate with robust tannins and a pleasing spirit.

castellosonnino.it

Mannucci Droandi, Montevarchi
Chianti Colli Aretini Riserva 2018
16 points | 2022 to 2024

Spicy nose with black cherry aromas, compact in the attack with acidity balanced out well by the tightly knit tannins, and a lingering blackberry and herb finish.

mannuccidroandi.it

Mannucci Droandi, Montevarchi
Chianti Colli Aretini DOCG Riserva 2018
16 points | 2022 to 2024

Spicy nose with black cherry aromas, compact in the attack with acidity balanced out well by the tightly knit tannins, and a lingering blackberry and herb finish.

mannuccidroandi.it

Fattorie Melini, Poggibonsi
Chianti DOCG Riserva 2016
16 points | 2022 to 2026

Raspberry nose cocooned in floral aromas, fresh tannins in the attack with accentuated acidity and a compact fruit finish. Enjoyable but could also be left to mature.

melinichianti.com

Podere Il Balzo, Rufina
Chianti Rufina DOCG Riserva 2017
16 points | 2022 to 2026

Black cherry and violet nose, harmonious structure, beautifully smooth right into the finish. A polished wine that is already enjoyable but could also still mature somewhat.

ilbalzo.it

Tenuta di Trecciano, Sovicille
Chianti Colli Senesi DOCG Riserva Terra
Rossa 2018
16 points | 2022 to 2024

A selection of the estate's best Sangiovese grapes: captivating red berry nose, juicy on the palate with the acidity balanced out well by the tannins, and a fresh, fruity finish.

trecciano.it

Cantine Leonardo da Vinci, Vinci
Chianti DOCG Riserva I Capolavori
Vergine delle Rocce 2017
16 points | 2022 to 2025

From the hills around Vinci at altitudes of 40 to 130 metres: homely cherry and cinnamon nose, soft and well-integrated tannins, supporting acidity. Robust.

cantineleonardo.it

Top 10 Best of Chianti Classico Riserva



1 Fattoria Felsina, Castelnuovo Berardenga Rancia 2018

18 points | 2023 to 2028

Ripe raspberry and pepper aromas, fresh in the attack with well-integrated, tightly knit tannins and a youthful finish with dark fruit and balsamic touches. Excellent with food.

felsina.it, superiore.de, liechti-weine.ch



2 San Giusto a Rentennano, Gaiole in Chianti Le Baroncole 2018

18 points | 2023 to 2027

Utterly captivating berry nose with softwood aromas and delicate minerality; tightly knit tannins, accentuated acidity, elegant and lingering with a complex fruity and floral finish. Very successful.

fattoriasangiusto.it, vinatis.de, finewines.ch



3 Fattoria di Cinciano, Poggibonsi Camponi 2017

18 points | 2023 to 2027

Just 2858 bottles of this single-vineyard wine were made: charismatic Marasca cherry nose casually cocooned in raspberry aromas, juicy on the palate with invigorating acidity, combining character with elegance. Very successful.

cinciano.it



4 Tenuta di Bibbiano, Castellina in Chianti 2018

17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Aromatic stone fruit nose with a touch of spice and chocolate, compact structure with well-integrated tannins, lively acidity, and a lingering, well-balanced finish. Good with grilled lamb chops.

tenutadibibbiano.it, hoferwineandspirits.ch, weinversand-fehser.de



5 Antinori, Firenze Tenuta Tignanello Marchese Antinori 2018

17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

The name Tenuta Tignanello offers a foretaste of future Tenute Antinori wines under the Chianti Classico DOCG: violet and raspberry nose, well structured and elegant on the palate, dense right into the fruity finish.

antinori.it, weinemotionen.de, millesima.ch



6 Montecalvi, Greve in Chianti 2018

17.5 points | 2022 to 2028

One of 265 bottles of the first vintage from the Montecalvi Alto vineyard: intriguing raspberry and violet nose, very compact on the palate with perfectly integrated tannins, combining polish with Sangiovese elegance.

montecalvi.com, superiore.de



7 Tenuta di Nozzole, Greve in Chianti La Forra 2016

17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Bewitching raspberry aromas gently flanked by floral touches, polished texture, well-balanced acidity and tannins, and a lingering fresh finish. Could definitely still mature.

tenutefolonari.com



8 Il Palagio di Panzano, Panzano in Chianti 2016

17.5 Punkte | 2023 bis 2027

Von einem kleinen, feinen Gut in Panzano: würzig-balsamische Fruchtaromatik; Auftakt ausgewogen, Gerbstoffe feinkörnig und in Balance mit der Säure, gefällt mit seiner kraftvollen und doch eleganten Machart.

palagiodipanzano.com, vinothekhauser.ch



9 Castello di Radda, Radda in Chianti 2016

17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Spicy berry nose with pepper aromas, full-bodied on the palate with powerful tannins and a compelling finish of forest fruit, tobacco and herb notes.

Best enjoyed with game dishes. castellodiradda.com, vinovin.ch, superiore.de



10 Gagliole, Castellina in Chianti Riserva

17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Bewitching raspberry and violet nose, polished structure with rounded, well-integrated tannins and accentuated acidity, and a finish of red forest fruit and floral notes.

gagliole.com, terravigna.ch

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**Fattoria Nittardi, Castellina in Chianti
2018**

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Dark forest fruit and herb aromas, juicy on the palate with perceptible acidity and polished tannins, combining power with elegance. Try with a Viennese Tafelspitz.

nittardi.com

**Rocca delle Macie, Castellina in Chianti
Sergiovetto 2018**

17 points | 2023 to 2027

A spirited start of red berry and floral aromas, fresh on the palate with accentuated acidity, but well structured with fine-grained tannins and a red forest fruit finish.

roccadellemacie.com

**Setriolo, Castellina in Chianti
2016**

17 points | 2023 to 2026

Interesting cassis and violet nose, polished texture, spirited and juicy, with elegant development into a cherry jam finish. Enjoy with game and mushroom dishes.

setriolo.com

**Tenuta di Capraia, Castellina in Chianti
2017**

17 points | 2023 to 2026

Beginning with stimulating, fresh red forest fruit and floral aromas, juicy in the attack with vibrant acidity and a lingering berry finish.

winemerchant.de

**Fattoria Felsina, Castelnuovo Berardenga
Berardenga 2018**

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Intriguing nose of fresh forest fruit, tobacco and spice, well-balanced texture with fine-grained tannins, accentuated acidity, and an endlessly lingering finish combining clear fruit with balsamic touches.

felsina.it

**San Felice, Castelnuovo Berardenga
Villa La Pagliaia 2018**

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Forest fruit and spice nose with perceptible, soft herb touches; juicy on the palate with accentuated acidity and a smooth finish. Successful.

agricolasanfelice.it

**Villa a Sesta, Castelnuovo Berardenga
2017**

17 points | 2023 to 2027

The grapes grow at around 450 metres above sea level: red berry and blossom nose with subtle balsamic touches, juicy on the palate with lively acidity and an endlessly lingering red berry and pepper finish.

villasesta.com



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Dievole, Castelnuovo Berardenga

Novecento 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Ripe fruit nose with subtle oak aromas, full-bodied on the palate with invigorating acidity and an appealing forest berry character. Enjoy with a steak.

dievole.it

Lamole di Lamole, Gaiole in Chianti

2017

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Captivating nose of red berry, tobacco and spice, compact structure with well-integrated, fine-grained tannins and a compellingly polished style.

lamole.com

Villa Calcinaia, Greve in Chianti

2017

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Inviting black cherry, softwood and dark chocolate nose, complex texture, tightly knit tannins, lively acidity, elegant with a refreshing, youthful finish. Successful.

villacalcinaia.it

Lornano, Monteriggioni

Le Bandite 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Spicy and floral nose ornamented with beautiful raspberry aromas, compact on the palate with invigorating acidity and a promising finish. Needs to mature.

fattorialornano.it

Casa di Monte, Montespertoli

Le Capitozze 2012

17 points | 2022 to 2025

Harmonious nose of black cherry, herb and undergrowth aromas, juicy in the attack with invigorating acidity and a beautifully smooth finish. Appealingly elegant style.

casadimonte.it

Conte Guicciardini Belvedere Campóli,

Montespertoli

2016

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Made from grapes grown at 400 metres above sea level: appealingly spicy berry nose, full-bodied on the palate with sturdy tannins. Appealing.

guicciardini1199.it

Il Molino di Grace, Panzano in Chianti

2017

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Intriguing berry nose with hints of softwood and chocolate, compact on the palate with invigorating acidity, elegant with a fruit-driven finish.

ilmolinodigrace.it

Fattorie Melini, Poggibonsi

La Selvanella 2016

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Spicy, ripe cherry aromas shape the nose; juicy in the attack with invigorating acidity and a juicy, lingering finish. Needs to mature. Good with mushroom risotto.

melinichianti.com

Fattoria di Cinciano, Poggibonsi 2017

17 points | 2023 to 2026

Inviting stone fruit nose, cleverly spiced up with herb notes; compact on the palate with invigorating acidity, combining fullness and character with a balsamic, fruity finish.

cinciano.it

Poggerino, Radda in Chianti

Bugiulla 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Blueberry and herb aromas cajole on the nose; juicy in the attack, combining tightly knit tannins with lively acidity, and a raspberry and floral finish.

poggerino.com

Caparsa, Radda in Chianti

Caparsino 2017

17 points | 2022 to 2027

Spicy forest fruit nose, boldly underscored by floral notes; well-integrated acidity, fine-grained tannins and an elegant finish.

ecoitaly.it

Castello di Albola - Zonin, Radda in

Chianti

2018

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Stimulating aromas of raspberry and violet, harmonious on the palate with smooth tannins and lots of polish right into the finish. Successful.

zonin1821.it

Castello di Volpaia, Radda in Chianti

2018

17 points | 2023 to 2026

Blackcurrant, spice and tobacco on the nose, full-bodied in the attack with tightly knit tannins, very juicy and full right into the finish. Ideal with game and game birds.

volpaia.it

Casa Emma, S. Donato in Poggio

Vignaparco 2017

17 points | 2022 to 2026

Single-vineyard wine with a berry, spice and herb nose, juicy and intense with smooth acidity, hugely lingering. Opulent style.

casaemma.com

Nunzi Conti, San Casciano Val di Pesa 2017

17 points | 2023 to 2027

Delicately aromatic nose of black cherry aromas with herb notes as the icing on the cake; invigorating acidity, fresh in the finish. Characterful.

familianunziconti.it

A hint of France

The tiny Carmignano appellation is at the heart of Tuscany. Since Caterina de' Medici planted the Cabernet variety (known as 'Uva Francesca') here in the 16th century, it has been blended with Sangiovese to make Carmignano DOCG.

1 Fattoria Ambra, Carmignano Carmignano DOCG Riserva Elzana 2018

17.5 points | 2022 to 2027

Intense touches of forest fruit and cherries, with some subtle herb notes; juicy on the palate with robust, well-integrated tannins, juicy and powerful with a lingering finish. Good with a Viennese Tafelspitz.

www.fattoriaambra.it, ronaldi.de,
1870vinsetconseil.ch

2 Le Farnete, Capraia e Limite Carmignano DOCG Riserva Le Farnete 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2027

A stately welcome with fruit, spice and liquorice aromas, elegant in the attack with fine-grained tannins, hugely lingering with mineral touches. Compelling finesse yet also power.

www.lefarnete.com

3 Tenuta Capezzana, Carmignano Carmignano DOCG Villa di Capezzana 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Charismatic nose of dark berries, herbs and sandalwood, a wealth of tannins and lots of mineral touches on the palate, with an endlessly lingering finish of forest fruit, lilac and spice notes.

www.capezzana.it, denzweine.ch

4 Fattoria Ambra, Carmignano Carmignano DOCG Montefortini Podere Lombarda 2018

17 points | 2022 to 2027

Sangiovese, Canaiolo and Uva Francesca, matured in small French oak barrels for a year and large Slavonic ones for another year: inviting

red berry, tobacco and liquorice nose, compact structure with well-integrated tannins, compellingly smooth style.

www.fattoriaambra.it, ronaldi.de,
1870vinsetconseil.ch

5 Fattoria Ambra, Carmignano Carmignano DOCG Riserva Montalbiolo 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Bold blackcurrant and pepper nose, fresh and driven by acidity in the attack with well-integrated tannins and a youthful finish with hints of dark fruit and Mediterranean macchia. Compellingly spicy.

www.fattoriaambra.it, ronaldi.de,
1870vinsetconseil.ch

6 Tenuta Capezzana, Carmignano Carmignano DOCG Villa di Capezzana 10 Anni 2011

17 points | 2022 to 2024

Offering up an intriguing nose of ripe plum, undergrowth and liquorice aromas, compact structure, formative acidity that gives the wine a long life, and a complex finish. Brimming with elegance.

www.capezzana.it, denzweine.ch

7 Fabrizio Pratesi Viticoltore, Seano Carmignano DOCG Riserva Il Circo Rosso 2018

17 points | 2023 to 2028

Spicy forest fruit nose, casually accompanied by tobacco aromas; robust on the palate with tightly knit tannins and a blackberry and violet finish. Appealingly elegant style.

www.fabriziopratesi.it

8 Fattoria Ambra, Carmignano Carmignano DOCG Santa Cristina in Pilli 2018

16.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Spicy balsamic and fruity nose, juicy on the palate with robust tannins, appealingly powerful and opulent in style, supported by the intriguing acidity.

www.fattoriaambra.it, ronaldi.de,
1870vinsetconseil.ch

9 Podere Il Sassolo, Carmignano Carmignano DOCG Santa Cristina a Mezzana 2018

16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Clever nose of blueberry, leather and herb aromas with some pepper notes, juicy on the palate with fine-grained tannins, smooth yet juicy.

www.ilsassolo.it

10 Le Farnete, Capraia e Limite Carmignano DOCG 2019

16 points | 2022 to 2026

Appealing forest fruit and floral nose, compact on the palate with good balance between the tannins and the acidity, ending with berry, liquorice and undergrowth notes. Robust.

www.lefarnete.com



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Wines forged from Light

Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and an increasing amount of Cabernet Franc: Bolgheri is and remains a haven for Bordeaux grapes, even if Sangiovese is in some cases the exception that proves the rule. The 2018 vintage now has a set of great wines in the starting blocks.

It is a natural amphitheatre bordered to the east by the Colline Metallifere, whose foothills extend as far as the coast. This hilly area is largely covered in forest. The area containing the majority of the vineyards stretches as far as the Tyrrhenian Sea.

The sea and its reflected sunlight are a vital factor in the quality of Bolgheri wines, allowing its grapes to ripen perfectly. Another factor is average rainfall of 600 ml per year - and not forgetting good movement of air virtually all year round. The soils are deep, meaning that even when the weather is dry, the roots are virtually always able to find water underground.

From a geological perspective, the Bolgheri soils have dual origins: marine and alluvial, combined with deposits that have been left on the hillsides by watercourses. 27 different soil types have been identified here since the mid-1990s, meaning that no Bolgheri wine is the same. These wines are primarily red, as the soils are well suited to red grape varieties. Among the whites, Vermentino in particular has been gaining ground in recent years.

The Bolgheri story began in the middle of last century at Tenuta San Guido, where Marchese Incisa della Rocchetta planted the Bordeaux varieties that eventually resulted in Sassicaia in the late 1960s. Ornellaia, Grattamacco and others followed suit, and Bolgheri is now one of the best-known wine regions in the world.

Since then, Bolgheri wines have primarily been blends of Cabernet and Merlot, but Syrah, Petit Ver-

dot and Sangiovese are also widely used. Alongside Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC, a designation of origin reserved solely for the progenitor of Bolgheri wines that is Sassicaia, the region also produces Bolgheri DOC Superiore and Bolgheri DOC wines - and not forgetting Toscana IGT wines (some of which feature in our Cabernet Franc tasting).

We tasted the Bolgheri DOC Superiore vintages currently available on the market plus a handful of Bolgheri DOCs. Even 2017, which was a difficult vintage due to severe drought, produced astonishingly elegant wines with good structure near the coast. 2018 brings this elegance even further to the fore.

Facts and figures

Cultivation area: vineyards near to the coast around Castagneto Carducci in the province of Livorno

Vineyard area: approx. 1400 hectares (DOC and IGT)

Producers: more than 50

Key grape varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot

www.bolgheridoc.com

Top 10 Best of Bolgheri DOC Superiore

2018 is a vintage that will continue to give us much pleasure in the years to come. But 2017 also surprises with great wines.



1 Tenuta San Guido, Bolgheri Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC 2018

19 points | 2024 to 2034

The legend: elegant nose of red fruit and balsamic aromas, powerful in the attack, perfectly balanced and harmonious with undergrowth notes and lots of fruit. Excellent with food, a delight on its own!

sassicaia.com, bindella.ch, weinart.de



2 Ornellaia, Bolgheri Ornellaia 2018

19 points | 2024 to 2033

Both the vintage and the wine have been shaped with 'grazia' (grace): reticent on the nose, then a potpourri of forest fruit, pepper and dried rose; fine tannins with lively acidity create a dense yet elegant wine that needs to mature for a while.

ornellaia.it, vipino.de, daniel-vins.ch



3 Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri Matarocchio 2017

18.5 points | 2023 to 2031

Antinori's interpretation of a varietal Cabernet Franc from a single vineyard: forest fruit, roasted, and dark chocolate aromas, powerful texture, fine tannins with supporting acidity, very characterful with finesse in the finish. A great wine.

antinori.it, millesima.de, granchateaux.ch



4 Poggio al Tesoro, Bolgheri Dedicato a Walter 2017

18.5 points | 2024 to 2031

Pure Cabernet Franc: a spicy forest fruit nose delicately enhanced by herb, pepper and tobacco aromas, full-bodied with robust tannins, in appealingly powerful and characterful style. Fantastically long.

poggioaltesoro.it, moeven-pick-wein.de.com



5 Grattamacco, Castagneto Carducci L'Alberello 2018

18.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot: spicy forest berry nose with undergrowth and herb aromas plus some pepper touches; powerful and dense on the palate with a spicy berry finish, appealingly opulent style.

grattamacco.com, superiore.de, flaschenpost.ch



6 Ca' Marcanda Angelo Gaja, Bolgheri Bolgheri DOC Camarcanda 2018

18 points | 2024 to 2029

Promising raspberry and herb aromas cajole on the nose; harmonious texture, wonderful structure of tannins and acidity, juicy and powerful right into the finish. Keeps you coming back for more.

terlatobolgheri.com, koelner-weinkeller.de, weibelweine.ch



7 Campo alla Sughera, Bolgheri Arnione 2017

18 points | 2023 to 2028

Blueberry, lilac and menthol aromas, juicy texture, fine-grained tannins, with the acidity in perfect balance, and a delicately tart, polished berry finish with undergrowth and spice notes. Very successful.

campoallasughera.com, lieblings-weine.de, fischer-weine.ch



8 Tenuta di Vaira, Bolgheri Bolgherese 2018

18 points | 2023 to 2028

Precise cherry and herb aromas with subtle balsamic notes, compact in the attack with the tannins and acidity in balance, and a spicy, intense finish. Good with an autumnal roast venison thanks to its opulence.

tenutadivaira.com, scherer-buehler.ch



9 Ceralti, Castagneto Carducci Alfeo 2018

18 points | 2023 to 2028

Stately blueberry and herb aromas, full-bodied structure, invigorating acidity with tightly knit tannins and a lingering, temptingly fruity finish with subtle red berry, pepper and sandalwood notes. Good with Viennese beef dishes.

ceralti.com, boller-weine.de



10 Terre del Marchesato, Castagneto Carducci Marchesale 2018

18 points | 2023 to 2028

Complex blueberry, floral and herb nose, well balanced on the palate with perceptible tannins, promising with supporting acidity, juicy, full and lingering. Seductive.

terredelmarchesato.com, buehrmann-weine.de, terravigna.ch

Chiappini, Bolgheri
Guado de' Gemoli 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Harmonious wine made from Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc, matured in oak for 24 months: cassis and spice aromas on the nose, powerful and substantial on the palate, with a finish offering up ripe blueberries and sandalwood.

giovannichiappini.it

Guado al Tasso, Bolgheri
Guado al Tasso 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Antinori's classic interpretation of the Bolgheri terroir: exuding plum, macchia and roasted coffee on the nose with some subtle leather touches, vibrant tannins, a complex finish and a potpourri of fruity and balsamic notes.

antinori.it/it/vino/guado-al-tasso

Poggio al Tesoro, Bolgheri
Sondraia 2018
17.5 points | 2024 to 2030

Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc: plump nose of maraschino cherry, chocolate and herb aromas, powerful texture with robust tannins, vibrant acidity, very characterful right into the lingering finish.

poggioaltesoro.it

Batzella, Castagneto Carducci
Tâm 2016
17.5 points | 2022 to 2027

Precise blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc matured in casks for 24 months: tempting cassis, smoke and vanilla nose, smooth development with velvety tannins, very polished and silky, fresh and mineral.

batzella.com

Mulini di Segalari, Castagneto Carducci
Mulini di Segalari 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, biodynamic: chocolate and dark forest fruit nose, full-bodied on the palate with fresh, tightly knit tannins and an appealing raspberry finish. Reliable.

mulinidisegalari.it

PietraNova, Castagneto Carducci
Renzo 2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot: black cherry and herb aromas, powerful in the attack with well-integrated acidity, very juicy and characterful through into the lingering finish. Red berry and Mediterranean macchia aromas, very successful.

pietra-nova.com

Grattamacco, Castagneto Carducci
Grattamacco 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sangiovese: elegant nose of warming raspberry with some Mediterranean macchia touches, very smooth and juicy with invigorating acidity and a lingering finish.

Enjoy with autumnal game dishes.

grattamacco.com

Campo al Pero, Castagneto Carducci
Doriana 2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc: stimulating nose of blackcurrant, Mediterranean macchia and pepper aromas, compact texture, good balance between the fresh tannins and acidity, and a fresh, fruity finish. Compellingly polished style.

campoalpero.it

Ceralti, Castagneto Carducci
Sonoro 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

One of the best varietal Merlots from the region: once swirled, it offers up a pleasantly cherry nose spiced up with herb and juniper aromas, full-bodied on the palate with fine-grained tannins, combining polish, character and a lingering finish.

ceralti.com

Tenuta Argentiera, Donoratico
Argentiera 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Bold nose of bold, leather and tobacco, sturdy structure with powerful, tightly knit tannins, very juicy and smooth right into the finish. Compellingly well-balanced style.

argentiera.eu

Campo al Mare, Greve in Chianti
Baia al Vento 2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2026

Beginning in spirited form with forest berry, chocolate and leather aromas, full-bodied on the palate with tightly knit tannins, appealing with its well-balanced, velvety style, its fullness and its spirit.

tenutefolonari.com

Fornacelle, San Gimignano
Guarda Boschi 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Merlot and Cabernet Franc matured in barrels for 15 months: tempting nose of blueberry, vanilla and sandalwood aromas, velvety texture with tightly knit tannins, beautifully smooth right into the finish.

fornacelle.com

Ca' Marcanda Angelo Gaja, Bolgheri
Bolgheri DOC Magari 2019
17 points | 2022 to 2026

Cherry aromas once swirled, coquettishly accentuated by floral and spice aromas; smooth on the palate with fine-grained tannins and a spicy cherry finish.

terlatobolgheri.com/winery

Donne Fittipaldi, Bolgheri
2018
17 points | 2023 to 2028

Dark berry, spice and leather nose, juicy and well balanced on the palate with lively acidity, fresh and crisp right into the red berry finish. Reliable.

donnefittipaldi.it

Dario di Vaira, Bolgheri
2018
17 points | 2023 to 2027

Inviting cassis nose, full-bodied in the attack with good balance between the tightly knit tannins and acidity, powerful in the finish, corpulent and dense. Reliable style.

agriturismoeucaliptus.com

Caccia al Piano 1868, Castagneto Carducci
Caccia al Piano 2018
17 points | 2024 to 2030

Promising nose of red berry and herb aromas with oak touches, still very shaped by development with robust tannins and an elegant, lingering finish of red berry and floral notes.

cacciaalpiano.it

Tenuta Le Colonne, Castagneto Carducci
2018
17 points | 2024 to 2029

Graceful nose of raspberry, lavender and herb aromas, accentuated acidity balanced out by the lively tannins, fresh and juicy in the finish. Enjoy with roast beef.

tenutalecolonne.it

Campo al Pero, Castagneto Carducci
dedicato a Vittorio 2018
17 points | 2023 to 2027

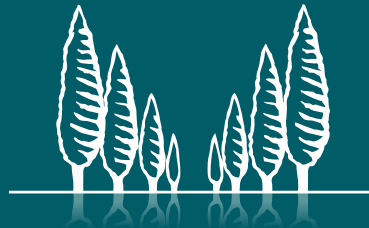
Single-vineyard Merlot, matured in barrels for 15 months: forest fruit, herb and tobacco nose, juicy on the palate with lively acidity and an elegant, well-balanced finish of raspberry and floral notes.

campoalpero.it

Villanoviana, Castagneto Carducci
Sant'Uberto 2018
17 points | 2024 to 2029

Interesting black cherry, coffee and chocolate aromas on the nose, juicy on the palate with robust tannins, accentuated acidity and an elegant, well-balanced finish.

villanoviana.it



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Top 10 Best of Cabernet Franc – Toscana IGT



**1 Le Macchiole, Bolgheri
Paleo 2018**
19 points | 2024 to 2030
Bewitching nose of black forest berries and herbs, intense on the palate with perfect balance between the acidity and the fine-grained tannins, compelling style through to the blueberry and herb finish. Very successful.
lemacchiole.it, superiore.de, caratello.ch



**2 Tenuta Argentiera, Donoratico
Ventaglio 2016**
18.5 points | 2023 to 2029
1.2 hectares of vines at 120 metres above sea level, with forest and Mediterranean macchia: tempting berry nose with undergrowth and pepper aromas, perfectly balanced with invigorating acidity, utterly polished tannins and a powerful yet elegant finish.
argentiera.eu, vinizia.de, sonidovino.ch



**3 Tenuta di Trinoro, Sarteano
Campo di Tenaglia 2019**
18.5 points | 2023 to 2027
Intense forest fruit nose, flanked by balsamic aromas and delicate minerality, juicy on the palate, very full with tightly knit tannins and a punchy, complex finish.
vinifranchetti.com, smithandsmith.ch, superiore.de



**4 Villa a Sesta, Castelnuovo Berardenga
VaS 2017**
18 points | 2023 to 2027
Tempting nose of blackberry and herb aromas, with dark chocolate touches as the icing on the cake; full-bodied on the palate with sturdy tannins, very juicy and intense right through to the lingering finish. Opulent.
villasesta.com, berthaudin.ch



**5 Tenuta di Trinoro, Sarteano
Campo di Magnacosta 2019**
18 points | 2023 to 2028
A reticent, yet quickly also very elegant nose with dark berry and herb aromas, linear on the palate with fine-grained tannins and perfectly integrated acidity, powerful yet elegant in the finish.
vinifranchetti.com, smithandsmith.ch, superiore.de



**6 Chiappini, Bolgheri
Lienà Cabernet Franc 2018**
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027
Just 1800 bottles of this wine were made: bewitching nose of forest herbs and black cherry, powerful on the palate with tightly knit tannins, and a smooth finish of jammy notes.
giovannichiappini.it, boller-weine.de



**7 Vignamaggio, Greve in Chianti
Cabernet Franc di Vignamaggio 2017**
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027
Spicy currant nose with vanilla and Mediterranean macchia aromas, juicy and well balanced on the palate with tightly knit tannins, very smooth right into the finish. Opulent style.
vignamaggio.com, superiore.de, liechti-weine.ch, mein-wein.ch



**8 Colline di Sopra, Montescudaio
Cabernet Franc Sopra 2017**
17.5 points | 2022 to 2026
Forest berry nose with hints of leather, undergrowth and chocolate, powerful on the palate with tightly-knit, perfectly integrated tannins, very juicy and smooth right through into the finish. Pleasingly smooth, intense style.
collinedisopra.com, vergani.ch



**9 Tenuta Sette Cieli, Monteverdi Marittimo
Cabernet Franc Scipio 2017**
17.5 points | 2023 to 2026
Intriguing Marasca cherry, vanilla and undergrowth nose, juicy on the palate with good harmony between the acidity and tannins, and a lingering, soft finish. Appealingly powerful and smooth.
settecieli.com



**10 Piaggia, Poggio a Caiano
Cabernet Franc Poggio de'Colli 2018**
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027
Multifaceted nose of cassis, pepper and blossom aromas, corpulent yet invigorating in the attack, elegant development and a mouthfilling finish with perfectly integrated oak.
piaggia.com, 50second-finish.de

Terre del Marchesato, Castagneto Carducci

Toscana IGT Franchesato 2018
17 points | 2023 to 2026

Beginning with blueberry and herb aromas, spiced up with leather notes; juicy texture, lively acidity, precise fruity finish. Excellent with food.
terredelmarchesato.com

Villanoviana, Castagneto Carducci

Toscana IGT Villanoviana 2018
17 points | 2024 to 2029

Spicy forest berry nose with liquorice and herb aromas, juicy on the palate with good balance between acidity and tannins, and an opulent finish of fruity and balsamic notes.
villanoviana.it

Batzella, Castagneto Carducci

Toscana IGT Rosso Cabernet Franc Vox Loci 2016

17 points | 2022 to 2027

Stone fruit, macchia and pepper nose, juicy on the palate with well-integrated acidity and tannins, and an elegant, delicately spicy and fruity finish. Compelling elegance.
batzella.com

Fattoria di Rignana, Greve in Chianti

Toscana IGT Il Riccio Rosso 2016
17 points | 2023 to 2027

Pure minerality from the Panzano terroir: tempting cherry and herb aromas, compact on the palate with smooth, well-integrated tannins, very smooth and polished right into the spicy berry finish.
rignana.it

Tenuta di Arceno, San Gusme

Toscana IGT Arcanum 2016
17 points | 2023 to 2027

Cosy nose of black forest fruit and undergrowth, juicy on the palate with invigorating acidity, fine-grained tannins and an elegant finish shaped by acidity. Enjoy with a steak.
tenutadiarceno.com

Tenuta di Trinoro, Sarteano

Toscana IGT Campo di Camagi 2019
17 points | 2024 to 2030

The grapes grow in quartz and limestone soils, producing 1302 bottles from 1.5 hectares: initially rather closed on the nose, then increasingly tempting with dark forest fruit and undergrowth aromas alongside some spice; concentrated on the palate with powerful tannins, very juicy and characterful. Still needs to mature.
vinifranchetti.com

Le Vigne di Silvia, Castagneto Carducci

Toscana IGT Cabernet Franc Itinerante 2019

16.5 points | 2022 to 2025

Clever nose of red berries, leather and tobacco; juicy on the palate with invigorating acidity and a fresh, spicy, lingering finish.
levignedisilvia.com

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Top 10 Classics and finds



1 Antinori, Firenze Toscana IGT Tignanello 2018

19 points | 2024 to 2030
As a blend of Sangiovese with some Cabernet, this symbolises tradition and innovation rolled into one. Fruity and spicy on the nose with refined yet characterful development, hugely lingering and elegant.

antinori.it, superiore.de, secli-weinwelt.ch



2 Fontodi, Panzano in Chianti Colli Toscana Centrale IGT Flaccianello della Pieve 2018

19 points | 2024 to 2031
Raspberry, spice and lilac nose; densely made with refined tannins and powerful acidity, hugely elegant and full, bewitchingly lingering. Once again successful in this vintage!

fontodi.com, superiore.de, caratello.ch



3 Masseto, Castagneto Carducci Toscana IGT Masseto 2018

19 points | 2024 to 2030
Densely structured wine that already boasts a smooth texture, but will become even more refined with age. Berry fruit, spicy macchia, floral touches, polish – with tightly knit tannins – and elegance right into the finish. Lots of potential.

masseto.com, gute-weine.de, secli-weinwelt.ch



4 Antinori, Firenze Toscana IGT Solaia 2018

18.5 points | 2024 to 2030
Cabernet-dominated nose of forest berries, coffee and vanilla with some delicate macchia aromas, well structured on the palate with fine-grained tannins supported by the acidity, and a lingering berry and spice finish. Enjoy with hearty dishes.

antinori.it, millesima.de, granchateaux.ch



5 Fattoria Le Pupille, Grosseto Toscana IGT Le Pupille 2016

18.5 points | 2024 to 2031
A still rather reticent nose with plum, dark berry and spice aromas, complex texture with accentuated acidity and finely meshed tannins, and an elegant, lingering finish. Wonderful, has potential.

fattorialepupille.it, weinmotionen.de, grvins.ch



6 Petra, Suvereto Toscana IGT Petra 2017

18.5 points | 2023 to 2029
One of the most reliable Cabernet-Merlot blends on the Tuscan coast: beginning with blackberry, tobacco and Mediterranean macchia notes, then wonderfully cocooned tannins and precise acidity on the palate with a complex, lingering finish.

petrawine.it, superiore.de, caratello.ch



7 Luce, Montalcino Toscana IGT Luce della Vite 2018

18.5 points | 2024 to 2030
Blueberry, stone fruit and dark chocolate nose with some spice and sandalwood aromas, with dense, tightly knit tannins on the palate, yet also dense and full into the endlessly lingering finish of black cherry and liquorice.

frescobaldi.it, superiore.de, millesima.ch



8 Tenuta di Biserno, Bibbona Toscana IGT Biserno 2018

18 points | 2023 to 2030
Harmonious aromas of dark berries and herbs once swirled, dense on the palate with tightly knit tannins supported admirably by the acidity, and lingering cassis, chocolate and coffee notes in the finish. Opulent yet still refined.

biserno.it, superiore.de, bindella.ch



9 Brancaia, Radda in Chianti Toscana IGT Brancaia Il Blu 2018

18 points | 2023 to 2029
The flagship wine is celebrating its 30th birthday: dark forest fruit and floral aromas with some delicate herb notes; powerful in the attack, invigorating acidity, fine-grained tannins, youthful with an opulent, lingering finish.

brancaia.com, superiore.de, vinothek-brancaia.ch



10 Podere Il Carnasciale, Mercatale Valdarno Toscana IGT Il Caberlot 2018

18 points | 2024 to 2030
Complex: cassis, herbs and spice on the nose, full-bodied with elegant tannins, still youthful with accentuated acidity, powerful, dense and lingering. A unique wine to enjoy with delicate duck breast.

caberlot.eu, greatestwines.com, vinothek-brancaia.ch

Poggio Verrano, Magliano in Toscana
Costa Toscana IGT Dròmos 2013
18 points | 2024 to 2031

Elegant and characterful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Alicante, Sangiovese and Cabernet Franc from vineyards near Magliano: dark berry and spice nose with pepper and Mediterranean macchia aromas, powerful in the attack with tightly knit tannins, and a polished finish of black-berry and chocolate notes. Endlessly lingering.
poggioverrano.it

Vecchie Terre di Montefili, Greve in Chianti
Colli della Toscana Centrale IGT
Anfiteatro
2016
18 points | 2023 to 2031

Once swirled, offers up a finely chiselled nose with raspberry, lilac and menthol notes; powerful in the attack with invigorating acidity and an elegant, still youthful finish of fresh fruit and delicate spice. Offering appealing elegance.
montefiliwines.com

Castello dei Rampolla, Panzano
Toscana IGT d'Alceo 2014
18 points | 2023 to 2030

Spicy nose of forest berries, spice and herbs; full-bodied in the attack with powerful tannins and perfectly integrated acidity, very characterful and juicy into the endlessly lingering finish. Seductive despite its muscle and bulk.
castellodeirampolla.it

Castello dei Rampolla, Panzano
Toscana IGT Merlot Sammarco 2017
18 points | 2023 to 2029

A harmonious blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese and Merlot: impressive in the attack with a potpourri of fruit and spice aromas plus a touch of tobacco: smooth texture, beautifully silky with elegant tannins and a hugely lingering finish. Once again very successful in this vintage.
castellodeirampolla.it

Uggiano, San Vincenzo a Torri
Toscana IGT Cabernet Sauvignon
Falconeri
2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2027

Lots of Cabernet Sauvignon with some Sangiovese in this intense wine with a Bordeaux character and a touch of Toscanità: spicy forest fruit nose, powerful texture with fine-grained tannins, full yet also polished right into the finish. Successful.
uggiano.it

Tenuta Capezzana, Carmignano
Toscana IGT Ugo Contini Bonacossi 2016
17.5 points | 2022 to 2027

A single-vineyard Sangiovese from vineyards near Carmignano: intriguing nose of small forest fruit and violet aromas, well-balanced texture with perfectly integrated tannins and lively

acidity, and a lingering spicy and fruity finish. Very successful.
capezzana.it

Carlo Baccheschi Berti, Cinigiano
Toscana IGT Castello di Vicarello 2015
17.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Tempting berry, floral and cocoa nose, powerful texture, good balance between the finely meshed tannins and the acidity, spirited with lots of fruit and spice in the finish, plus well-integrated oak. A very successful Cabernet cuvée in its timeless style.
castellodivicarello.com

Bertinga, Gaiole in Chianti
Volta di Bertinga 2016
17.5 points | 2022 to 2027

Varietal Merlot from the slopes of Gaiole in Chianti: reticent forest fruit nose with undergrowth and herb aromas, full-bodied on the palate with perceptible acidity, spirited yet smooth tannins, and a youthful, complex finish.
bertinga.it

Ruffino, Pontassieve
Toscana IGT Alauda 2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

A powerful interpretation of the vintage, nuanced and spicy: forest berry jam and sandalwood nose with herb aromas, offering tightly knit tannins, polish and a lingering fruit and balsamic finish.
ruffino.com

Ruffino, Pontassieve
Toscana IGT Modus 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2028

Harmonious cuvée made of Sangiovese with some Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot: intriguing stone fruit, violet, spice and leather nose, powerful texture yet also offering polish, already smooth tannins and lively acidity, with a lingering, well-balanced finish. Could still be left to age.
ruffino.com

Castellare di Castellina, Castellina
inChianti
Toscana IGT I Sodi di S. Niccolò 2017
17.5 points | 2022 to 2028

Fruity and spicy nose with subtle balsamic touches, smooth structure, polished and silky, with finely meshed tannins supported by the acidity, and a red berry finish. Appealingly refined yet also well structured once again in its 40th vintage.
lcastellina.it

Banfi, Montalcino
Toscana IGT Summus 2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Captivating black cherry and chocolate nose with sandalwood aromas, intense in the attack with robust tannins, delicately tart with dark forest fruit notes in the finish. Compellingly characterful style.
castellobanfi.com

Avignonesi, Montepulciano
Toscana IGT Merlot Desiderio 2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Inviting blueberry, liquorice and floral nose, smooth development with tightly knit tannins, very polished right into the lingering finish, ending in complex form with dark forest fruit, undergrowth and chocolate notes. Characterful.
avignonesi.it

Montevertine, Radda in Chianti
Toscana IGT Montevertine 2018
17.5 points | 2023 to 2030

Delicately spicy nose of forest fruit, white pepper and flowers; precise style with accentuated acidity and fine-grained tannins, elegant and lingering. Still needs to mature.
montevertine.it

Il Borro Tenuta, S. Giustino Valdarno /
Loro Ciuffena
Il Borro Toscana IGT 2017
17.5 points | 2023 to 2029

Dark purple: chocolate, berry jam and vanilla aromas shape the nose, smooth texture, finely meshed tannins, yet also intense and full right into the finish, without losing its elegance.
ilborro.it

Petra, Suvereto
Toscana IGT Quercegobbe 2018
17 points | 2022 to 2027

Merlot 'in purezza': hints of red berry, Mediterranean macchia and spice on the complex nose, elegant yet well-structured style, light tannins, hugely lingering. Consistently reliable.
petrawine.it

Colline di Sopra, Montescudaio
Costa Toscana Rosso IGT Merlot Sopra
2017
17 points | 2022 to 2026

Cosy cherry and forest fruit aromas with chocolate touches, juicy on the palate with fine-grained tannins balanced out well by the acidity, and a complex, lingering finish. Modern, accommodating style.
collinedisopra.com

Tenuta San Guido, Bolgheri
Toscana IGT Guidalberto 2019
17 points | 2023 to 2028

An appealing, still rather reticent fruity nose with pepper and flower aromas, youthful texture with invigorating acidity and a well-balanced, pleasantly finely chiselled finish.
sassicaia.com

Eternal wines



Vigna Spuntali has historically been one of the best sites on the south-western slope of Montalcino, influenced by the sea. These coastal influences play a key role in ensuring perfectly ripe grapes, and create a well-balanced climate where the changing temperatures between day and night add elegance to the wines. The vineyards are at around

300 metres above sea level, and the soils are of marine origin with sandy elements. The wines mature for 24 months in 300-litre oak barrels and the same length of time in bottle before hitting the market. Vigna Spuntali is characterised by balance and huge ageing potential, even in difficult vintages.

Val di Suga, Montalcino
Brunello di Montalcino DOCG Vigna Spuntali
1995

18 points | 2022 to 2024

A journey through the history of Brunello with a captivatingly opulent nose of ripe forest fruit, delicate spice and herb aromas, juicy and hugely charming on the palate with acidity once again providing spirit, and an elegant, well-balanced finish. Hats off!

valdisuga.it

Val di Suga, Montalcino
Brunello di Montalcino DOCG Vigna Spuntali
1999

18 points | 2022 to 2025

Inviting nose of fresh berries and dried rose with some subtle truffle and spice aromas, perfect balance between the powerful tannins and fresh acidity, and a refined yet still utterly harmonious and lingering finish. Pure elegance.

valdisuga.it

Val di Suga, Montalcino
Brunello di Montalcino DOCG Vigna Spuntali
2015

17.5 points | 2022 to 2030

Has gained even more character during the year since we last tasted it: forest berry, leather and spice on the nose, powerful in the attack with present but well-integrated tannins, invigorating acidity and a complex finish of delicate spice and stone fruit notes. Could still be left to age.

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Val di Suga, Montalcino
Brunello di Montalcino DOCG Vigna Spuntali
2006

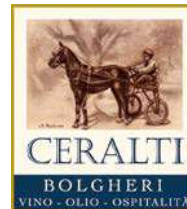
17.5 points | 2022 to 2026

A vintage for long-lasting Brunello, as this wine demonstrates: still rather closed on the nose with cassis, liquorice and tobacco aromas plus a subtle touch of oak, full-bodied texture, with the acidity providing spirit, and smooth development into a lingering spicy finish of plum jam notes.

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The first Siepi was made in 1992 as a single-vineyard wine, and (uniquely for Chianti Classico at the time) as a blend of Sangiovese and Merlot. The site, at 260 metres above sea level with limestone soils, still has a unique microclimate. The wine – equal parts Sangiovese and Merlot – is matured in (70% new) French oak barrels for 18 months: the Merlot in barriques,

the Sangiovese in tonneaux. This vertical tasting demonstrates the potential of this blend, which despite now having higher alcohol levels than when it was first created, is still perfectly balanced and complex. A fine wine, not a blusterer but rather an example of delicate nuances for connoisseurs, which Marchesi Mazzei has now afforded a special place in its comprehensive portfolio.

Mazzei – Castello di Fonterutoli, Castellina in Chianti

Toscana IGT Siepi 2016
18.5 points | 2024 to 2031

Cherry, violet and pepper aromas casually flanked by leather and tobacco notes, elegant in the attack with invigorating acidity, polished tannins and a precise finish dominated by stone fruit, raspberry, herbs and pepper. Should still be left to age.

fonterutoli.it

Mazzei – Castello di Fonterutoli, Castellina in Chianti

Toscana IGT Siepi 2019
18.5 points | 2025 to 2035

Accentuated nose of black cherry, chocolate and leather aromas, corpulent and precise on the palate with fine-grained, promising tannins, some saline, mineral touches, and a very full, fruity, spicy finish. A great wine.

fonterutoli.it

Mazzei – Castello di Fonterutoli, Castellina in Chianti

Toscana IGT Siepi 2010
18 points | 2022 to 2027

Homely red forest fruit, chocolate and herb aromas bewitch on the nose, with a touch of delicate bitter almond; hugely dense and smooth on the palate with excellent, tightly knit tannins and supporting acidity, very lingering and characterful.

fonterutoli.it

Mazzei – Castello di Fonterutoli, Castellina in Chianti

Toscana IGT Siepi 2018
18 points | 2025 to 2034

Kicks things off with red fruit and floral aromas, plus subtle pepper notes that draw you in; offering vibrant acidity and tightly knit tannins on the palate, fresh and hugely elegant. Can and should be left to mature.

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Mazzei – Castello di Fonterutoli, Castellina in Chianti

Toscana IGT Siepi 2007
17.5 points | 2022 to 2024

Sangiovese and Merlot matured in small oak barrels for 18 months: ripe blueberry, chocolate and liquorice nose, utterly harmonious texture, still robust tannins, very intense and juicy all the way into the finish, shaped by bitter almond and spicy, opulent plum notes.

fonterutoli.it

Mazzei – Castello di Fonterutoli, Castellina in Chianti

Toscana IGT Siepi 2013
17.5 points | 2022 to 2028

Opulent and intense nose of dark forest fruit and stone fruit, enhanced with underlying floral aromas and some balsamic touches, well balanced on the palate, polished with fine-grained tannins and accentuated acidity, endlessly lingering with an elegant yet fresh fruity finish featuring floral and pepper notes.

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SANGIOVESE AND MORE

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Tuscany has a wealth of unique vines and terroirs. The region's winemakers have known this for a long time, and use these ingredients to create exceptional wines that are some of the best Italy has to offer.

«Only who knows its own grapes, can decide which one can be used to make great wines»
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Bolgheri in white



This winery, founded in 1977, has been run by Claudio Tipa - who also owns Colle Massari and Poggio di Sotto - since 2002. Grattamacco stands on a hill between Castagneto Carducci and Bolgheri and covers more than 80 hectares, a good 29 of which are planted with vines. These include Vermentino,

a grape variety that primarily produces simple, easy-drinking wines on the Tuscan coast. Tipa shows what Vermentino can truly achieve: in cooler, well-balanced years, this estate produces one of the best white wines in Tuscany. Some of the wine is matured in small oak barrels.

Grattamacco, Castagneto Carducci
Bolgheri DOC Vermentino Grattamacco 2019
17.5 points | 2022 to 2029

Offers up a bewitching nose of lime blossom and exotic fruit with some delicate balsamic touches, powerful yet also precisely made on the palate, combining structure with minerality, and a lingering, complex finish. Still needs to mature.

grattamacco.com

Grattamacco, Castagneto Carducci
Bolgheri DOC Vermentino Grattamacco 2010
17.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Reticent nose with delicate spice aromas alongside Mediterranean macchia, flowers and petrol; polished on the palate with accentuated acidity, very fresh, combining elegance with fullness right into the ripe, sweet, fruity finish. Very successful.

grattamacco.com

Grattamacco, Castagneto Carducci
Bolgheri DOC Vermentino Grattamacco 2008
17 points | 2022 to 2025

Temporarily complex nose of exotic fruit, ripe apricot, tea

and honey aromas, opulent on the palate with still very lively acidity and a spicy, lingering finish. An astonishingly well-matured wine best enjoyed with sea bream.

grattamacco.com

Grattamacco, Castagneto Carducci
Bolgheri DOC Vermentino Grattamacco 2016
17 points | 2022 to 2028

Lime blossom, peach and fresh citrus fruit nose with some delicate spice; compact structure with vibrant acidity, elegant and polished with delicate almond notes in the finish. Well balanced and harmonious. Could still be left to age.

grattamacco.com

Grattamacco, Castagneto Carducci
Bolgheri DOC Vermentino Grattamacco 2014
16.5 points | 2022 to 2026

Light straw yellow with aromas of fresh flowers and delicate spice, robust texture, accentuated acidity, with a fresh, crisp and mineral finish.

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FROM THE HEART OF TUSCANY

Leonardo, wine genius

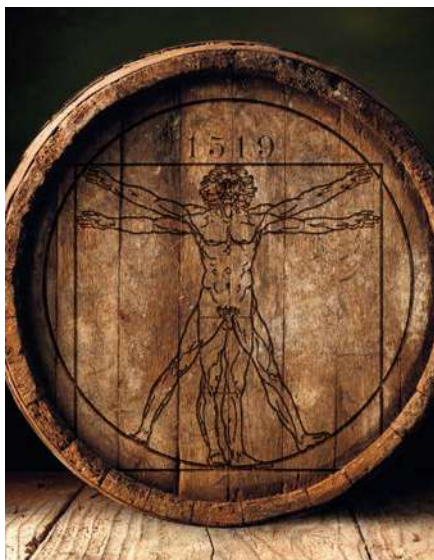
Tasting the wines of Cantine Leonardo da Vinci means embarking on an expedition through the excellence of winemaking. This is no surprise – after all, the Cantina’s history is built on the passion of a genius.

Did you know that Leonardo da Vinci was a passionate wine enthusiast and winemaker? Although he is known to the world as a scientist and artist, Leonardo was also an agronomist, oenologist and highly capable taster. Wine was an everyday passion for him – and also a creative muse that constantly threw up new inspirations for his voyages of discovery. To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the genius’s death, the Cantina has presented the wine and culture project ‘Leonardo: Genio del Vino’. This showcases the many elements of this relatively unknown side of the master. The journey begins in Tuscany, Leonardo’s native region where he spent his childhood and youth, took part in the grape harvest, and experienced the daily routine of winemaking from up close together with his uncle Francesco. Cantine Leonardo da Vinci

was born in the early 1960s in the vineyards around the town of Vinci, vineyards that once belonged to the genius himself. The cooperative now covers some 200 winemaking families cultivating vineyards in Chianti and Montalcino and the various different Montalcino terroirs. The cooperative is therefore one of the largest in Tuscany - and offers some of the highest quality.

Trying Cantine Leonardo da Vinci wines is like embarking on an expedition through winemaking excellence. This all stems from the genius's passion. Cantine Leonardo da Vinci's stated desire is to realise the farsighted intuitions of oenophile visionary Leonardo - and to translate this into wine.

Cantine Leonardo da Vinci now produces four different ranges. The collection is also a selection of Italy's most famous wine denominations. And the label features the genius's most



popular and best known drawing: the Vitruvian Man. It highlights Leonardo's power and topicality, and his innate striving towards the future that made him a true master. Including when it came to wine.

The wines of Villa da Vinci are made entirely from grapes picked in the vineyards around the Cantine Leonardo da Vinci estate. The estate has more than 100 hectares of land, 75 which are vineyards. It also boasts a historic 16th-century property. It is part of Casale di Valle, a small medieval hamlet established in 1152.

The Da Vinci - I Capolavori range is a

high-quality selection of some of the most important provenances. It combines Italian grace with excellence. It also bears witness to Leonardo da Vinci's genius and serves as a tribute to his origins. Leonardo da Vinci moved to Romagna, a region bordering Tuscany, in 1502. Here he worked with the maestro of Cesare Borgia farm - Duca del Valentino. He was also impressed by the beauty of the vineyards, the landscape, and the quality of the wines produced here. He recorded his associated observations and discoveries in sketches, which can be found on the labels of the 1502 Da Vinci in Romagna wines.

THE WINERY

The Cantine Leonardo da Vinci winery was founded in 1961. It now has more than 200 members. Together, they cultivate around 750 hectares of vineyards in Chianti and Montalcino. Producing high-quality grapes is about more than just human expertise in the vineyard and winery, but is also dependent on the climate conditions and on the soils where the vines grow.

The vineyards that form part of the Cantine Leonardo da Vinci cooperative are primarily on the slopes of Montalbano, a region with unique climatic characteristics, shaped by the cool wind blowing from the Mediterranean along the Arno valley to the hills around Vinci. The soils are also a valuable ally for achieving outstanding results: four million years ago, the area where the cooperative members' vineyards now stand was below sea level. Even now, you might come across fossils in the ground if you take a stroll over the hills.

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Leonardo da Vinci
VINI ISPIRATI DAL GENIO

Stay with the Marchesis

Tuscany's wonderful landscapes offer a wealth of places to stay with something for every taste – some even right by the winery. Whether on foot or by bicycle, by the beach or in Florence: you can spend the night near a winery or vineyard almost anywhere. Sometimes the rooms are in the winemakers' own home, but frequently, apartments and rooms have been created in old borghi (small villages and hamlets). There is also an increasing number of comprehensive resorts. And if that were not enough, some of the most atmospheric accommodation options belong to Tuscany's best-known nobility. Who else can claim to have stayed with the Antinoris, Frescobaldis, Mazzeis or Principe Corsinis?





Tips

In Marchesi Mazzei's medieval borgo, you can enjoy a rest in a stylish atmosphere amid the Chianti Classico landscape. 16 apartments and suites offer a Tuscan attitude to life, you can eat in the borgo's osteria, and of course try Marchesi Mazzei wines – ideally as part of a wine experience with a cellar tour.

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The history of Castello and thus Marchesi de' Frescobaldi's Tenuta di Pomino wine estate stretches back more than 500 years. Five lovingly furnished rooms are on offer with views of vineyards that reach 700 metres above sea level, whilst the rest of the landscape is forested and forms part of the Foreste Casentinesi national park.

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In 2001, brothers Lodovico and Piero Antinori joined forces with their nephew Niccolò Marzichi Lenzi and Umberto Mannoni to make wine at Tenuta di Biserno and Campo di Sasso near Bolgheri – and with great success, as demonstrated by the flagship wines Lodovico and Biserno. But that's not all: the four comfortable, frescoed rooms of the 'Relais Il Biserno' allow visitors to enjoy a night in style, with sea views included with the suite.

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The Principe Corsini villa sits within an Italian-style garden and is a perfect location for weddings. However, you can also spend a quiet holiday here: the Le Gugliaie and Lo Sperone villas offer every comfort, and you can sit on the terrace enjoying Duccio Corsini's wonderful wines – the Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Don Tommaso and Zac or the unique Fico.

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CUISINE

Cacciucco and more

Despite bistecca alla fiorentina, cinghiale or peposo, ribollita or acquacotta, it is important to remember that a large proportion of Tuscany also lies on the Tyrrhenian coast where fish forms part of the daily diet, and not just in restaurants and osterias: fish dishes like cacciucco.



In the fishing ports of Livorno or Piombino, the 'pesca del giorno' arrives every day, and as well as simply being put on a grill to sizzle (as branzino or dorata) is also prepared in a variety of ways. One of the most traditional of these dishes is cacciucco, which could be described as a Tuscan version of bouillabaisse.

The most typical version is 'alla livornese', as enjoyed around Livorno: this dates back to a time when the entire catch was put to use. Some people say that this was a leftovers dish enjoyed as a tasty, warming soup, whilst others argue it was the daily food of fishermen, which they took on the boat with them when they went out fishing.

Whichever is true, cacciucco still needs to use at least half a dozen different fish to enhance its flavour. It is important to keep the mussels, fish and shellfish in balance, which is why this soup is always made to serve at least four people. The 'ultimo tocco' is then stale bread rubbed with garlic, or alternatively bruschetta.



Ingredients

(around 2 kg of fish serves 4)

- 3** garlic cloves
- 1** stick of celery
- 300 g** peeled tinned tomatoes
- 1 tsp** 1 hot paprika
- ½ glass** white wine
- 700 g** squid or calamari
- 400 g** prawns
- 1 kg** mussels
- 1** scorpionfish
- 1** sea fish (e.g. plaice or shark)
- 1** octopus
- 1** bunch fresh parsley
- Virgin olive oil
- Salt
- Pepper
- Hot paprika
- Toasted bread slices/bruschetta

Instructions

Brown the garlic cloves in a large saucepan with virgin olive oil and hot paprika. Add the chopped octopus and the squid/calamari. After a few minutes, add the sea fish and deglaze with the white wine. Add the mashed tomatoes and simmer over a low heat for 30 minutes.

Brown the chopped stick of celery in a pan with some olive oil, add the scorpionfish and half a glass of water, simmer over a low heat for 20 to 25 minutes, then add to the pan containing the other fish. Gently mix in the prawns and mussels. After four minutes, remove from the heat and put in a bowl containing the toasted bread. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.



Tip

What you drink with this is a matter of taste, but a fresh red wine would work well, as would a Vermentino from the coast – such as the 2020 vintage of Tenuta Aquilaia.

Our restaurant tips:

L'Aragosta

The classic for cacciucco alla livornese direct from the old Medici harbour: it is cooked in a huge pot and served with slices of toasted bread, just as it should be. Definitely book in advance, as this tiny restaurant is a cacciucco haven and fills up quickly!

Piazza Dell'Arsenale 6 Porto Mediceo I-57123 Livorno
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Osteria Marina Il Peschereggio

Around Pisa, cacciucco zwaralla pisano is served without bruschetta, but is no less delicious. Sit on the pedestrian seafront with beautiful sea views! Also recommended: squid in whichever style you choose.

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La Pineta

One of the best fish restaurants in Italy – and probably the best in Tuscany. The Zazzeri family sets great store by consistently fresh seafood, using it to create delicate dishes: try the spaghetti with vongole (with mussels) and bottarga (fish roe). The beach location is unbeatable.

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Piccolo Principe

For people who want something more refined, two-star restaurant 'Il Piccolo Principe' stands on the veranda leading to the Viareggio seafront, in the 'Liberty Grand Hotel Principe di Piemonte'. Giuseppe Mancino's cuisine has been awarded two Michelin stars. Worth the indulgence: the risotto del mare with ginger, oysters and prawns.

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Sangiovese combines elegance with pleasure

Do you have a favourite of your father's films?

'Lo Chiamavano Trinità' ('They Call Me Trinity'), a great film, enjoyable and intergenerational. Unbelievably, some scenes still make me laugh, even after years and the countless times I have seen them.

Terence Hill or Bud Spencer - who do you prefer?

Impossible to say! In every film they made together, they complemented each other, like strength and ease. Each in their own way also represents a part of me.

What was your most important experience in the film business?

Definitely the month I spent in South Africa in

1979. My father was working as producer and director on 'Io sto con gli ippopotami' ('I'm for the Hippopotamus'). I spent the month behind the scenes as an extra on set with my brother Fabio, amid the actors and the fantastical world of film.

And your first experiences in the world of wine?

1986, when I visited Nevada on my first trip to the USA, one of the few trips I was able to make with my father.

What is your favourite wine not from Rocca delle Macie?

I love Pinot Nero, and not just from France, because it reminds me of our Sangiovese, although it is much harder to produce.

What is your greatest passion?

I have always been a fan of sports in general, although football and AS Roma in particular inspire the greatest emotion in me.

Which wines do you always keep stocked in your fridge?

Vermentino for a few years now. However, I have loved this grape since 2003 and am always trying to understand it even better.

Natural or orange wines are...?

I am not a fan of this genre. Sometimes it is fun to try one with a special dish, but in general they are not particularly compatible with my tastes. However, I hold the winemakers who make them in high esteem, because I know how difficult it is to do.

Do you and your wife argue over your tastes in wine?

Never, we are very similar and like the same things.

In your view, Sangiovese is...?

If it is made well and with caution, taking into account the problems of adapting it to various different microclimates: ...eleganza e piacevolezza.

What restaurant offers the best combination of atmosphere, food and wine?

'Pipero' in Rome - a refined and elegant atmosphere, with astonishing dishes and an exceptional wine list. This is combined with outstanding service, which is vital for a successful evening.

What should you drink after a wine tasting?

A beer, or even a simple lager would do. I often find myself in the pub with colleagues after a presentation, trade fair or other event.

What wine would you recommend for a wedding night?

A Chianti Classico Gran Selezione from a single vineyard as an expression of a vintage is as unique as such a night.



'Lo Chiamavano Trinità', known as 'They Call Me Trinity' in English, is still one of Italy's most successful films and represented the beginning of the Trinity trilogy with Terence Hill and Bud Spencer. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the film's premiere, Sergio Zingarelli - son of filmmaker and Trinity producer Italo Zingarelli - invited guests to his estate Rocca delle Macie in Chianti. Together with Terence Hill and the daughters of the late Bud Spencer, he presented the restored version of the film and the Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Lo Chiamavano Trinità 2016, bottled exclusively for this vintage and only in magnum form.

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