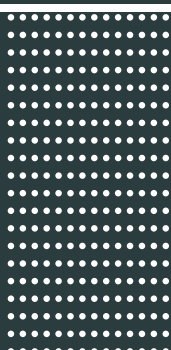


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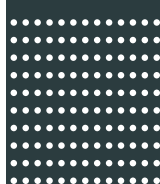
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The Great Wines of Italy series not only identify the most outstanding and unique wines that Italy offers today but also bring the top producers behind the scenes to the forefront. At our events, you get to savor momentous wines with vineyard owners, passionate winemakers and representatives of the best wineries in Italy.

This edition of Great Wines of Italy USA takes center stage in four major cities in United States – New York, Miami, Beverly Hills and San Francisco – bringing you an evocative array of Italian wines that all received scores of 90 points and above. In preparation for this premium Italian wine tasting event, my team of top tasters and I visited many wine regions in Italy, and tasted and rated more than 3,500 wines in total last year. And today, we're pleased to have handpicked and gathered more than 175 prestigious Italian producers for the event and showcase a wealth of local wines being produced throughout Italy.

With the brand-new year 2018 ahead of us, we are excited to announce that we will be expanding wine coverage to new territories; to name a few: South Africa and parts of United States such as Arizona, Washington State and Pennsylvania. While we are digging deeper into both lesser-known and famed wine regions, we are also tasting more as a team – which consists of Stuart Pigott, Nick Stock, my son Jack Suckling and myself – to bring you more unified and comprehensive tasting notes and wine scores. And we are more than thrilled to share them with you via our reports and stories, as well as the numerous tasting tours and events we have in store for 2018 in the United States and Asia.

And of course, we will continue to contribute to Sea Shepherd Conservation Society (SSCS), an international non-profit, marine wildlife conservation organization. Aside from safeguarding the biodiversity of our ocean ecosystems, we also support the many great organic and biodynamic wine producers in Italy. Without being mindful of the environment, the world of wine will most certainly suffer. For the future of wine, let's all share the responsibilities and protect Mother Nature's precious resources.

While all of our events are 100% independent and organized by my team at JamesSuckling.com, there are still wonderful sponsors that we would like to thank. As ever, warmest thanks must go to the renowned French glassmaker Lalique as they provide the tasting glasses here. Beautiful and functional, these special glasses are specifically crafted for JamesSuckling.com events, mirroring the design of my 100 Points wine glass collection.

In a world driven by mass culture and uniform tastes, these well-respected Italian producers have stayed true to unique local traditions, as well as capitalizing the best in viticulture and winemaking. We are pleased to present such storied sips here tonight. Enjoy all the vino!



JAMES SUCKLING
CEO / EDITOR

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TOP 100 Italian Wines OF 2017

This year's Top 100 Italian Wines of 2017 focuses on pure quality. We tasted so many great bottles of Italian wine in 2017 and rated more than 3,500 in total; so, it was difficult to narrow it down to just 100 wines.

Tuscany was the leader of great wines from Italy in our tastings as its momentous wines from the 2015 vintage come onto the market after a weak 2014. Don't miss buying 2015 Tuscany. So many excellent wines are out there and more will be released next year.

That's why our Italian Wine of the Year 2017 is the Tua Rita Redigaffi 2015, the pure merlot wonder from the Tuscan coast near the city of Grosseto. It was the only wine we rated 100 points this year from Italy, and it is a benchmark wine for its intensity, structure, pedigree and balance. In fact, we featured six Tuscan wines in our top 10 in the list to underline the region's leadership in ultra-premium Italian wines.

At the same time, 2013 is a beautiful vintage for Barolo and we included many great bottles in the Top 100 Italian Wines of 2017. None were better than the Aldo Conterno Barolo Cicala 2013, a long-time favorite in single-vineyard Barolos and a gorgeous 2013. Conterno is the master of this unique plot of land in the Bussia area of the region, and the latest release is perhaps the greatest Cicala ever with such power and harmony.

When it also comes to Barolo, we hope many of you are as excited as we are about the increase in well-aged, recently released bottles, particularly the 10-year-old ones. Consider the Damilano Barolo Cannubi Reserva 2009, for instance, which just reached the market now. We put it as our No. 8 Italian wine this year. It's a special selection from the Damilano family's large holdings of this very special vineyard and aged longer in reserved casks before bottling than normal bottles. What an amazing Barolo by all accounts! Indeed, a handful of other "super Riserva" bottles are in our list including: Gianni Gagliardo Barolo Serre 10 Anni 2007, Marchesi di Barolo Barolo Sarmassa 10 Anni 2007 and Roberto Voerzio Barolo Riserva 10 Anni 2007.

We can't remember a Top 100 Italian Wines list from JamesSuckling.com with so many excellent white wines, which we hope will encourage more people to take Italian whites seriously. Great whites seem to be emerging from all over Italy from classic regions such as Soave and Campania to tiny islands off the Tuscan coast. The latter give us great pleasure to commend as we always enjoy visiting the islands of Gorgona and Giglio on the Tuscany coast and believe these unique terroirs are making some of the most exciting whites in Italy now. Gorgona is more than just a special place and a great wine — it is a bottle with a social purpose where winemaking is helping a penal colony rehabilitate into society.

Campania is another unique place in Italy that we are more and more excited about. I still have memories of early in my career visiting the volcanic region and marveling in the quality of ancient bottles of Taurasi from the 1950s. Although Montevetrano Colli di Salerno 2015, the No. 9 wine in the list, is only partially aglianico, it illustrates the pedigree and balance the grape can achieve in the right winemaker's hands.

We really are fans of volcano wines, which is why the list had to include a few Etna reds. The wines are still growing in popularity in the international marketplace, and this hasn't come without strides in quality. The appellation of Etna offers distinctive characteristics and harmony in both reds and whites — all from the slopes of a formidable live volcano in Sicily.

This year's JamesSuckling.com Top 100 Italian Wines is an inspiration to me after almost four decades as a wine critic. There are so many great wines out there. My team and I promise to taste even more Italian wines in 2018 to bring you the most comprehensive ratings of Italian wines in international wine criticism. Until next year, enjoy our 2017 list and don't forget to search for other great Italian wines released this year and in the past!



JAMES SUCKLING
CEO / EDITOR

TOP 100 ITALIAN WINES OF 2017

RANK	WINE	VINTAGE	SCORE
1	Tua Rita Toscana Redigaffi	2015	100 pts
2	Poderi Aldo Conterno Barolo Cicala	2013	99 pts
3	Petrolo Valdarno di Sopra Galatrona	2015	99 pts
4	Fattoria Le Pupille Maremma Toscana Saffredi	2015	99 pts
5	Bibi Graetz Toscana Testamatta	2015	99 pts
6	Tenuta Sette Ponti Toscana Oreno	2015	98 pts
7	Livio Sassetti Brunello di Montalcino	2012	98 pts
8	Damilano Barolo Cannubi Riserva 1752	2009	98 pts
9	Montevetrano Colli di Salerno	2015	98 pts
10	Schiopetto Friulano Collio M	2016	98 pts
11	Bruno Giacosa Falletto Barolo Falletto Vigna Le Rocche Riserva	2012	98 pts
12	San Filippo Brunello di Montalcino Le Lucere	2012	98 pts
13	Pio Cesare Barolo Ornato	2013	98 pts
14	Alois Lageder Chardonnay Alto Adige Löwengang 30	NV	98 pts
15	Roberto Voerzio Barolo Riserva 10 anni	2007	97 pts
16	Mazzei Toscana Siepi	2015	98 pts
17	Orma Toscana	2015	98 pts
18	Argiano Toscana Solengo	2015	97 pts
19	Duemani Cabernet Franc Costa Toscana	2015	97 pts
20	Barone Ricasoli Chianti Classico Colledilà Gran Selezione	2015	97 pts
21	Altesino Brunello di Montalcino Montosoli	2012	97 pts
22	Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona Brunello di Montalcino Pianrosso	2012	97 pts
23	Gianni Gagliardo Barolo Serre 10 Anni	2007	97 pts
24	Vietti Barolo Ravera	2013	97 pts
25	Parusso Barolo Bussia	2013	97 pts
26	Virna Barolo Cannubi Boschis	2013	97 pts
27	Quintodecimo Aglianico Irpinia Terra D'Eclano	2014	97 pts
28	Elvio Cagno Barolo Ravera	2013	97 pts
29	Giacomo Fenocchio Barolo Cannubi	2013	97 pts
30	Gaja Langhe Gaia & Rey	2015	97 pts
31	Giodo Toscana	2015	97 pts
32	Romano Dal Forno Amarone della Valpolicella Monte Lodoletta	2012	97 pts
33	Masseto Toscana	2014	97 pts
34	Bibi Graetz Toscana Testamatta	2016	97 pts
35	Marchesi di Barolo Barolo Sarmassa 10 Anni	2007	96 pts
36	Gaja Barbaresco Sori Tildin	2014	96 pts

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RANK	WINE	VINTAGE	SCORE
37	Ferrari Trento Giulio Ferrari Extra Brut	2005	96 pts
38	Franz Haas Pinot Nero Alto Adige Pönkler	2012	96 pts
39	Cantina Terlano Alto Adige Terlaner Rarity	1991	96 pts
40	Poggio al Tesoro Bolgheri Superiore Dedicato a Walter	2013	96 pts
41	Querciabella Toscana Palafreno	2013	96 pts
42	Tenimenti d'Alessandro Syrah Cortona Il Bosco	2013	96 pts
43	Tasca d'Almerita Sicilia Contea di Sclafani Tenuta Regaleali Rosso Del Conte	2013	96 pts
44	Cusumano Etna Rosso Alta Mora Guardiola	2014	96 pts
45	Ceretto Barolo Bricco Rocche	2013	96 pts
46	Castiglion del Bosco Brunello di Montalcino Zodiac Riserva	2011	96 pts
47	Argiolas Isola dei Nuraghi Turriga	2013	96 pts
48	Pecchenino Barolo San Giuseppe	2013	96 pts
49	Enzo Boglietti Barolo Case Nere	2013	96 pts
50	Oddero Barolo Vigna Rionda Riserva	2007	96 pts
51	Elio Grasso Barolo Runcot Riserva	2010	96 pts
52	Corino Barolo Arborina	2013	96 pts
53	Sandrone Barolo Le Vigne	2013	96 pts
54	Vie di Romans Sauvignon Blanc Friuli Isonzo Vieris	2015	96 pts
55	Valdicava Brunello di Montalcino	2012	96 pts
56	Marchesi Antinori Umbria Cervaro Della Sala	2015	95 pts
57	Brancaia Toscana Ilatraia	2015	96 pts
58	Frescobaldi Toscana Gorgona	2016	96 pts
59	Principe Corsini Toscana Zac	2015	96 pts
60	Podere Sapaio Toscana Sapaio	2015	96 pts
61	Cordero di Montezemolo Barolo Gattera	2013	96 pts
62	Petrolo Trebbiano Toscana Bòggina B	2015	96 pts
63	Le Vigne di Eli Etna Rosso Moganazzi-Volta Sciara	2015	96 pts
64	Jermann Venezia-Giulia Where Dreams Have No End	2015	96 pts
65	La Spinetta Barolo Vürsù Campè	2013	96 pts
66	Galardi Campania Terra di Lavoro	2015	96 pts
67	Foradori Teroldego Vigneti Delle Dolomiti Sgarzon	2015	96 pts
68	Montevertine Toscana Le Pergole Torte	2014	96 pts
69	Monteverro Toscana	2014	96 pts
70	Luce della Vite Toscana Luce	2014	96 pts
71	La Magia Brunello di Montalcino	2012	96 pts
72	La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino	2012	96 pts

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RANK	WINE	VINTAGE	SCORE
73	Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova	2012	96 pts
74	Casanuova delle Cerbaie Brunello di Montalcino	2012	96 pts
75	Lungarotti Torgiano Rosso Vigna Monticchio Riserva	2011	95 pts
76	Feudi di San Gregorio Aglianico Irpinia Rubrato	2015	95 pts
77	Carpineta Fontalpino Toscana Do ut des	2015	95 pts
78	Cecchi Maremma Toscana Val delle Rose Aurelio	2015	95 pts
79	Tornatore Etna Rosso Trimarchisa	2015	95 pts
80	Giacomo Borgogno & Figli Barolo Cannubi	2012	95 pts
81	Il Borro Valdarno di Sopra Petruna	2015	95 pts
82	St. Michael-Eppan Alto Adige Appius	2012	95 pts
83	Frescobaldi Toscana Giramonte	2013	95 pts
84	Masciarelli Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Villa Gemma Riserva	2011	95 pts
85	Tedeschi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Capitel Monte Olmi Riserva	2011	95 pts
86	Siro Pacenti Brunello di Montalcino Vecchie Vigne	2012	95 pts
87	Caiarossa Toscana	2013	95 pts
88	Nativ Aglianico Irpinia Blu Onice	2014	95 pts
89	Volpaia Chianti Classico Il Puro Casanova Gran Selezione	2013	95 pts
90	Ornellaia Bolgheri Superiore	2014	95 pts
91	Panzanello Chianti Classico Riserva	2013	95 pts
92	Riecine Toscana Riecine	2013	95 pts
93	Sansonina Garda Limited Edition	2013	95 pts
94	Piazzano Toscana Colorino	2015	95 pts
95	Suavia Garganega Soave Monte Carbonare	2015	95 pts
96	Tenuta Cappellina Chianti Classico Gran Selezione	2013	95 pts
97	Livio Felluga Rosazzo Abbazia di Rosazzo	2014	95 pts
98	Nals Margreid Pinot Bianco Alto Adige Sirmian	2016	95 pts
99	Elena Walch Alto Adige Beyond the Clouds	2015	95 pts
100	Cos Cerasuolo di Vittoria Classico	2015	95 pts

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This year, we tasted close to 17,000 wines. JamesSuckling.com tasters, including myself, Stuart Pigott, Nick Stock and my son Jack, tasted wines in just about every major winegrowing country, and most of the tasting was in the given region of production. This gave us an insight into more than the liquid in the bottle. It provided us with an understanding and feel of this year's releases whether from Tuscany, the Barossa Valley, Rioja, Napa Valley, the Mosel, the Wachau and dozens of other places. We talked to winemakers, walked the vineyards and smelled the land.

It wasn't done for the frequent flyer miles! We traveled like that in 2017 because we are all curious at JamesSuckling.com what the best wines out there are at the moment — we want to taste and report about them. We love wine, and that's the bottom line.

After 36 years as a wine critic, this was one of the most exciting. We tasted so many amazing wines and had so many wonderful experiences. And we shared it all as a team, a family and for readers, meaning you. It makes it all the more difficult to create a list of the 100 best wines in 2017. And it's even harder to come up with the JamesSuckling.com Wine of the Year 2017.

But we decided on one wine in the end: the 100-point Almaviva Puente Alto 2015 from Chile. This is a wine that epitomizes greatness with its intensity, structure and balance. It underlines the movement away from overdone, jammy wines to a neoclassicism with energy and finesse. It also highlights how South America, specifically Chile, has come into its own as a wine area, producing superb wines that can compete with the best in the world. The other two Chilean wines in our top 10 are Señal Valle de Aconcagua 2015 and Clos Apalta Apalta 2014. They are both perfect wines.

There's also an Argentine wine in the group: Catena Zapata Chardonnay Mendoza Adrianna Vineyards White Stones 2014. Among the top 10 in the list are also a consistently great merlot from Tuscany, Petrolino Toscana Galatrona 2015; a super cab from Australia's Margaret River, Vasse Felix Cabernet Sauvignon Margaret River Tom Cullity 2013; a spicy riesling from Austria's Wachau, F.X. Pichler Riesling Wachau Ried Kellerberg Smaragd 2016; a crazy quality pinot noir from California's Sonoma Coast, Littorai Pinot Noir Sonoma County Sonoma Valley Sonoma Coast The Haven Vineyard 2015; an amazing Super Tuscan, Fattoria Le Pupille Maremma Toscana Saffredi 2015; and a great Bordeaux, Ducru-Beaucaillou 2014.

This year's JamesSuckling.com Top 100 Wines of the Year is our most comprehensive list ever. All the wines were picked by score, availability (more than 300 cases made) and combination of excitement and price. There are so many great wines in the list. We hope you enjoy it, and we look forward to tasting and finding even more great wines in 2018.



JAMES SUCKLING
CEO / EDITOR

TOP 100 WINES OF 2017

RANK	WINE	COUNTRY	VINTAGE	SCORE
1	Almaviva Puente Alto	Chile	2015	100 pts
2	Petrolo Valdarno di Sopra Galatrona	Italy	2015	99 pts
3	Seña Valle de Aconcagua	Chile	2015	100 pts
4	Vasse Felix Cabernet Sauvignon Margaret River Tom Cullity	Australia	2013	99 pts
5	Clos Apalta Valle de Colchagua	Chile	2014	100 pts
6	Catena Zapata Chardonnay Mendoza Adrianna Vineyard White Stones	Argentina	2014	99 pts
7	F.X. Pichler Riesling Wachau Ried Kellerberg Smaragd	Austria	2016	100 pts
8	Littorai Pinot Noir Sonoma County Sonoma Valley Sonoma Coast The Haven Vineyard	United States	2015	99 pts
9	Fattoria Le Pupille Maremma Toscana Saffredi	Italy	2015	99 pts
10	Château Ducru-Beaucaillou St.-Julien	France	2014	99 pts
11	Vega Sicilia Ribera del Duero Unico	Spain	2006	100 pts
12	Louis Roederer Champagne Cristal	France	2008	100 pts
13	Tua Rita Toscana Redigaffi	Italy	2015	100 pts
14	Château Lafleur Pomerol	France	2014	100 pts
15	Dominio de Pingus Ribera del Duero Pingus	Spain	2014	100 pts
16	Viñedo Chadwick Cabernet Sauvignon Valle de Maipo	Chile	2015	99 pts
17	Peter Michael Winery Napa Valley Oakville Au Paradis	United States	2014	99 pts
18	Louis Latour Charmes-Chambertin Grand Cru	France	2015	99 pts
19	La Rioja Alta Rioja Gran Reserva 890	Spain	2005	98 pts
20	Errázuriz Pinot Noir Aconcagua Costa Las Pizarras	Chile	2016	99 pts
21	Thierry Allemand Cornas Reynard	France	2014	99 pts
22	Dr. Loosen Riesling Mosel Erdener Prälät "GG Reserve"	Germany	2012	98 pts
23	Muga Rioja Prado Enea Gran Reserva	Spain	2010	99 pts
24	Orma Toscana	Italy	2015	98 pts
25	El Enemigo Cabernet Franc Gualtallary Gran Enemigo Single Vineyard	Argentina	2013	99 pts
26	Viña Cobos Malbec Mendoza Cobos Chañares Vineyard	Argentina	2014	99 pts
27	Trapiche Mendoza Iscay Syrah Viognier	Argentina	2014	98 pts
28	S.C. Pannell McLaren Vale The Vale	Australia	2015	98 pts
29	S.C. Pannell McLaren Vale The Vale	Spain	2014	99 pts
30	Artadi Alava Viña El Pison	Spain	2014	99 pts
31	Continuum Napa Valley Sage Mountain Vineyard	United States	2014	99 pts
32	Château Mouton-Rothschild Pauillac	France	2014	99 pts
33	Head Wines Grenache Barossa Valley Ancestor Vine	Australia	2015	97 pts
34	Ritual Chardonnay Valle de Casablanca Supertuga Block	Chile	2016	97 pts

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RANK	WINE	COUNTRY	VINTAGE	SCORE
35	Seppelt Riesling Henty Drumborg	Australia	2016	97 pts
36	Tenuta Sette Ponti Toscana Oreno	Italy	2015	98 pts
37	Abreu Napa Valley Madrona Ranch	United States	2014	99 pts
38	Château La Mission Haut-Brion Blanc Pessac-Léognan	France	2014	99 pts
39	By Farr Pinot Noir Geelong Tout Près	Australia	2014	97 pts
40	Schrader Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyards Colesworthy	United States	2014	100 pts
41	Hyde de Villaine Chardonnay Napa Valley Carneros Hyde Vineyard	United States	2014	98 pts
42	Realm Cellars Napa Valley Farella Vineyard	United States	2014	99 pts
43	Descendientes de J. Palacios Bierzo La Faraona	Spain	2015	99 pts
44	Ridge Vineyards Santa Cruz Mountains Monte Bello	United States	2014	98 pts
45	Bibi Graetz Toscana Testamatta	Italy	2015	99 pts
46	Soter Pinot Noir Yamhill-Carlton Mineral Springs Ranch	United States	2015	98 pts
47	López de Heredia Rioja Gran Reserva Viña Tondonia	Spain	1996	98 pts
48	Penfolds Chardonnay Adelaide Hills Reserve Bin A	Australia	2015	98 pts
49	Bindi Pinot Noir Macedon Ranges Original Vineyard	Australia	2015	97 pts
50	San Filippo Brunello di Montalcino Le Lucere	Italy	2012	98 pts
51	Shaw & Smith Chardonnay Adelaide Hills Lenswood Vineyard	Australia	2014	97 pts
52	Pio Cesare Barolo Ornato	Italy	2013	98 pts
53	Montes Valle de Colchagua Alpha M	Chile	2014	98 pts
54	Clarendon Hills Syrah McLaren Vale Astralis	Australia	2012	98 pts
55	Damilano Barolo Cannubi Riserva 1752	Italy	2009	98 pts
56	Künstler Riesling Rheingau Kirchenstück GG	Germany	2016	98 pts
57	Colgin Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Tychson Hill Vineyard	United States	2014	100 pts
58	Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Oakville Beckstoffer To Kalon	United States	2014	99 pts
59	Bodega Piedra Negra Mendoza Valle de Uco Chacayes	Argentina	2014	97 pts
60	Bryant Family Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley	United States	2014	100 pts
61	Wittmann Riesling Rheinhessen Morstein GG	Germany	2016	98 pts
62	Shafer Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Stags Leap District Hillside Select	United States	2013	99 pts
63	Concha y Toro Cabernet Sauvignon Puente Alto Don Melchor	Chile	2014	98 pts
64	Bindi Pinot Noir Macedon Ranges Block 5	Australia	2015	98 pts
65	Wendouree Cabernet Sauvignon Clare Valley	Australia	2014	98 pts
66	Château Pontet-Canet Pauillac	France	2014	98 pts
67	Domaine de Chevalier Pessac-Léognan Blanc	France	2014	98 pts

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RANK	WINE	COUNTRY	VINTAGE	SCORE
68	Dana Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Howell Mountain Hershey Vineyard	United States	2014	99 pts
69	Dominus Napa Valley	United States	2014	98 pts
70	Terrazas de los Andes Malbec Las Compuertas Luján de Cuyo Single Parcel Los Cerezos	Argentina	2013	98 pts
71	Domaine Ostertag Riesling Alsace Grand Cru Muenchberg	France	2015	98 pts
72	Rippon Pinot Noir Central Otago Tinker's Field	New Zealand	2014	98 pts
73	Prager Riesling Wachau Achleiten Smaragd	Austria	2016	98 pts
74	Montevetrano Colli di Salerno	Italy	2015	98 pts
75	Schiopetto Friulano Collio M	Italy	2016	98 pts
76	Alois Lageder Chardonnay Alto Adige Löwengang 30	Italy	NV	98 pts
77	Larmandier Bernier Champagne Les Chemins d'Avize Grand Cru	France	2010	98 pts
78	Terroir al Limit Priorat Les Tosses	Spain	2015	98 pts
79	Argiano Toscana Solengo	Italy	2015	97 pts
80	Clonakilla Syrah Canberra District Murrumbateman	Australia	2015	98 pts
81	Dunn Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Howell Mountain	United States	2013	98 pts
82	Duemani Cabernet Franc Costa Toscana	Italy	2015	97 pts
83	Château Léoville Las Cases St.-Julien	France	2014	98 pts
84	Ata Rangi Pinot Noir Martinborough	New Zealand	2016	98 pts
85	Niepoort Vintage Port Colheita	Portugal	1997	97 pts
86	Joseph Drouhin Grands Echezeaux Grand Cru	France	2015	98 pts
87	Albert Mann Pinot Noir Alsace Grand H'	France	2015	97 pts
88	Carl Loewen Riesling Mosel 1896 (Gray Label)	Germany	2015	97 pts
89	Bruno Giacosa Falletto Barolo Falletto Vigna Le Rocche Riserva	Italy	2012	98 pts
90	Domaine Zind Humbrecht Pinot Gris Alsace Grand Cru Rangen de Thann Clos Saint Urbain	France	2015	97 pts
91	Contino Rioja Gran Reserva	Spain	2010	98 pts
92	Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape	France	2015	97 pts
93	Domaine Drouhin Pinot Noir Eola-Amity Hills Zéphirine	United States	2015	98 pts
94	Torres Penedès Reserva Real	Spain	2011	97 pts
95	Mazzei Toscana Siepi	Italy	2015	98 pts
96	Barone Ricasoli Chianti Classico Colledilà Gran Selezione	Italy	2015	97 pts
97	Bründlmayer Grüner Veltliner Kamptal Lamm EL	Austria	2016	98 pts
98	Fromm Winery Pinot Noir Marlborough Clayvin Vineyard	New Zealand	2015	97 pts
99	Tor Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley To Kalon Vineyard	United States	2014	98 pts
100	Graham's Vintage Port Single Harvest Tawny	Portugal	1972	97 pts



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ABBAZIA DI NOVACELLA

Miami • San Francisco

ALTO ADIGE

Abbazia di Novacella Sylvaner Alto Adige
Praepositus 2016
93 pts -

Abbazia di Novacella Kerner Alto Adige
Praepositus 2016
90 pts -



ABBAZIA
DI NOVACELLA



Founded in 1142, Abbazia di Novacella is a historic estate that makes quality wine in the Alto Adige region. Here, the white varieties, such as kerner and sylvaner, are grown in predominantly granitic schist soils which are formed by ancient glaciers. As the vineyards are well-elevated – 800 meters above sea level – the wines are imbued with finesse and elegance. Aside from white varieties, the winery also produces pinot nero, lagrein and schiava. These grapes are grown further south at the Marklhof estate, which overlooks the town of Bolzano. The characteristics of the region, as well as the microclimate of the vineyard, are all beautifully conveyed in their red wines.

www.abbazianovacella.it

Miami (Table 5), San Francisco (Table 2)



Founded in 1972, Altesino is one of the benchmarks of single-vineyard Brunello di Montalcino. They stand in contrast to most Brunellos, which are blends of grapes from different vineyards scattered across the small region. With its single-vineyard wonder Montosoli being one of the leading wines of the region year in and year out, the family-owned estate Altesino makes exceptionally balanced and structured Brunellos. The Brunellos of Altesino have been getting better and better since Elisabetta Gnudi Angelini purchased the estate in 2002. While some of the greatest vintages of Montosoli include the 1997 and 2001, the 2007 still remains as one of our favorites.

www.altesino.it

Beverly Hills (Table 57), New York (Table 92)

ALTESINO

Beverly Hills • New York

TUSCANY

Altesino Brunello di Montalcino 2013
- 94 pts

Altesino Brunello di Montalcino
Montosoli 2013
- 98 pts



AMANTIS

San Francisco

TUSCANY

Amantis Brunello di Montalcino 2013
93 pts -

Amantis Montecucco Birbanera 2013
92 pts -



A M A N T I S



One of Tuscany's most accomplished consulting enologists Paolo Vagaggini and his wife Bernardetta Angela Tacconi Vagaggini started this estate a few years ago, and the wines continue to impress us. The couple made it their mission to produce original, superior wines at Amantis, which is located in the crossroads territory of Montenero, near Montalcino in the Montecucco area. Sangiovese, present in a variety of clones, is the most important variety in the Amantis project. Amantis is blessed with balanced clay soils and favorably hilly topography. The vineyards are high density with approximately 8,000 plants per hectare. This helps assure tiny crops that deliver concentrated wines.

www.agricolaamantis.com

San Francisco (Table 66)

ANDRETTA, VITANZA

Beverly Hills • Miami

New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Andretta Brunello di Montalcino 2013
- 95 pts

Vitanza Brunello di Montalcino Tradizione 2013
- 95 pts



When the names Rosalba Vitanza and Guido Andretta are brought up, their story of serious wine-making comes to mind. The couple's Brunello di Montalcino winery came into the limelight with an excellent 1997, which became the benchmark vintage for the region. And the two continued to make excellent, exciting Brunellos ever since. So far, a number of these outstanding Brunellos have been rated 90+ points. It's also interesting to note that the brands – Andretta and Vitanza – are now under the ownership of GP Imports, LLC.; and this move has allowed the team to develop their brand in other parts of the world such as Napa Valley.

www.tenutavitanza.it

Beverly Hills (Table 40), Miami (Table 63), New York (Table 93),
San Francisco (Table 43)

ARGENTIERA

Miami • New York

TUSCANY

Argentiera Bolgheri Superiore 2014
92 pts -

Argentiera Bolgheri Villa Donoratico 2015
92 pts -

TENUTA
ARGENTIERA
BOLGHERI



Located in the famous Bolgheri district on Tuscany's coastline, the Tenuta Argentiera is surrounded by some of Italy's most famous wineries: Guado al Tasso, Ornellaia and Tenuta San Guido. Back in Etruscan times, the plateau of the tenuta was rich in canals and natural springs as well as the silver mines that give the estate its name. The tenuta is now owned by Stanislaus Turnauer and the Fratini brothers, Corrado and Marcello. The prime location is complemented by a world-class team led by vineyard manager Federico Zileri and the famous Bordeaux consulting oenologist Stéphane Derenoncourt, who produce wines that always have a harmonious, soulful nature.

www.argentiera.eu

Miami (Table 78), New York (Table 81)



This beautiful estate in the southern part of the appellation of Brunello di Montalcino has long been a leader in the region. First, it made long-aging Brunellos with richness and depth, and then went on to producing superb Super Tuscan reds such as the Solengo blend. All the reds of recent vintages show impressive balance and finesse with structure. The property was recently sold to a group of Brazilian investors, who are determined to take Argiano to the next level in wine quality. They are already achieving their goal as their wines routinely receive outstanding scores from us.

www.argiano.net

Beverly Hills (Table 58), New York (Table 121),
San Francisco (Table 67)

ARGIANO

Beverly Hills • New York
San Francisco

TUSCANY

Argiano Toscana Solengo 2015
- 97 pts

Argiano Brunello di Montalcino 2013
- 96 pts



ARGIANO
CANTINA DAL 1580

BARBERANI

New York

UMBRIA

**Barberani Orvieto Classico Superiore
Luigi e Giovanna 2013**
90 pts -

Barberani Lago di Colbara Polvento 2012
92 pts -

B A R B E R A N I
VITICOLTORI DAL 1961



The Barberani brothers, Bernardo and Niccolò, craft some of the most compelling wines in Umbria. Founded in 1961 by their grandfather, The Barberani estate is located on in the hills in Orvieto, overlooking Lake Corbara. The estate owns more than 100 hectares in total, where 55 hectares are covered by specialized vineyards enhanced by the unique microclimate of the nearby lake. Here, everything is done by hand and as of 2015, all of the wines are certified as organic. The winery also works with a host of varietals, producing delectable whites. Their reds are also impressive, showing nice tannins and focused acidity.

www.barberani.com

New York (Table 15)



SERRAMARROCCO VIGNA DEL CAPTIANO 9524 CLETTARIA AGOSTO 2011

Located in the historic town Erice in Trapani of Sicily, Barone di Serramarrocco is a wine estate occupying approximately 60 hectares of land, where 22 hectares are dedicated to high-density vineyards. Here, the grape-growing area are at an altitude of 380 feet above sea level, and the soils are primarily composed of calcareous clayey silt, gravel and stones. Utilizing the natural soil composition and microclimate of the region to its advantage, Serramarrocco grows an array of grape varietals such as pignatello, nero d'avola, cabernet franc, cabernet sauvignon, zibibbo and grillo.

www.baronediserramarrocco.com

New York (Table 21)

BARONE DI SERRAMARROCCO

New York

SICILY

**Barone Di Serramarrocco Zibibbo Terre
Siciliane Quojane Di Serramarrocco 2016**
- 92 pts

**Barone di Serramarrocco Pignatello
Terre Siciliane 2015**
- 92 pts



BARONE DI SERRAMARROCCO
AZIENDA AGRICOLA
ERICE - SICILIA

BARONE RICASOLI

**Beverly Hills • New York
San Francisco**

TUSCANY

Barone Ricasoli Chianti Classico Brolio 2015
91 pts -

**Barone Ricasoli Chianti Classico Castello di
Brolio Gran Selezione 2013**
95 pts -



BARONE
RICASOLI



The name Ricasoli has been associated with the versatile red of Tuscan Chianti since the 1870s. In recent years, the winery has come through once again as one of the leaders of Chianti Classico. What makes all of this so amazing is that the owner Francesco Ricasoli manages to produce very good to excellent wines across the board, from simple Chiantis to powerful, structured Chianti Classico Gran Selezione. As one of the largest wineries in the region of Chianti Classico, Barone Ricasoli also produce wonderful Bordeaux blends such as the Super Tuscan Casalferro.

www.baronericasoli.com

Beverly Hills (Table 25), New York (Table 37), San Francisco (Table 13)



The Moretti family began making sparkling wines in northern Italy's Franciacorta region in the late 1970s. It didn't take long for the family winery Bellavista to become one of the best producers in Italy, and some even proclaim their sparkling wines to be the country's best. The quality of Bellavista's wines rivals some of the best names in Champagne. With the recent acquisition of new vineyards, Bellavista now comprises a total of 198 hectares. The vast underground cellars – all filled with row upon row of aging bottles – clearly illustrates Moretti's dedication in making sparkling wines imbued with exquisite character and richness.

www.bellavistawine.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 1), Miami (Table 2), New York (Table 1),
San Francisco (Table 1)**

BELLAVISTA

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

LOMBARDY

Bellavista Franciacorta Alma Gran Cuvée Brut
- 91 pts

**Bellavista Franciacorta Teatro alla
Scala Brut 2011**
- 94 pts


BELLAVISTA
FRANCIACORTA

BELLINI

Miami

TUSCANY

Bellini Chianti Rufina Riserva 2013
91 pts -

Bellini Toscana Dominante 2013
90 pts -

CANTINE  BELLINI



The storied vineyards of the Bellini family are located in the Chianti Rufina region. From a family of landowners, Carlo Bellini expanded the business back in the 1950s. Today, his daughters, Letizia and Alessandra Bellini, and his nephew, Maurizio Masi, are all helping out at the family-owned wine estate. Here, they cultivate a selection of local and international grape varieties such as sangiovese, cabernet franc, merlot and syrah. Given that the soils are sandy and limestone-rich, the terrain here is most ideal for the growth of sangiovese. Hence, the wines boast good acidity and elegant tannins.

www.bellinicantine.it

Miami (Table 22)



Giuseppe Bersano founded this winery in 1907 in the Asti region of Piedmont. Now, it has become the largest privately held winery in the region, with no less than 10 estates and more than 230 hectares under its control. Giuseppe's son, Arturo, was responsible for building up a large chunk of the estate in the 1950s and 1960s. In 1985, the Massimelli and Soave families purchased Bersano and began making refined and flavorful wines. By the 1990s and early 2000s, the winery was known for its good quality commercial wines. More recently, it has made huge strides in producing premium wines. This is a producer to watch.

www.bersano.it

San Francisco (Table 29)

BERSANO

San Francisco

PIEDMONT

**Bersano Barbera d'Asti Superiore Nizza
Generala 2013**
- 91 pts

Bersano Barolo Nirvasco 2013
- 91 pts



BERSANO

BIBI GRAETZ

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

TUSCANY

**Bibi Graetz Toscana Testamatta 2015
99 pts -**

**Bibi Graetz Toscana Colore 2011
98 pts -**

BIBI GRAETZ



In the stretch of little more than a decade, Bibi Graetz has become one of the brightest lights in Tuscan winemaking. This is primarily thanks to the superb quality of his pure sangiovese Testamatta. Graetz is crazy for old vines, which give his best reds depth and soul. He makes his top red wines on the hillsides above Florence, which is close to the village of Fiesole, and sources grapes from top sites in Chianti Classico such as Montefili and Lamole. His whites from the island of Giglio are also an inspiration and quickly proving that Tuscany can make great whites as well as reds.

www.bibigraetz.com

**Beverly Hills (Table 60), Miami (Table 73), New York (Table 70),
San Francisco (Table 69)**



With a deep dedication to quality, the Swiss Widmer family founded this estate in the early 1980s. Brancaia's well-regarded Chianti Classico and accompanying Riserva have always enjoyed a following. However, more recently, Brancaia has garnered even more kudos through winemaker Barbara Widmer's Super Tuscans. To name a few of the estate's top labels; Il Blu and Ilatraia are both wonderful sips. The former is a soft yet powerful blend of mainly sangiovese and merlot farmed in the commune of Radda in Chianti, while the latter is a Bordeaux blend produced from the family's holdings further south in the Maremma region.

www.brancaia.com

**Beverly Hills (Table 61), Miami (Table 71), New York (Table 69),
San Francisco (Table 70)**

BRANCAIA

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

TUSCANY

**Brancaia Toscana Il Blu 2013
- 96 pts**

**Brancaia Toscana Ilatraia 2013
- 94 pts**

BRANCAIA
BARBARA WIDMER

BRUNO GIACOSA

Miami • New York

PIEDMONT

Bruno Giacosa Falletto Barbaresco Asili 2015
95 pts -



Bruno Giacosa



Bruno Giacosa, one of the legends of Barolo, passed away in Piedmont at the age of 88 earlier this year in January. Giacosa was a mentor to James, and we will always remember his sharp wit and precise palate. In his early years, he was said to have the ability to taste grapes from particular vineyards and be able to name them on the spot. Now, his daughter Bruna will take over and continue to produce amazing red wines. The wine estate has always consistently produced wines with impeccable depth and finesse. James sometimes likens their incredible Barolos and Barbaescos to the reds of Domaine de la Romanee-Conti.

www.brunogiacosa.it

Miami (Table 38), New York (Table 32)



Located at the top of Barbaresco's famous Rabaja hill, this beautiful estate is a family affair led by Romano Marengo, his wife Olimpia, and their three children, the oenology graduate Giuseppe and two daughters Paola and Maria. The family produces superb Barolo and Barbaescos from just five hectares of land split between excellent plots in Barbaresco (Rio Sordo, Maria di Brün and Chiaramanti) and Serralunga d'Alba (Cerretta and Rapet). The commune of Serralunga d'Alba features a well-ventilated, hillside terrain that is composed of clay and calcareous marl, which allows them to make full-bodied wines with long cellar life.

www.marengovini.com

Beverly Hills (Table 14)

CA' ROME DI ROMANO MARENGO

Beverly Hills

PIEDMONT

Ca' Rome Barbaresco Maria de Brün 2013
- 94 pts

Ca' Rome Barolo Cerretta 2013
- 93 pts



CA' ROME

Romano Marengo

CAFAGGIO

Beverly Hills

TUSCANY

**Cafaggio Chianti Classico Basilica
Solatio Riserva 2013**
93 pts -

**Cafaggio Cabernet Sauvignon Toscana
Basilica del Cortaccio 2013**
92 pts -



Cafaggio has been a name in Tuscany since the 15th century, when records show the Benedictine monks of Siena took care of the property. Located near the town of Panzano, the vineyard covers about 60 hectares in the “Conca d’Oro” (or golden basin) of Chianti Classico, which is arguably the finest area in the appellation. While excellent Super Tuscans are produced, the focus is very much on Chianti Classico here. The significance is that, it allows Cafaggio to produce a wide range of Chianti Classicos and single-vineyard bottlings. It’s also interesting that all the wines share the same age-worthy, structured style.

www.cafaggio.wine

Beverly Hills (Table 26)



Located in the Val di Cecina on the Tuscan coast, Caiarossa has been making unique wines since the early 2000s; however, it wasn’t until Dutch entrepreneur Eric Albada Jelgersma bought the estate in 2004 that it started making world-class bottles. The businessman also owns Bordeaux’s Château Giscours and Château du Tertre. The top wine of Caiarossa is a fascinating blend of sangiovese, cabernet franc, merlot, cabernet sauvignon, alicante, petit verdot and mourvedre. Here, the 16 hectares are divided into 12 plots, where each of the vineyards is classified according to its soil type with varying grape varieties planted.

www.caiarossa.com

Beverly Hills (Table 62)

CAIAROSSA

Beverly Hills

TUSCANY

Caiarossa Toscana 2013
- 95 pts

Caiarossa Toscana Aria di Caiarossa 2013
- 94 pts



CAIAROSSA

CAMIGLIANO

New York

TUSCANY

Camigliano Brunello di Montalcino
Paesaggio Inatteso 2012
93 pts -

Camigliano Toscana Poderuccio 2015
90 pts -



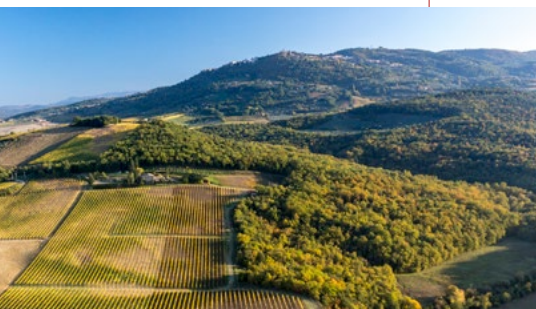
CAMIGLIANO



Castello di Camigliano was acquired in 1957 by the Ghezzi family, and the current proprietor Gualtiero Ghezzi has put a great deal of energy into modernizing the company. Today, Camigliano occupies 530 hectares, where 90 of which are under vine. Gualtiero has also recently planted new Brunello vineyards and built a new wine cellar underground. However, having said that, the production here reaches a few hundred thousand bottles as a thorough selection of grapes takes place. Hence, the yield per hectare are kept painstakingly low; and that often means they're producing high quality wines at a reasonable price.

www.camigliano.it

New York (Table 116)



The Brunellos di Montalcino of this family-owned estate are almost always extremely aromatic and bright. This is partly due to the location of the vineyards, which is situated on the northern slopes of the appellation. The estate dates back to the early 1960s, when Primo Pacenti started the property. His grandchildren are now managing the vineyards and winery. Although we've been tasting their Brunellos of Canalicchio di Sopra since the mid-1980s, we believe that some of the best vintages are only recently being produced. For instance, the 2010s are among the estate's best Brunellos, which are definitely worth seeking out.

www.canalicchiodisopra.com

Beverly Hills (Table 41), Miami (Table 47), New York (Table 94),
San Francisco (Table 44)

CANALICCHIO DI SOPRA

Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Canalicchio di Sopra Brunello di
Montalcino 2013
- 93 pts

Canalicchio di Sopra Brunello di
Montalcino 2012
- 95 pts

CANALICCHIO
DI SOPRA

CANTALICI

San Francisco

TUSCANY

Cantalicci Chianti Classico 2013
91 pts -

Cantalicci Chianti Classico Baruffo Riserva 2013
93 pts -



A dynamic estate in Castagnoli, Cantalicci might be one of the youngest wineries that we feature. The Cantalicci brothers, Carlo and Daniele, were working in the forest industry up until 1995, when they decided to pivot to wine. They planted their first vines back in 1999 in the Chianti Classico sub-region, and ever since, they've come on in leaps and bounds. Today, Cantalicci produces rich and powerful wines that stand tall and proud beside neighbors who have been in the game for much, much longer. Keep an eye on this exciting producer and try their selection of powerful reds when you get a chance to.

www.cantalicci.it

San Francisco (Table 14)



Making an astounding 1.8 million bottles of wine per year, Cantina Tramin is anything but a typical mass-producer. The winery's 245 hectares of vineyards are meticulously looked after by 290 growers, and guided by managers in order to ensure a precise, high-quality end product. Here, the harvest is done by hand, and the estate has also renounced the use of herbicides on the 15 hectares of organically and biodynamically farmed grapes. And all thanks to champion winemaker Willi Stürz, Cantina Tramin creates some of the best gewürztraminer in Italy – which, by the way, has been rated 90+ points.

www.cantinatramin.it

Beverly Hills (Table 3), Miami (Table 7), New York (Table 8),
San Francisco (Table 3)

CANTINA TRAMIN

Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco

ALTO ADIGE

Cantina Tramin Alto Adige Stoa 2015
- 93 pts

Cantina Tramin Gewürztraminer Alto
Adige Nussbaumer 2015
- 93 pts



CAPARZO

Miami • New York
San Francisco

TUSCANY

Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino 2013
93 pts -

Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino Vigna La
Casa 2013
94 pts -



Caparzo is one of the few estate-bottled producers of Brunello di Montalcino to have its own holdings on all five sides of the hill of Montalcino. This helps ensure that no climatic challenges can affect production as one of the five vineyards can surely compensate. Owner Elisabetta Gnudi Angelini aims to make top-quality wines by using traditional techniques, as well as applying a modern outlook. Caparzo wines have always been marked by a noble intensity and freshness. The top Caparzo Brunello is probably La Casa, which is made from a single vineyard on the hill of Montosoli as it is a denser, racier Brunello than the others.

www.caparzo.com

Miami (Table 48), New York (Table 95), San Francisco (Table 45)



Wine jars and tasting cups were found in Etruscan tombs dating to approximately 1000 BC, and this shows that vines have been cultivated in Carmignano since pre-Roman times. The last two generations of the Contini Bonacossi family, however, are responsible for making the winery famous for beautifully crafted reds at all price points. We first visited the estate in 1983 and have been impressed with Capezzana's wines ever since – especially when it comes to top Carmignanos. We can still recall tasting a Carmignano from the 1920s, which we thought had the weight and allure of a fine-aged Burgundy. The wines made today are equally compelling.

www.capezzana.it

San Francisco (Table 71)

CAPEZZANA

San Francisco

TUSCANY

Capezzana Carmignano Villa di
Capezzana 2013
- 93 pts

Capezzana Toscana Ghiaie della Furba 2009
- 93 pts

CAPEZZANA
CONTE CONTINI BONACOSSÌ

CARPINETA FONTALPINO, GIODO

Miami • New York

TUSCANY

Carpineta Fontalpino Toscana Do ut Des 2015
95 pts -

Giodo Brunello di Montalcino 2013
96 pts -

PODERE
GIODO
MONTALCINO

*Fattoria Carpineta
Fontalpino* *Castelluccio Brunello
Toscana*
CRESTI
GIOIA & FILIPPO



Located in one of the best parts of Chianti Classico, Carpineta Fontalpino is the estate of a brother and sister team, Gioia and Filippo Cresti. Although Carpineta Fontalpino makes excellent Chianti Classicos from its organically grown vineyards, we think highly of the Super Tuscan blend Do Ut Des. It is one of the best wines we've tasted and it's a blend of sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and merlot. The great Carlo Ferrini consults here, and one of his very own, tiny-production Brunello "Giodo" (the 2010 vintage) has even scored a perfect 100 points. The wines here always show incredible finesse and depth. Do seek them out.

www.carpinetafontalpino.it

Miami (Table 65), New York (Table 118)



Situated in the heart of the Chianti Classico – between San Casciano and Mercatale in val di Pesa – Carus occupies 26 hectares of land, where 13.5 hectares are dedicated to wine-growing. Located 250 to 300 meters above sea level, the lush vineyards are planted with both new and old vines, which may even date back to 1978. With a good water supply, the clayey and skeleton-rich soils encourage the growth of vines, as well as the quality of the grapes in the hot, dry summer periods. Currently, the grape varieties include sangiovese, syrah, cabernet sauvignon and merlot.

www.carusvini.it

San Francisco (Table 15)

CARUS

San Francisco

TUSCANY

Carus Chianti Classico Gaudio Gran
Selezione 2013
- 92 pts

Carus Cabernet Toscana Robeo 2013
- 94 pts



CARUS
VINI

CASA EMMA

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TUSCANY

Casa Emma Chianti Classico 2015
91 pts -

Casa Emma Chianti Classico Gran
Selezione 2013
94 pts -

Azienda Agricola

CASA EMMA



Located in the heart of the Chianti region, the spectacular landscape of Casa Emma is absolutely breathtaking. Reminiscent of Roman amphitheater designs, the vineyards here are arranged in geometrically precise rows on the hillside. And the vineyards make such a visually pleasing backdrop to the excellent wines made by the quality-focused Bucalossi family. This small estate's Classico, Riserva, single-vineyard Vignaparco and Gran Selezione Chiantis are all beautiful examples of modern Chianti Classico. Casa Emma also makes a stunning pure merlot named Soloio, which is a rich and decadent red with a beautiful finish.

www.casaemma.com

Miami (Table 23), New York (Table 38)



Casa Raia rests on the promontory by the Fortress of Montalcino in Tuscany, at approximately 365 meters above sea level. Here, the cultivation is all done by hand, from handpicking the grapes to cleaning each of the bundles thoroughly during maturation and harvesting times. Located on slopy hills of this rocky terrain, the soils are composed of eroded local rocks such as marl and dendrite. Thus, some of the luscious wines here boast intense aromas of spices.

www.casaraia.com

New York (Table 97)

CASA RAIA

New York

TUSCANY

Casa Raia Brunello di Montalcino 2011
- 92 pts

Casa Raia Brunello di Montalcino 2010
- 93 pts



CASALE DEL GIGLIO

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LAZIO

Casale del Giglio Lazio Satrico 2016
91 pts -

Casale del Giglio Lazio Mater Matuta 2014
92 pts -

CASALE DEL GIGLIO®
AZIENDA AGRICOLA



Fotografia dell'azienda agricola Casale del Giglio, alle Ferriere



Located near the ancient city of Satricum in the Agro Pontino Valley, Casale del Giglio was founded by Dino Santarelli in 1967 at Le Ferriere. The success of Casale del Giglio was spurred by the vision of Dino Santarelli, and now, his son Antonio has taken over as the owner. Not traditionally known for wines, the area provided a blank canvas for the winery to match with the top international varieties and optimal terroirs. The full-bodied Mater Matuta is the flagship red here, and it shows the region's prowess with syrah. Whereas, the petit manseng is almost certainly the best dry example of the varietal in Italy.

www.casaledelgiglio.it

Miami (Table 18), New York (Table 16), San Francisco (Table 9)



The Casaloste wine estate is one of the few Chianti Classico producers that have come to the forefront of quality in the past 10 years. Located near the town of Panzano, almost all of the 10 hectares of vineyards are organically cultivated. At Casaloste, the owner and winemaker Giovanni D'Orsi crafts long, refined reds with wonderful depth of fruit and racy structure. For instance, D'Orsi makes these two pure riserva Chianti Classicos, which are now among our favorites from the appellation: the normal bottling and the Don Vincenzo. The latter is a selection of the best sangiovese on the property. However, the standard Chianti Classico is also sublime.

www.casaloste.com

Miami (Table 24)

CASALOSTE

Miami

TUSCANY

Casaloste Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2011
- 93 pts

Casaloste Toscana Inversus 2013
- 93 pts



CASANOVA DI NERI

**Beverly Hills • Miami
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TUSCANY

**Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino
Tenuta Nuova 2013
98 pts -**

**Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino
Cerretalto 2012
97 pts -**



Casanova di Neri



The estate of Casanova di Neri is world famous for its incredible Brunellos of Montalcino, the super multi-vineyard blend Tenuta Nuova and single-vineyard Cerretalto in particular. The owner Giacomo Neri has made three 100-point wines in his career: Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova 2006, and Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino Cerretalto 2001 and 2010. However, what's almost more impressive is that he can make top wines in less than easy vintages. As one of the masters of Brunello, Giacomo made admirable Brunellos in 2011, 2009 and 2008 in far from perfect grape-growing conditions.

www.casanovadineri.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 42), Miami (Table 49), New York (Table 96),
San Francisco (Table 46)**



Castellani was first established in Montecalvoli at the end of the 19th century. Since 1903, the Castellani family has been producing and exporting fine wines from their lush vineyards. Currently, the Castellani family owns six wine estates in the best area of production in Tuscany, including Terricciola, Radda in Chianti, Crespina, San Gervasio, Ceppaiano and Santa Lucia. From grape varieties such as sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon, syrah, Castellani makes natural, organic wines through a sustainable production process. Partly due to the clay-calcareous soils that are rich in galestro stones, the wines here are rich and aromatic.

www.castelwine.com

New York (Table 39), San Francisco (Table 26)

CASTELLANI

New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

**Castellani Chianti Classico Riserva 2012
- 92 pts**

**Castellani Toscana Zio Baffa 2013
- 91 pts**



CASTELLANI
MAESTRI DI VIGNA DAL 1903

CASTELLARE DI CASTELLINA

New York

TUSCANY

Castellare di Castellina Toscana I
Sodi di S. Niccolò 2013
95 pts -

Castellare di Castellina Toscana Poggio
ai Merli 2015
92 pts -

CASTELLARE
DI CASTELLINA



In the heart of Chianti Classico, Castellare di Castellina has been a well-known wine producer for decades, making a range of wines from Chianti Classico to pure merlots and sauvignon blancs. But it is the IGT I Sodi di San Niccolò that wine collectors around the world seek out. It is a quirky blend of sangiovese and malvasia nera. The latter is a rarely used local variety that gives freshness and floral character to the wine. I Sodi had its heyday in the 1980s but it is back with force in 2006 and 2007.

www.castellare.it

New York (Table 64)



Established by a cooperative of more than 100 growers in Tuscany, Castelli del Grevepesa was spearheaded on the initiative of Gualtiero Armando Nunzi. Located in the Chianti Classico region, the winery strives to preserve the centuries-old traditions of the Tuscan viticulture. Here, they ensure the high quality of wines by meticulously selecting the grapes and ensuring strict regulations of the Law and the Consorzio "Gallo Nero." Under the leadership of the enologist Stefano Mosele, Castelli del Grevepesa has been producing an array of high-quality wines, Chianti Classicos in particular.

www.castellidelgrevepesa.it

Beverly Hills (Table 27), Miami (Table 25), New York (Table 40),
San Francisco (Table 16)

CASTELLI DI GREVEPESA

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

TUSCANY

Castelli di Grevepesa Chianti Classico
Clemente VII Riserva 2013
- 92 pts

Castelli di Grevepesa Chianti Classico
Clemente VII Gran Selezione 2012
- 93 pts



CASTELLI del GREVEPESA

CASTELLI MARTINOZZI

New York

TUSCANY

**Castelli Martinozzi Brunello di
Montalcino 2013**
93 pts -

**Castelli Martinozzi Brunello di Montalcino
Riserva 2010**
94 pts -



CASTELLI MARTINOZZI



Located in Montalcino in Tuscany, Castelli Martinozzi is famous for its powerful and flavorful Brunellos. The Castelli Martinozzi has 160 hectares of land under its control, where 12 hectares are dedicated to winegrowing. At the optimal altitude of 400 to 480 meters above sea level, the luscious vineyards towers over the stunning Val d'Orcia. Separating the plantation of grape-bearing vines are 16 hectares of beautiful olive groves. All thanks to good ventilation, unique microclimate of the region, the Brunellos di Montalcino boast elegant tannins and delectable fruit aromas.

www.castellimartinozzi.com

New York (Table 99)



The American-owned Banfi is one of the most famous Tuscan wine producers in the world due to the excellent quality of its Brunellos di Montalcino and global distribution system. This is all thanks to the Mariani family, who in the late 1970s had the foresight to invest heavily in the region. The family is credited with pioneering a new era in Brunello and bringing the wine world's attention to Montalcino. What we like about Banfi is that the technological advances are balanced with a profound respect for tradition and deep expression of the local terroir and microclimate. The results are all evident in the precise wines that they produce.

www.castellobanfi.com

New York (Table 98)

CASTELLO BANFI

New York

TUSCANY

Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino 2013
- 95 pts

**Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino
Poggio alle Mura 2013**
- 96 pts



CASTELLO DELLA PANERETTA

New York

TUSCANY

Castello della Paneretta Chianti Classico
Riserva 2013
93 pts -

Castello della Paneretta Chianti Classico
Torre a Destra 2008
93 pts -



Castello della Paneretta



Situated in the Chianti Classico region, Castello della Paneretta rests on the slopes of the Elsa Valley and overlooks the Italian town of San Gimignano. This storied castle was originally owned by the Vettori family, who restored the castle completely and commissioned celebrated painter Bernardino Poccetti to fresco the loggia of the court. Although this stunning wine estate has been making wines since 1596, it's only now – after the Albisetti family took over – that the estate is making some of the most beautiful Chianti Classicos.

www.castellodellapaneretta.com

New York (Table 43)



www.

Situated in Chianti Classico, Castello di Albola is a picturesque winery that dates back to the 12th century. It has now passed through the hands of numerous famous Tuscan aristocratic families, including the Acciaioli, the Samminiati, the Pazzi and the Ginori Conti. Since 1979, the Zonin family has held the reins, and they have been consistently making classically styled, outstanding Chianti Classicos. The 157 hectares of vineyards are planted with a wide variety of grapes, including cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay, canaiolo, trebbiano toscano and malvasia del chianti. However, it is the sangiovese that will always be their pride and joy.

www.albola.it

Beverly Hills (Table 29), New York (Table 44)

CASTELLO DI ALBOLA

Beverly Hills • New York

TUSCANY

Castello di Albola Chianti Classico Riserva 2014
- 90 pts

Castello di Albola Chianti Classico Gran
Selezione 2013
- 92 pts



CASTELLO DI BOSSI

Miami • New York

TUSCANY

Castello di Bossi Chianti Classico 2015
93 pts -

Castello di Bossi Chianti Classico Berardo
Riserva 2013
93 pts -



Located near the town of Castelnuovo Berardenga, the vineyards of Castello di Bossi are some of the best in Chianti Classico. However, it is not so much the Chianti Classicos that make Castello di Bossi such an excellent wine producer. Most wine trade and consumers are more interested in the reds made from the international varieties such as the pure merlot Girolamo and the sangiovese-cabernet sauvignon blend Corbaia. Having said that, without a doubt, Castello di Bossi's Chianti Classico Riservas are equally attractive. We expect better and better wines from here in the future, though, the wines are already excellent.

www.bacciwines.com

Miami (Table 26), New York (Table 41)



As one of the largest estates in Chianti Classico, Castello di Gabbiano occupies nearly 150 hectares of vineyards. Moreover, the winery is also a part of the global wine conglomerate Treasury Wine Estates, which owns great wine brands such as Penfolds and Beringer. This gives Castello di Gabbiano excellent distribution around the world, and the beautiful Tuscan wine estate makes a range of excellent wines that are reasonably priced. In recent vintages, we have been more and more impressed by Gabbiano's Super Tuscan reds, the Bordeaux blend Alleanza in particular. However, we also enjoy the Chianti Classicos, which represent the majority of production each year.

www.castellogabbiano.it

Beverly Hills (Table 28), Miami (Table 27), New York (Table 42),
San Francisco (Table 17)

CASTELLO DI GABBIANO

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New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Castello di Gabbiano Chianti Classico
Riserva 2013
- 91 pts

Castello di Gabbiano Chianti Classico
Bellezza Gran Selezione 2012
- 92 pts



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CASTELLO DI MONSANTO

New York

TUSCANY

**Castello di Monsanto Chianti Classico
Riserva 2014**
91 pts -

**Castello di Monsanto Cabernet Sauvignon
Toscana Nemo 2013**
93 pts -

CASTELLO
Monsanto



The name Monsanto is synonymous with new, age-worthy Chianti Classicos. Thanks to the hard work of owner Fabrizio Bianchi, the estate has been making excellent reds since 1962, which marks the early evolution of modern fine-winemaking in Tuscany. Castello di Monsanto was the first winery in the region to make a single-vineyard designated wine – Chianti Classico Riserva Il Poggio. Fabrizio's daughter Laura Bianchi now carries on the tradition as the head of the estate. Although Monsanto is best known for its Chianti Classicos, it also makes an excellent pure cabernet sauvignon named Nemo. But it's the Chianti Classico Risevas that are the standard-bearers here.

www.castellodimonsanto.it

New York (Table 49)



Overlooking the town of Radda in Chianti, Castello di Radda is located on the hills under the Castello di Volpaia borough. Castello di Radda was acquired by the Beretta family back in 2003, when the wine estate started more actively and assertively producing great wines. The Beretta family also owns the historic Lo Sparviere, which produces precious Franciacorta sparkling wines. Currently, Castello di Radda has 45 hectares of vineyard, as well as a large cellar in construction under the direction of the architect Spartaco Mori. With meticulous care and quality grapes, the estate is making fine Chianti Classicos.

www.castellodiradda.it

Beverly Hills (Table 30), Miami (Table 28)

CASTELLO DI RADDA

Beverly Hills • Miami

TUSCANY

Castello di Radda Chianti Classico 2014
- 90 pts

**Castello di Radda Chianti Classico
Riserva 2013**
- 93 pts

Castello di Radda

CASTELLO ROMITORIO

New York

TUSCANY

Castello Romitorio Brunello di Montalcino 2013
94 pts -

Castello Romitorio Brunello di Montalcino
Filo di Seta 2013
95 pts -



Since world-famous painter Sandro Chia bottled his first "Romito" in 1986, he has made clear that his pursuit of artistic perfection displays itself not only on the painted canvas but also in wine. In the past 30 years, Castello Romitorio has really seized every opportunity to refine their methods. This is evident in their cellar, which is constructed on the castle's ground floor with the most advanced equipment, as well as his keen respect for ancient techniques. His wines have an acute sense of terroir and drinkability. On top of that, there seems to be an ever-increasing precision to the winemaking, which gives the wines a transparency to their terroirs.

www.castelloromitorio.com

New York (Table 100)



The Tricerchi family was a part of the Sienese oligarchy back in the 12th century. In 1820, the last heir of the Tricerchi family Porzia married a baron Finetti. Without a direct descendant, Porzia passed the castle on to her nephew Falzacappa and his wife Maddalena Nena. Situated on a hillside, Castello Tricerchi is divided into seven plots of land, where the vineyards are all cultivated with cordon-trained, spur-pruned vines. Located in an underground dungeon, the cellar dates back to the 15th century. Here, you can expect beautiful, flavorful Brunellos di Montalcino.

www.castellotricerchi.com

New York (Table 119), San Francisco (Table 47)

CASTELLO TRICERCHI

New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Castello Tricerchi Brunello di Montalcino 2012
- 92 pts

Castello Tricerchi Rosso di Montalcino 2015
- 92 pts



CASTELVECCHIO

New York

TUSCANY

Castelvecchio Toscana Il Brecciolino 2013
93 pts -

Castelvecchio Canaiolo Toscana
Numero Otto 2015
92 pts -



The appellation of Chianti dei Colli Fiorentini is known for making aromatic and delicate reds; however, Castelvecchio puts a different quality spin on the region by producing racy and focused reds with pretty balance and powerful richness. We are impressed with the red Il Brecciolino, which is a blend of sangiovese, merlot and petit verdot. In recent years, it shows a beautiful core of pure fruit and velvety tannins. It is opulent, yet reserved. The owners, the Rocchi family, continue to push boundaries of quality winemaking. They seem to be making better and better wines every vintage.

www.castelvecchio.it

New York (Table 63)



A luxury destination on the hills of Brunello di Montalcino, Castiglion del Bosco – or the dream of Massimo Ferragamo – has been a huge boost to the tourism in central Italy with its gorgeous grounds and fantastic 18-hole golf course. Castiglion del Bosco, however, was making excellent quality Brunellos long before the hotel, spa and golf course were built. Notwithstanding, the wines are even better now. Here, they make a regular Brunello as well as a single-vineyard one named Campo del Drago. The latter has more power and richness. Castiglion del Bosco also makes a number of Riserva Brunellos in top years.

wine.castigliondelbosco.com

Miami (Table 50), New York (Table 101), San Francisco (Table 48)

CASTIGLION DEL BOSCO

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San Francisco

TUSCANY

Castiglion del Bosco Brunello di
Montalcino 2013
- 94 pts

Castiglion del Bosco Brunello di
Montalcino Riserva Millecento 2011
- 92 pts



CAVA D'ONICE

New York

TUSCANY

Cava d'Onice Brunello di Montalcino 2013
93 pts -

Cava d'Onice Brunello di Montalcino
Colombaio 2013
93 pts -



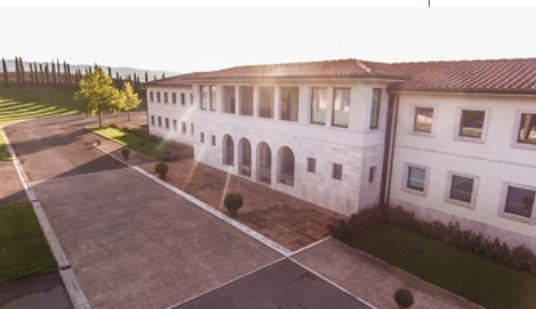
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Cava d'Onice strongly believes in Brunello di Montalcino and its unique characteristics, shining the spotlight on sangiovese. Aromatic and fresh, the Brunellos here are a wonderful expression of the territory they were born in. Every day of every season, the team here cultivate the vineyards with passion and perseverance. Despite the fact that Cava d'Onice is a relatively young winery, they produce subtle yet complex wines, single-vineyard wines in particular. We are eager to see what this exciting winery will bring in the near future. Definitely keep Cava d'Onice under your radar.

www.cavadonice.it

New York (Table 102)



As displayed on the family crest, the Cecchi family has been making wine since 1893; however, this prominent Tuscan producer inexplicably avoids the attention it well deserves. Like many notable Italian producers, the Cecchis own a variety of independent vineyards and estates across Tuscany but they are best known for its holdings in Chianti Classico. A few years ago, the family came out with a new red produced from grapes in their Maremma holdings Aurelio. Now, it is one of the best in the region and a wonderful, rich expression of the area's warm, dry climate.

www.cecchi.net

Miami (Table 37), San Francisco (Table 27)

CECCHI

Miami • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Cecchi Chianti Classico Villa Cerna
Primocolle 2015
- 92 pts

Cecchi Maremma Toscana Val delle
Rose Aurelio 2015
- 95 pts

FAMIGLIA CECCHI

CELESTINO PECCI

Beverly Hills • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Celestino Pecci Brunello di Montalcino 2012
95 pts -

Celestino Pecci Brunello di Montalcino
Poggio al Carro 2012
94 pts -



CELESTINO PECCI



Tiziana Celestino is part of a new generation in the appellation of Brunello di Montalcino. In the early 2000s, Tiziana took over the family's vineyard and started making cleaner and more refined reds through modern viticulture and vinification methods. As the only child of Pecci Celestino, for whom the estate was named after, Tiziana is inspired by her father's passion for the region. Under her leadership, the winery has produced a number of Brunello di Montalcino rated 90 points or higher. Located in the south and southwest of Montalcino, some of the vineyards here grow on soils with a mixed consistency of clay.

www.aziendapeccicelestino.com

Beverly Hills (Table 43), San Francisco (Table 49)



This is a new winery under the attentive management of Niccolò and Enrico Chioccioli Altadonna – the sons of Anna Altadonna – and the famed consulting enologist Stefano Chioccioli. For decades, Stefano has worked for some of Italy's most prestigious names; however, today, he and his family are most at home at their winery in Gaiole in Chianti Classico. At the pinnacle of the estate's two aptly named ranges Chioccioli and Altadonna are the Super Tuscans AltoRe and Assalto. The first few vintages are ripe and finely crafted expressions of sangiovese with varying quantities of cabernet and merlot. If pedigree is anything to go by, then this is a producer primed for greatness.

www.chiocciolialtadonna.it

New York (Table 50)

CHIOCCIOLI, ALTADONNA

New York

TUSCANY

Chioccioli Chianti Classico Riserva 2011
- 92 pts

Altadonna Toscana Assalto 2012
-95 pts



CHIOCCIOLI ALTADONNA
FAMILY ESTATE

CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA

Beverly Hills • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona Brunello di
Montalcino 2010
94 pts -

Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona Brunello di
Montalcino 2012
97 pts -



This famous producer of Brunello di Montalcino has been making balanced, precise and beautiful reds since the 1980s. However, it's their recent vintages that show the most focus and intensity. The family-owned winery primarily makes two Brunellos: a regular bottling and a single-vineyard wine named Vigna di Pianrosso. The latter is always a step up in terms of quality with more concentration and depth of fruit on the palate. The Pianrosso Santa Caterina d'Oro Riserva is only made in top vintages, and it is a selection of the best grapes from the vineyard in that respective year.

www.ciaccipiccolomini.com

Beverly Hills (Table 44), San Francisco (Table 50)



In the 1990s, the Collazzi vineyards and cellars were radically renovated with the sole intention of producing high-quality wines with striking personality. Lamberto Frescobaldi directed the restructuring on behalf of the Marchi family. The upgrades were successful and the quality of the vines reflect how harmoniously the soils, climate and grapes have evolved over time together. The Collazzi soils are sandy, partly clay, and rich in limestone and rocky. These conditions led to the planting of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and petit verdot, in addition to the traditional sangiovese. The reds are distinctive and structured with solid cores of fruit.

www.collazzi.it

Miami (Table 34), New York (Table 51)

COLLAZZI

Miami • New York

TUSCANY

Collazzi Toscana 2014
- 92 pts

Collazzi Chianti Classico I Bastioni 2015
- 92 pts



COLLE BERETO

Beverly Hills • New York

TUSCANY

**Colle Bereto Chianti Classico Gran
Selezione 2013**
93 pts -

Colle Bereto Merlot Toscana Il Tocco 2015
93 pts -



COLLE BERETO



Located in the heart of Chianti – in between Valley of Pesa and the Valley of Arbia – Colle Bereto is high up on the hills, roughly around 550 meters above sea level. With 20 hectares to its name, Colle Bereto is owned and managed by the Pinzauti family. With a keen focus on pinot noir, merlot, and sangiovese, the winery is constantly improving the quality of their wines. Here, you'll find not only rows of vineyards but also century-old olive groves. While we enjoy their gran selezione, the Il Tocco made of pure merlot is also worth seeking out.

www.collebereto.it

Beverly Hills (Table 31), New York (Table 52)



COLLEMASSARI, GRATTAMACCO

**Beverly Hills • New York
San Francisco**

TUSCANY

**Collemassari Sangiovese Montecucco
Poggio Lombrone Riserva 2013**
- 92 pts

Grattamacco Bolgheri Superiore 2014
- 92 pts



Ever since the late 1990s, we've always believed in the quality of the Montecucco area, which is a short distance from Montalcino in Tuscany. However, it took the brother-and-sister team of Claudio and Maria Iris Tipa at Collemassari to make that a reality. The recent vintages from this estate show a marvelous softness and finesse, and all the grapes here are organically grown. The Tipas also own the wonderful properties of Grattamacco and Poggio di Sotto, which makes top Brunellos di Montalcino. The recent releases of Grattamacco – both the reds and whites – are worth seriously noting.

www.collemassari.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 73), New York (Table 84), San
Francisco (Table 89)**

COLLINA SERRAGRILLI

New York

PIEDMONT

Collina Serragrilli Barbaresco 2014
92 pts -

Collina Serragrilli Barbera d'Alba Serraia 2015
92 pts -

Collina
SERRAGRILLI[®]
AZIENDA AGRICOLA
NEIVE - ITALIA



The Collina Serragrilli vineyards are situated on a ridge, roughly 500 meters north of Neive. Surrounded by lush green hills, the historic town of Neive provides unique microclimates for the local wine production. Since the end of the 19th century, Collina Serragrilli has been owned and managed by the same family for four generations. Today, the wine estate belongs to the Lequio family, who has a long, wine background. Their great grandparents were notable local winemakers in the region. The Lequio family has a strong sales team, exporting its fine wines worldwide, including Europe, United States, China and Hong Kong.

www.serragrilli.it

New York (Table 36)



In the world of Brunello di Montalcino, few family names are as hallowed as the Ciacci's, who started the famed estate of Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona in the 17th century and made wine for nearly 200 years. Collosorbo and its 27 hectares are a division of the Ciacci's, managed by Lucia and Laura Sardo Suterra. Its vineyards boast three distinct soil types: iron-rich red clay, schist and sandy limestone. The result are wonderful Brunellos that speak to the attention these grapes deserve.

www.collosorbo.it

Miami (Table 64)

COLLOSORBO

Miami

TUSCANY

- 95 pts
Collosorbo Brunello di Montalcino 2013
- 91 pts
Collosorbo Rosso di Montalcino 2015



CONTADI CASTALDI, PETRA

Miami

LOMBARDY

Contadi Castaldi Franciacorta Rosé Brut
91 pts -

Petra Toscana Hebo 2015
91 pts -



Contadi Castaldi
FRANCIACORTA



Vittorio Moretti left such a mark on the wine world with Bellavista that he spearheaded and established the two other wineries: Contadi Castaldi in Franciacorta, as well as a coastal estate named Petra in the Maremma, Tuscany. The latter is coming into its own now, as it makes wines more in tune with the goodness of the soil than simply modern wine-making. On the other hand, Contadi Castaldi is a sparkling wine force in its own right. The approach is unique for the area in that the winery collaborates with numerous local growers, and the wines offer exceptional value.

www.contadicastaldi.it

Miami (Table 3)



The Guicciardinis are one of the most ancient Florentine families who had a prominent political, social position in Florence since the 1200s. The Castello di Poppiano has remained in the Guicciardini family from generation to generation. Ferdinando di Carlo developed the vineyards and wine estate back in the 19th century, by reclaiming the lands and improving wine cellars. In 1962, Ferdinando Guicciardini inherited Conte Guicciardini from his grandfather, making radical changes to the wine estate such as crop specialization and upgrading the processing facilities. Now, the winery produces stunning super Tuscans with plenty of ripe sangiovese character.

www.guicciardini199.it

Beverly Hills (Table 32), Miami (Table 29)

CONTE GUICCIARDINI

Beverly Hills • Miami

TUSCANY

Conte Guicciardini Chianti Classico
Belvedere Campoli 2015
- 93 pts

Conte Guicciardini Morellino di Scansano
Massi di Mandorlaia I Massi 2015
-91 pts



CONTE LOREDAN GASPARINI

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

VENETO

**Loredan Gasparini Montello e Colli
Asolani Della Casa 2012
94 pts -**

**Loredan Gasparini Montello e Colli Asolani
Venegazzù Superiore Capo di Stato 2012
94 pts -**



Situated in Venegazzu of Volpago del Montello, the estate of Loredan Gasparini rests on 60 hectares of land which has been highly praised for its wine production in the past several hundred years. Here, the vineyards are mainly cultivated with red grapes, including cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc, merlot and malbec. Established in the 1950s by Count Piero Loredan, the vineyards are now owned by Giancarlo Palla. The winery respects this magnificent land by using 100-percent renewable energy and finding that balanced approach to environment and development. Hence, the Palla family's genuine love for wine shines through in every bottle.

www.loredangasparini.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 78), Miami (Table 81), New York (Table 89),
San Francisco (Table 41)**



Inhabiting the lands of Leverano, Conti Zecca is a true leader in quality winemaking in the region. Since 1580, the Conti Zecca family has been making a lush array of wines at its four estates in Puglia. The wine varieties range from value to premium; however, Conti Zecca is known for specializing in traditional local varieties. For instance, they plant negroamaro, which is one of the most sophisticated reds made in Puglia. Giuseppe Zecca deserves great credit for updating and refining winemaking techniques that date back to the 1950s. Now, his heirs proudly carry on his work at the estates near Leverano, in the heart of Salento.

www.contizecca.it

Miami (Table 85), New York (Table 88)

CONTI ZECCA

Miami • New York

PUGLIA

**Conti Zecca Salento Nero 2013
- 92 pts**

**Conti Zecca Aglianico del Salento Terra 2014
- 90 pts**



CORDERO DI MONTEZEMOLO

Miami • San Francisco

PIEDMONT

Cordero di Montezemolo Barolo
Monfalletto 2013
94 pts -

Cordero di Montezemolo Barolo Gattera 2013
96 pts -



The origins of Cordero di Montezemolo date back to the mid 1300s; however, the wines are show modern precision and style. The winemaker Alberto Cordero di Montezemolo has a clear understanding of the past, present and future aspirations of the winery; hence, he is always pushing the boundaries in his family's winemaking. Most of the wines come from the hillsides near the winery in the Annunziata area of La Morra. Having that said, we are big fans of the Barolo Enrico VI from the two hectares of the famous Villero vineyard, which is located on the slopes around the village of Castiglione Falletto.

www.corderodimontezemolo.com

Miami (Table 39), San Francisco (Table 30)



Cortonesi occupies 56 hectares of land, where roughly eight hectares are reserved for Brunello di Montalcino. The estate was formerly known as La Mannella, and it was renamed to "Cortonesi" to put emphasis on their family history and connection to Montalcino. The family also possess a smaller site named Poggiarelli in the southeast area, and they decided to start bottling two crus: La Mannella and Poggiarelli. We are very happy with this decision, as the Poggiarelli 2012 is one of the estate's best offering. Lovers of dark-fruited, chewy Brunellos will delight in these sumptuous wines.

www.cortonesimontalcino.it

Beverly Hills (Table 45), Miami (Table 52), New York (Table 103),
San Francisco (Table 51)

CORTONESI

Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Cortonesi Brunello di Montalcino
Poggiarelli 2013
- 91 pts

Cortonesi Brunello di Montalcino
La Mannella 2013
- 92 pts



CUSUMANO

**Beverly Hills • Miami
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SICILY

Cusumano Etna Bianco Alta Mora 2016
93 pts -

**Cusumano Etna Rosso Alta Mora
Guardiola 2014**
96 pts -



CUSUMANO



Two of the most dynamic vintners in Italy, Diego and Alberto Cusumano are the heads of this famous name in Sicilian winemaking. They are able to produce excellent-quality wines from unique vine-growing regions at impressively reasonable prices. Here, they make wines with local, as well as international varieties; regardless if they are nero d'avola or chardonnay. We are a fan of their blends like the Cusumano Sicilia Tenuta Presti e Pegni Noà 2013. It would be a mistake to pass up their new white from the volcanic growing region of Etna. Cusumano continues to wave the flag of Sicilian winemaking around the world.

www.cusumano.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 13), Miami (Table 20), New York (Table 20),
San Francisco (Table 12)**



Since 1934, when Augusto Dal Cero purchased land in the commune of Roncà, the Dal Cero family has been making wine for over three generations. With meticulous care and tremendous passion, the Dal Cero family goes out of their way to ensure balanced soils, healthy grapes and, of course, high-quality wines. It's also interesting to note that, with the two volcanoes nearby, the soils are richly composed of lava and tuff. Here, they make a great selection of wines, from crisp, light-bodied whites to dark Amarones with ripe and round tannins.

www.dalcerofamily.it

Beverly Hills (Table 79), Miami (Table 86)

DAL CERO

Beverly Hills • Miami

VENETO/TUSCANY

**Dal Cero Tenuta Montecchiesi Syrah
Cortona Klanis 2013**
- 93 pts

Dal Cero Amarone della Valpolicella 2012
- 93 pts

DAL CERO
IN VALPOLICELLA

DEI

Beverly Hills • San Francisco

TUSCANY

**Dei Vino Nobile di Montepulciano
Bossona Riserva 2011**
93 pts -

Dei Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2014
90 pts -



Dei is a Vino di Montepulciano producer that has been consistently making beautiful reds for decades, transcending the quality winemaking of the region in every way. The family-run winery is helmed by Caterina Dei, who makes wonderfully refined and well-balanced wines. The Super Tuscan red named Sancta Catharina is clearly one of her best wines. It is a blend of sangiovese, merlot and cabernet sauvignon with a touch of petit verdot. If the opportunity ever arises, try her single-vineyard Nobile di Montepulciano Bossona Riserva, which also shows beautiful finesse and length. It is an excellent sangiovese.

www.cantinedei.it

Beverly Hills (Table 59), San Francisco (Table 39)



Di Giovanna is a family owned Sicilian winery in Agrigento. Out in the mountainous terrains of Sicily's Sambuca, Cristoforo Ciaccio planted the family's first vineyards – and olive trees – back in year 1860. Now, Di Giovanna is passed onto the fifth generation. The Di Giovanna brothers, Gunther and Klaus, continue the work of Cristoforo and build on the winery's 56 hectares. In 1997, Di Giovanna became the one of the first wineries to be growing fully certified organic grapes in the area. We are especially fond of their complex Helios Bianco, which is a blend of grillo and chardonnay.

www.di-giovanna.com

New York (Table 18)

DI GIOVANNA

New York

SICILY

**Di Giovanna Terre Siciliane Helios
Bianco 2016**
- 91 pts

**Di Giovanna Terre Siciliane Helios
Rosso 2013**
- 91 pts



DIADEMA

Miami • New York

TUSCANY

Diadema Toscana 2015
92 pts -

Diadema Toscana D'Amare 2015
91 pts -

DIADEMA
IMPRUNETA - TOSCANA



Not many wines in the world come in bottles encrusted with Swarovski crystal diamonds like Diadema does. And of course, what counts for us is not the bling on the bottle but the wine inside it. Diadema is fruitful result of Italian entrepreneur Alberto Giannotti. The brand evolved from his family property Fattoria Villa L'Olmo's renovation project in 1999. Under the leadership of consulting oenologist Stefano Chioccioli, Diadema's wines are always voluptuous and rich. For instance, we hold the reds here in high regard. Made of 70 percent sangiovese, 15 percent cabernet sauvignon and 15 percent merlot, the reds here are worth seeking out.

www.diadema-wine.com

Miami (Table 66), New York (Table 65)



Established in 1992, the Donne Fittipaldi winery went through an extensive restructure, as well as a huge restoration. Aside from the mansion named The Pineta, the wine estate has 46 hectares of land under its control. Although Donne Fittipaldi has an aspiring modern outlook, which is necessary to market and sell its wines worldwide, the winery has also kept the rich traditions of the region. The head of the wine estate Maria Fittipaldi Menarini, with the help of her daughters Carlotta, Giulia, Serena and Valentina, has steered the company to much success by producing was fresh and tangy whites.

www.donnefittipaldi.it

New York (Table 82)

DONNE FITTIPALDI

New York

TUSCANY

Donne Fittipaldi Bolgheri 2015
- 93 pts

Donne Fittipaldi Toscana Mala Roja 2013
- 91 pts



DONNACHIARA

Beverly Hills • San Francisco

CAMPANIA

Donnachiara Taurasi di Umberto 2012
93 pts -

Donnachiara Greco di Tufo 2016
92 pts -



Donnachiara makes some of our favorite wines from Campania. We're impressed with the finesse and balance of their wines, which are all made of local grape varieties such as fiano and aglianico. Donnachiara has been crafting wines for more than 150 years, but it was the Petitto family who established it into the modern winery that it is today. Since 2005, they've been producing top wines at the estate-owned vineyards. Especially with the recent releases, Donnachiara is now rivaling the best names in all the key appellations of Campania, from Taurasi to Greco di Tufo.

www.donnachiara.com

Beverly Hills (Table 10), New York (Table 17), San Francisco (Table 10)



Founded in 1983, Donnafugata produces wines that exhibit a distinctive translation of Sicily. Giacomo and Gabriella Rallo, with the help of their daughter Jose and son Antonio, nurture the estate's three grape-growing sites according to their unique terroirs with impeccable attention to detail. The family has incredible respect for the environment; hence, sustainability is key here. Donnafugata was one of the first wineries in the country to use solar panels for renewable energy. In Donnafugata's selection of sensational wines, we find their naturally sweet wines to be among the best in Italy.

www.donnafugata.it

Miami (Table 21), New York (Table 11)

DONNAFUGATA

Miami • New York

SICILY

Donnafugata Passito di Pantelleria
Ben Rye 2014
- 92 pts

Donnafugata Zibibbo Sicilia Lighea 2016
- 92 pts



DONNAFUGATA

ELENA WALCH

Miami • New York

ALTO ADIGE

Elena Walch Pinot Grigio Alto Adige Vigna
Castel Ringberg 2016
92 pts -

Elena Walch Alto Adige Beyond
the Clouds 2015
95 pts -

ELENA WALCH



Elena Walch is one of Italy's greatest all-woman operations. Owned and managed by Matriarch Elena Walch and her daughters Julia and Karoline, the brand exploits some of Alto Adige's best vineyards to its fullest potential. Among all the lovely reds and vibrant whites, the blended chardonnay named Beyond the Clouds is undoubtedly the best. Like in many other leading northern Italian whites, an acidic international grape varietal is kept in line by less-green indigenous varietals. Resulting in a fabulously rich and complex white wine. Aside from precise whites, Elena Walch also makes outstanding reds. To name a few: the single-vineyard lagreins and Kermesse Gran Cuvée.

www.elenawalch.com

Miami (Table 6), New York (Table 7)



Situated in the municipality of Monforte d'Alba, the Elio Grasso Estate occupies 42 hectares of land, where 18 hectares of vineyards are planted a variety of grapes such as nebbiolo, barbera and dolcetto. We have known Elio Grasso personally for quite a long time, 20 years or more. He is our old friend in Barolo, and his warmth and passion in winemaking seep through every sip. His son Gianluca is an equally sympathetic character. The handmade wines at Elio Grasso, the single-vineyard Barolos in particular, show a precision and clarity that is seldom found in Italy.

www.eliograsso.it

Beverly Hills (Table 15)

ELIO GRASSO

Beverly Hills

PIEDMONT

Elio Grasso Barolo Gavarini Chiniera 2013
- 96 pts

Elio Grasso Barolo Ginestra Casa Mate 2013
- 94 pts

ELIO GRASSO

NEIL EMPSON

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TUSCANY

**Supremus Toscana 2012
93 pts -**

**Castello di Querceto Colli della Toscana
Centrale Cignale 2011
95 pts -**



Founded in 1972, Neil and Maria Empson pioneered the exports of fine Italian wines around the globe, especially in the United States, and helped established some of the top names at the time from Gaja to Monteverfine. The Empsons exported more great bottles of Italian wine in the past four decades than anyone else we know. Today, with the help of their daughter Tara and their team in Milan, the success continues as well as producing a selection of wines under their own direction such as the Supremus being served at the event. The Empsons are also serving a Super Tuscan red from Castello di Querceto called Cignale, which they developed in the early 1980s with the owner of the Chianti Classico estate, Alessandro Francois.

www.empson.com

**Beverly Hills (Table 63), Miami (Table 70), New York (Table 66),
San Francisco (Table 73)**



Azienda Agricola Enzo Boglietti is a family-owned winery with 22 hectares of vineyards at the property. While the winery is located in La Morra, the vineyards are scattered among the Comuni di La Morra, Barolo, Monforte, Serralunga d'Alba, Roddino e Sinio. Now, Enzo Gianni Boglietti are overseeing the wine estate. At an altitude of roughly 320 and 480 meters above sea level, the Barolo vineyards produce some of the most refined and polished Barolos we've tasted. For example, the Enzo Boglietti Barolo Case Nere 2013 scored a total of 96 points, securing No. 49 on our list of top Italian wines in 2017.

www.enzoboglietti.com

San Francisco (Table 31)

ENZO BOGLIETTI

San Francisco

PIEDMONT

**Enzo Boglietti Barolo Case Nere 2013
- 96 pts**

**Enzo Boglietti Barolo Riserva 2008
- 95 pts**

ENZOBOGLIETTI

EREDI FULIGNI

Beverly Hills • Miami

TUSCANY

Eredi Fuligni Brunello di Montalcino 2013
96 pts -

Eredi Fuligni Brunello di Montalcino
Riserva 2007
95 pts -



Back in the 1980s, James had already fallen in love with the Brunellos di Montalcino that Eredi Fuligni produces. To be precise, it was the 1988 vintage that first caught his attention. Situated on the northern slope of Montalcino, this small winery makes wines with incredible finesse and intensity. For the last three decades, law professor and family member Roberto Guerrini has been overseeing the wine estate. His wines are as complex and refined as the symphonic music he enjoys. Guerrini is a man of impeccable taste, and he personifies the unique and subtle character of his wines. Hence, the wines here show perfect balance and exquisite complexity.

www.fuligni.it

Beverly Hills (Table 46), Miami (Table 53)



The Cotarella brothers, Renzo and Riccardo, founded the winery Falesco in Montefiascone in 1979. While Riccardo is a famous consulting oenologist, Renzo is the director of winemaking for the celebrated Antinori family. More recently, the ownership of the winery was passed on to three daughters Dominga, Marta and Enrica. Located in central Italy, the Cotarella vineyards takes up the area between Lake Bolsena in Lazio and the town of Orvieto in Umbria. Falesco has proven that the two regions can make outstanding wines from both international and indigenous grape varieties. The pure Merlot Montiano has a global following; whereas the Bordeaux blend named Marciliano has really impressed us.

www.falesco.it
New York (Table 86)

FAMIGLIA COTARELLA FALESCO

New York

LAZIO/UMBRIA

Famiglia Cotarella Falesco Merlot Lazio
Montiano 2014
- 92 pts

Falesco Cabernet Sauvignon Umbria
Tellus 2015
- 92 pts

FALESCO
Famiglia Cotarella

FATTORIA DI MAGLIANO

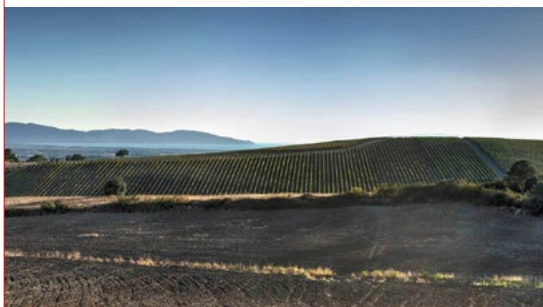
New York

TUSCANY

**Fattoria di Magliano Maremma Toscana
Sinarra 2014
90 pts -**

**Fattoria di Magliano Maremma Toscana
Poggio Bestiale 2013
90 pts -**

 **fattoria di magliano**



Like many excellent wine estates, Fattoria di Magliano is the fruitful result of the owner's love for great food and fine wine. Agostino Lenci founded the estate in 1997 and established his roots here in Maremma of southwest Tuscany. Located on the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea, the vineyards are planted with a lush variety of grapes such as syrah, cabernet franc, merlot and petit verdot. The winery has also joined forces with the great Tuscan enologist Graziana Grassini, who is the dedicated enologist for Tenuta San Guido and Magliano. And the rest is history: Magliano seems to always make renowned and bright wines every vintage.

www.fattoriadimagliano.it

New York (Table 73)



Fattoria La Torre has made fine wine for more than 100 years. The current owner Marco Celli boasts a certificate from 1887 that shows the Torre's participation in the First Oenological Show and Fair of Tuscan Wines, where the previous owner Cavaliere Ulisse Sainati won a bronze medal. However, it's under the ownership of the Celli family that Torre has started making world-class wines. The winery occupies 13 hectares of land, where seven vineyards are planted. Most of the smaller production goes to stringaio, which is named after the stream that runs along one side of the property. At Fattoria La Torre, the flagship wine is, without a doubt, the pure syrah Esse; however, his other wines are equally delicious. Try the single vineyard petit verdot.

www.fattorialatorre.it

Miami (Table 67)

FATTORIA LA TORRE

Miami

TUSCANY

**Fattoria la Torre Toscana Stringaio 2015
- 93 pts**

**Fattoria la Torre Petit Verdot Toscana
Albireo 2015
- 92 pts**



FATTORIA LE PUPILLE

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New York

TUSCANY

Fattoria le Pupille Maremma Toscana
Saffredi 2015
99 pts -

Fattoria le Pupille Toscana Poggio
Valente 2015
90 pts -

FATTORIA LE PUPILLE



Thanks to the hard work of Elisabetta Geppetti, Fattoria le Pupille has put Tuscany's coastal region of Maremma on the fine-wine map. The estate produces a number of beautiful wines, from a juicy, reasonably priced Morellino di Scansano to a majestic Super Tuscan named Saffredi. The latter showed the world in the mid-1980s that fine reds with pedigree could be made in an isolated part of southern Tuscany. The cabernet sauvignon-blend is a legend with the Tuscan-wine cognoscenti. We've tasted almost every vintage ever made of the wine in Tuscany, and the quality was always consistent.

www.fattorialepupille.it

Beverly Hills (Table 67), Miami (Table 74), New York (Table 72)



A winery located in Southern Italy, Feudi di San Gregorio is all about contrasts. Most of the wines are made with ancient grape types such as fiano di avellino or aglianico. However, they are made in a modern style that gives them a precise, fruit-driven character. Situated in the heart of one of Italy's most traditional wine regions named Campania, the contemporary winery and its visitors' center are definitely worth a visit. We are always amazed by all the new happenings and exciting projects that sprout from Feudi di San Gregorio. Of course, this includes what the winery produces each vintage.

www.feudi.it

San Francisco (Table 40)

FEUDI DI SAN GREGORIO

San Francisco

CAMPANIA

Feudi di San Gregorio Aglianico Irpinia
Serpico 2012
- 93 pts

Feudi di San Gregorio Campania
Pàtrimo 2013
- 93 pts



FEUDO MACCARI

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SICILY

**Feudo Maccari Nero d'Avola Sicilia Saia 2015
94 pts -**

**Contrada Santo Spirito di Passopisciaro
Etna Rosso Animardente 2014
92 pts -**



Dynamic fashion businessman Antonio Moretti Cuseri of Tuscany established Feudo Maccari in Sicily in 2000. He purchased the vineyards near the town of Noto, and replanted many of them as alberello, or more commonly known as bush vines. Moretti Cuseri's pure nero d'avolas are his best to date, showing class and subtlety despite being made from a rather rustic grape type. His improvements with grillo, the white of the zone, are also impressive. Morreti Cuseri is perhaps best known in Tuscany for great wines such as Crognolo, Oreno and Orma but it is his work in Sicily that elevates his reputation as one of Italy's top winemakers.

www.feudomaccari.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 12), Miami (Table 19), New York (Table 19),
San Francisco (Table 11)**



The historic Piedmont estate of Fontanafredda occupies more than 100 hectares of vineyards, and has almost always made fine wines, single-vineyard Barolos in particular. And today, the great estate is making truly excellent ones. Industrialist Oscar Farinetti bought the property in 2018, which led to the subsequent injection of new resources to the company. Farinetti also owns the highly successful global Italian supermarket chain Eataly, as well as the jewel-like Barolo house of Borgogno and Le Vigne di Zamo in Friuli. Fontanafredda makes go-to wines that'll never let you down.

www.fontanafredda.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 16), Miami (Table 40), New York (Table 35),
San Francisco (Table 32)**

FONTANAFREDDA

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PIEDMONT

**Fontanafredda Barolo del Comune
di Serralunga d'Alba 2013
- 92 pts**

**Fontanafredda Barolo La Rosa 2010
- 96 pts**



FONTANAFREDDA

FONTODI

Beverly Hills
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TUSCANY

Fontodi Chianti Classico Vigna del Sorbo
Gran Selezione 2014
91 pts -

Fontodi Colli della Toscana Centrale
Flaccianello della Pieve 2014
93 pts -



FONTODI



Fontodi is one of the great estates of Tuscany. Located on the outskirts of Panzano in the wine-production zone of Chianti Classico, the family-run winery has been making consistently great wines since the 1980s. However, it is probably Fontodi's excellent Chianti Classicos that made the winery world-famous. The Chianti Classicos' true greatness is embodied in the form of the magnificent Super Tuscan red Flaccianello della Pieve. It's also interesting to note that Fontodi is a certified organic estate that occupies 130 hectares of land, where about 70 are planted with biodynamically grown grape varieties.

www.fontodi.com

Beverly Hills (Table 38), New York (Table 53), San Francisco (Table 28)



The land on which Fonzone sits has been in the Caccese family's care since 1856; however, the winery wasn't founded until 2005. Located about 50 miles from Naples, Fonzone strives to showcase the region's native varietals like Greco di Tufo, Aglianico, Fiano and Falanghina. And Campania region in southwestern Italy can hardly ask for a better ambassador as the some of Fonzone's fine wines are now referred as the region's best expressions of aglianico. The vineyards here are also planted with other grape varieties such as fiano, greco, falanghina and coda di volpe.

www.fonzone.it

Beverly Hills (Table 11)

FONZONE

Beverly Hills

CAMPANIA

Fonzone Fiano Irpinia Sequoia 2016
- 94 pts

Fonzone Aglianico Irpinia 2014
- 91 pts

FONZONE

Paternopoli

FRANZ HAAS

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ALTO ADIGE

Franz Haas Pinot Nero Alto Adige 2015
93 pts -

Franz Haas Vigneti delle Dolomiti Manna 2015
92 pts -



Passed down for more than seven generations now, Franz Haas is an impressive estate built and hewn out of the sheer rock face at the base of the Dolomite. The estate's 60 hectares of land under vine cover an eye-catching spectrum of altitudes and soils mixed with porphyric sand, clay and limestone. The newest pinot nero plot rests 1,150 meters above sea level, and as one of the highest vineyards in Europe, it could accurately be described as "wine heaven." Expressive and flavorful, the wines here are expertly made. Undoubtedly, the pinots are Franz Haas' calling card, but the crisp, bright whites are equally impressive.

www.franz-haas.com

**Beverly Hills (Table 7), Miami (Table 15), New York (Table 12),
San Francisco (Table 7)**



While the Frescobaldi family has been making wines for centuries, it is the current winemaking prowess that is destined for the history books. The family's best wines come from an array of appellations in Tuscany, from Chianti to Brunello di Montalcino. The family is also the majority owner of Ornellaia, which makes the cabernet sauvignon-based red of the same name and the pure-merlot sensation Masseto. And it's exciting to find out Masseto has plans for a new winery. Celebrating 700 years of wine history, the family's ancestral home still remains in the appellations of Chianti Rufina and Pomino.

www.frescobaldi.com

**Beverly Hills (Table 39), Miami (Table 46), New York (Table 61),
San Francisco (Table 64)**

FRESCOBALDI

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TUSCANY

**Frescobaldi Chianti Rufina Nipozzano
Vecchie Viti Riserva 2013**
- 93 pts

**Frescobaldi Brunello di Montalcino
Castelgiocondo 2012**
- 93 pts

FRESCOBALDI
TOSCANA

GAGLIOLE

New York

TUSCANY

Gagliole Colli della Toscana Centrale 2014
93 pts -

Gagliole Chianti Classico Rubiolo 2015
93 pts -



GAGLIOLE



Located in Castellina in Chianti, Gagliole produces top-notch quality wines. The owner Thomas Bär – whom used to be a lawyer and banker in Switzerland – originally came to this Tuscan wine estate and treated it as a getaway from the hustle and bustle of his banking business in Zurich. Thomas and his wife Monika quickly caught the wine bug, and they have been making excellent reds ever since. The key red named Gagliole is a blend of sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon. Here, the wines show a firmness and clarity that is true to the terroir. And the Chianti Classico Rubiolo is of excellent value.

www.gagliole.com

New York (Table 54)



Under the watchful eye of patriarch Gianni, Gianni Gagliardo has been making focused, precise wines – particularly, single-vineyard Barolosin – in the Langhe. Gianni started making wines back in the 1970s, however, it wasn't until the 1980s that his wines came into their own. Today, Gianni shares the winemaking responsibilities with his three sons: Stefano, Alberto and Paolo. The winery owns many small plots of land that are all distributed in different areas with varying soil compositions. We especially like the younger wines here but don't miss their special Barolo that is released after 10 years it still shows the wonder in aged Barolos.

www.gagliardo.it

Beverly Hills (Table 17), New York (Table 24)

GIANNI GAGLIARDO

Beverly Hills • New York

PIEDMONT

- 96 pts
Gianni Gagliardo Barolo Lazzarito
Vigna Preve 2013

- 93 pts
Gianni Gagliardo Barolo 2013

Poderi
Gianni Gagliardo

GIOVANNI SORDO

New York

PIEDMONT

Giovanni Sordo Barolo Parussi 2013
95 pts -

Giovanni Sordo Barolo Monvigliero 2013
93 pts -



Don't be fooled by the sleek, modern look and feel of this gorgeous winery near Alba at the foot of the Barolo hill. The roots of Giovanni Sordo run deep, dating back to the early 900s. Founded by Giuseppe Giovanni, the winery has stayed in the family ever since and now, it covers 53 hectares of vine in well-heeled areas like Castiglione Falletto and La Morra. Giovanni Sordo's wines are velvety and deeply flavorful. Try the Giovanni Sordo Barolos and decide for yourself. And be sure to visit the winery's impressive website, which features a vintage chart of the last 100 years.

www.sordogiovanni.it

New York (Table 26)



Giuseppe Campagnola is a family-owned business for four generations. Situated in Valgatarà, in the small town of Marano di Valpolicella, the winery was first founded by Carlo Campagnola in 1886. Not long after, in 1907, Campagnola received an official award and a global medal for producing the best recioto wine at Mostra Campionaria di Verona. The winery was passed on to one of Carlo Campagnola's children named Giuseppe. In 1946, Giuseppe and his sons Luigi and Giancarlo started making Classici Veronesi wines. Now with a total of 80 hectares of land and 50 grape growers working on the vineyards, the wine estate continues to make great wines.

www.campagnola.com

Miami (Table 87), New York (Table 91)

GIUSEPPE CAMPAGNOLA

Miami • New York

VENETO

Giuseppe Campagnola Amarone della
Valpolicella Classico Giuseppe Campagnola
2013
- 93 pts

Giuseppe Campagnola Valpolicella Classico
Superiore Caterina Zardini 2013
- 91 pts



GORETTI

San Francisco

UMBRIA

Goretti Montefalco Sagrantino 2011
93 pts -

Goretti Montefalco Sagrantino 2013
92 pts -



With a passion for quality wine, Goretti family has been committed to the art of winemaking for four generations now. Combining rich traditions of the land and cutting-edge technology, the Goretti family strives to produce harmonious wines that allows the regional flavors sing. In collaboration with top-notch enologists such as Vittorio Fiore and Barbara Tamburini, Goretti makes a selection of fine wines. For instance, the wine estate has produced a beautiful sagrantino with elegant tannins and tangy finish. Located in the Montefalco region, Goretti is also the forefront of sustainability by minimizing environment impacts as much as possible.

www.vinigoretti.com

San Francisco (Table 20)



Chairman of the famous fashion house, Ferruccio Ferragamo, with the help of his son Salvatore, started making serious wine just over a decade ago. The wines are made on their luxurious hotel and hunting reserve named Il Borro, which is located 15 minutes from Arezzo. The top wines are rich and delicious at the early stages of their evolution. Although we always enjoy the Bordeaux blend with a touch of syrah, the pure varietal bottling Alessandro dal Borro – the work of the consultant Stefano Chioccioli – is equally impressive. We find it decadent and meaty. And since 2015, Il Borro has been certified organic.

www.ilborrowines.it

Beverly Hills (Table 69), Miami (Table 69), New York (Table 67),
San Francisco (Table 74)

IL BORRO

Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Il Borro Toscana 2014
- 92 pts

Il Borro Toscana Polissena 2013
- 92 pts

IL BORRO
TOSCANA

IL MOLINO DI GRACE

San Francisco

TUSCANY

Molino di Grace Toscana Gratus 2011
93 pts -

**Molino di Grace Chianti Classico Il
Margone Gran Selezione 2013**
92 pts -



We have been following the rise of winemaking at Il Molino di Grace in Chianti Classico since the property was founded in the mid-1990s. We believe the wines are now all of outstanding quality, reflecting the true nature on the vineyards. The Grace family seems to be focusing more on the balance and harmony of their wines in recent years. Some of their best wines ever are being made now. In addition, the winery is working hard to be environmentally sustainable, and since 2014, it has been certified organic. Keep an eye on this one, especially the new Chianti Classico Gran Selezione from here.

www.ilmolinodigrace.com

San Francisco (Table 19)



Carlo Cignozzi is a unique visionary. Since the purchase of Il Paradiso di Frassina in 1995, he has been extensively researching the effects of music on plants. Today, Carlo has taken it to the next level by installing large speakers all over the property and playing classical music from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. His findings have, in fact, been quite consistent with those of top scientists who study sound waves. Virtually, all of the ripest fruit grows around the speakers. Moreover, thanks to the music's frequencies, he has a fraction of the insect problems of his neighbors – in other words, no pesticides as well – and significantly less mold.

www.alparadisodifrassina.it

San Francisco (Table 65)

IL PARADISO DI FRASSINA

San Francisco

TUSCANY

**Il Paradiso di Frassina Brunello di
Montalcino Moz Art 2013**
- 93 pts

**Il Paradiso di Frassina Maremma
Toscana 12 Uve 2012**
- 94 pts



IL POLLENZA

New York

MARCHE

Il Pollenza Marche 2010
93 pts -

Il Pollenza Marche Cosmino 2011
95 pts -



In the past three decades, Count Aldo Brachetti Peretti has methodically improved the vineyards and wines of Il Pollenza in Marche, proving that he can compete with the best winemakers in Italy. Relying primarily on international grape types, the nobleman – who is also the president of Anonima Petrolì Italiana – makes balanced wines with structure and richness akin to top reds and whites from Tuscany. Working with top consulting enologist Carlo Ferrini, Peretti now produces some of the best wines in the region. Located 35 kilometers from the Sibilline Mountains, the vines here are arranged at varying heights and planted in clayish and pebbly soils.

www.ilpollenza.it

New York (Table 85)



The creation of Vintage Tunina in 1977 by a young Anton Jermann at the age of just 21 was a historic moment for Italian whites. Few had taken these wines seriously until Jermann came onto the scene. The blend, which is now known to be sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, ribolla gialla, malvasia and picolit, actually started off as a trade secret. During the 1970s, alongside with a group of wineries in Friuli, Jermann eschewed the oak fermentation and aging, and favored the cutting-edge use of stainless steel vats. He also experimented with the blending of local and international varietals. The mineral, structured whites produced here cannot be replicated anywhere else.

www.jermann.it

Beverly Hills (Table 5), Miami (Table 9), New York (Table 5),
San Francisco (4)

JERMANN

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New York • San Francisco

FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

Jermann Pinot Grigio Venezia Giulia 2016
- 91 pts

Jermann Venezia Giulia Where dreams
Have No End 2015
- 96 pts



LA CASTELLINA

Miami

TUSCANY

**La Castellina Chianti Classico
Squarcialupi 2015
92 pts -**

**La Castellina Chianti Classico Squarcialupi
Riserva 2013
92 pts -**



An historical property originally owned by the ancient noble Florentine family of Squarcialupi, Fattoria La Castellina's history dates back to the 1980. Today, Fattoria La Castellina belongs to the Bojola-Targioni family, and it is managed by Tommaso Bojola and his wife Monica Targioni. Located in Chianti, the wine estate has 140 hectares of land under its control, and its grape growing lands focus on sangiovese predominantly. With lovely balance and finesse, their selection of Chianti Classicos are not to be missed. Aside from Chianti Classicos, La Castellina also makes pure merlot and Tuscany whites such as rosato toscana.

www.lacastellina.it

Miami (Table 30)



It all started in 1983 when Mauro Pacini purchased and renovated La Lecciaia. Located in Montalcino, this modern winery occupies 60 hectares of land, where only 16 of them are dedicated to vineyards. Here, most of the lush vineyards are planted with sangiovese. And thereby, the winery produces exquisite Brunellos di Montalcino of stunning depth and complexity. Although La Lecciaia is a relatively young winery compared to many in Montalcino, it produces more traditional style Brunellos. With finesse and seduction, its reds are both dense and polished.

New York (Table 104)

LA LECCIAIA

New York

TUSCANY

**La Lecciaia Brunello di Montalcino Vigna
Manapetra Riserva 2011
- 94 pts**

**La Lecciaia Brunello di Montalcino 2013
- 95 pts**



LA MAGIA

Beverly Hills • San Francisco

TUSCANY

La Magia Brunello di Montalcino 2013
95 pts -

**La Magia Brunello di Montalcino Il
Ciliegio 2013**
94 pts -



Fabian Schwarz's father Harald bought La Magia back in 1979 even though he didn't know how to make wine. Schwarz, who is now the winemaker and owner, said that there was something about the land that spoke to him. At that time, it was more of an investment as Brunello di Montalcino wasn't so popular then. That investment has paid off handsomely. La Magia's 15 hectares are now farmed organically and certified. The winery's flagship La Magia Brunello di Montalcino with 2012 vintage boasts incredible purity of fruit and ripe, silky tannins.

www.fattorialamagia.it

Beverly Hills (Table 47), San Francisco (Table 52)



La Massa's Giampaolo Motta is one of the most energetic winemakers in Tuscany, and perhaps in the entire Italian peninsula. He is outspoken about his dedication to high quality, and a few years ago, he stopped using the Chianti Classico designation on the label of his top wine Giorgio Primo. The wine now uses no sangiovese and focuses on Bordeaux varietals. It is one of the strictest but most voluptuous reds from the Chianti Classico region. Expect more and more great wines as he fine-tunes his new winery like a top Ferrari Formula 1 driver. In fact, the new winemaking facility is decorated in Ferrari red complete with logos and other paraphernalia.

www.lamassa.com

Beverly Hills (Table 68), San Francisco (Table 80)

LA MASSA

Beverly Hills • San Francisco

TUSCANY

La Massa Toscana 2015
- 94 pts

La Massa Toscana Giorgio Primo 2013
- 94 pts



LA RASINA

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San Francisco

TUSCANY

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2013
96 pts -

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2007
95 pts -

LA RASINA
— MONTALCINO —



Founded by Santi Mantengoli in 1970, La Rasina is a relatively small estate located in Montalcino. However, the Mantengolis are not only proud viticulturalists but also some of the oldest independent growers in the region. The big change came with the legendary 1997 vintage when Marco Mantengoli took over the helm of the property and guided La Rasina into making wonderful wines year after year. All the grapes are grown organically here, and the 2012 is probably the estate's best showing to date with wonderful precision and luscious finish.

www.larasina.it

Miami (Table 54), New York (Table 105), San Francisco (Table 53)



Few great wines are made as Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, yet La Valentina is one winery that produces some top reds in the appellation. Established in the early 1990s, this relatively young winery is located on Italy's central eastern coast. The owners, Sabatino and Roberto e Andrea Di Properzio, believe that their mission – to craft fine wines with integrity – is strengthened by their sustainability goals. Producing responsibly with the environment in mind, La Valentina makes fabulous single-vineyard wines. The Belvedere and Spelt are particularly notable for its richness of the New World as well as the backbone and structure of the Old World.

www.lavalentina.it

Miami (Table 83)

LA VALENTINA

Miami

ABRUZZO

La Valentina Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
Terre dei Vestini Belvedere Riserva 2013
- 93 pts

La Valentina Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2014
- 92 pts

LA VALENTINA

LAMBORGHINI

Miami

UMBRIA

Lamborghini Sangiovese Umbria Era 2013
91 pts -

Lamborghini Umbria Campoleone 2012
93 pts -



Lamborghini may be better known as the famous Italian brand of luxury supercars, but the automobile company's founder, avid inventor Ferruccio Lamborghini, delighted just as much in his passion for fine wine. In the late '60s, he settled on a picturesque setting in the Umbrian hills for the site of his winery, which overlooks the Lago di Trasimeno not far from the border with Tuscany. Ferruccio died in 1993, but his daughter, Patrizia, steered the estate to its heyday in the late '90s. The estate has just passed to new ownership, and the current wines, particularly the merlot/sangiovese Campoleone, are not far off in quality.

wine.tenutalamborghini.it

Miami (Table 82)



What started out as a vacation home for Carlo Burchi evolved into an extraordinary career. A goldsmith by trade, Burchi began making wines in 1980 with just six hectares in Tuscany's Poggio. Today, his wine estate Le Filigare occupies nearly double the land in the heart of the Chianti Classico, focusing on making beautiful Chiantis that clock in exceptional scores at bargain prices. Lorenzo is my favorite and goes for less than US \$20. . While Burchi is mostly devoted to sangiovese, he also grows some canaiolo, colorino, cabernet, syrah and merlot.

www.lefiligare.it

New York (Table 45), San Francisco (Table 18)

LE FILIGARE

New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Le Filigare Chianti Classico 2015
- 92 pts

Le Filigare Chianti Classico Maria Vittoria
Riserva 2013
- 91 pts

LE FILIGARE
winery and accomodations in Chianti

LEUTA

San Francisco

TUSCANY

Leuta Toscana Tau 2013
94 pts -

Leuta Merlot Toscana 1,618 2013
92 pts -



The wines of Leuta have only existed for a few years, but owners Denis Zeni and Enzo Berlanda are determined to become serious winemakers. The winery now occupies the two dozen or so vineyards in San Lorenzo di Cortona in Tuscany, which is not far away from Lake Trasimeno and Montepulciano. Ever since the first sip of wine we've tasted a couple of years ago, we've been impressed with the clear precision that is evident in their wines. Even though syrah is considered the staple of the Cortona appellation, Leuta seems to be able to find quality in all its varieties – even the ever-difficult sangiovese.

www.leuta.it

San Francisco (Table 81)



The Sassetti family makes wholesome, intense Brunellos with gorgeous fruit and ripe tannins. What's striking about Sassetti wines is its decadent, almost earthy character that can largely be attributed to vineyards located in northeast Montalcino. The family also own vines in the south to balance the blend. We've been tasting the Brunellos from here since the early 1980s, but the best wines are coming out today. Achieving a lovely balance between fruit-forward wines and structured mineral-driven wines, Livio Sassetti's Brunello with 2010 vintage scored perfect 100 points. We look forward to tasting more wines from here.

www.pertimalisassetti.it

Beverly Hills (Table 48), Miami (Table 55), New York (Table 106),
San Francisco (Table 54)

LIVIO SASSETTI

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TUSCANY

Livio Sassetti Brunello di Montalcino 2013
- 98 pts

Livio Sassetti Brunello di Montalcino
Riserva 2012
- 95 pts



LUCE DELLA VITE

New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Luce della Vite Toscana Luce 2014
96 pts -

Luce della Vite Toscana La Vite Lucente 2015
93 pts -



Luce della Vite is a Tuscany wine estate that is located on the hills of southern Montalcino. Originally a joint venture between the Florentine Frescobaldi family and California's winemaking Mondavi clan in the mid-1990s, it is now wholly owned by the Frescobaldis. The wines are going from strength to strength. Aside from the phenomenal Brunello, the merlot-sangiovese blend Luce is not to be missed; it combines stunning opulence with astonishing finesse. The property's second wine Lucente, which is made from the same vineyards as Luce, is also worth seeking out for its great value.

www.lucedellavite.com

New York (Table 68), San Francisco (Table 75)



Back in 1927, this family winery in Friuli first started with just five hectares of land. Today, Tenuta Luisa has 85 hectares under its control, and produces both exotic, exciting whites and structured reds. We most certainly cannot ignore the region's complex terroir as well. Rich in minerals, such as aluminum and iron, and bordered by the Adriatic Sea and Carnic Alps, the climate, soil and geology indirectly impact the wines in the most beautiful way. Here, the Luisa brothers Michele and Davide make a great team. The two passionate winemakers are extremely dedicated to making precise and delicious wines.

www.tenutaluisa.it

New York (Table 6)

LUISA

New York

FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

Luisa Pinot Grigio Friuli Isonzo 2016
- 92 pts

Luisa Sauvignon Friuli Isonzo 2016
- 91 pts



MARCHESI ANTINORI

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TUSCANY

**Marchesi Antinori Bolgheri Superiore
Guado al Tasso 2014
93 pts -**

**Marchesi Antinori Bolgheri Cont Ugo 2015
92 pts -**



What would the wine world be like without the Antinori family? The patriarch of the clan, Piero Antinori, forever changed the way the world views Tuscan wines with the invention in the 1970s of Tignanello, which is followed by Solaia. Many of the Antinori's wines maintain a loyal following among collectors around the world. For example, the sleek, structured wines of Guado al Tasso represent Antinori's continued connection to Tuscany's Bolgheri. Indeed, the Antinori make wine in many of the key appellations in Italy and the world, but Tuscany remains home for them.

www.antinori.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 74), Miami (Table 79), New York (Table 83),
San Francisco (Table 88)**



Sandro Boscaini, whose family owns Masi, has spent his life promoting the best wines of Veneto, especially Amarone della Valpolicella. He has always insisted that the best kind of promotion is actually to make excellent Amarones. His standard bottlings of Amarone are always of excellent quality; however, Masi truly shines with its single-vineyard wines. Often times, we can't decide which one we prefer. Regardless, each bottling of Masi Amarone has its own distinctive style that reflects the distinctive character of a particular vineyard. On another note, we view the super Veneto red Campo orin as a baby Amarone.

www.masi.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 80), New York (Table 90),
San Francisco (Table 42)**

MASI

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San Francisco**

VENETO

**Masi Rosso Verona Campofiorin 2014
- 92 pts**

**Masi Amarone della Valpolicella Classico
Campolongo di Torbe 2009
- 97 pts**

**MASI[®]
AGRICOLA**

MÁTÉ

San Francisco

TUSCANY

Máté Brunello di Montalcino 2013
94 pts -

Máté Brunello di Montalcino 2012
93 pts -

MÁTÉ
T O S C A N A



Nestled on two private hills in the region of Brunello di Montalcino, the Máté family wine estate started in 1990. Initially, author Ferenc Máté and his painter wife Candace, both Canadians, bought this small estate more as a place for an idyllic life than for making wine. It took the couple a number of years to renovate the property and establish a small vineyard. But they persevered, and the results are now clearly showing. With seven hectares of hand surrounded by herbs and wild fruit, the Máté vineyards consistently produce outstanding wines. These soulful Brunellos are worth seeking out.

www.matewine.com

San Francisco (Table 55)



Mauro Molino is one of the few top Barolo makers who came to the forefront of the region in the 1980s by producing cleaner, more precise wines. He did so after having inherited vineyards from his father Giuseppe. Mauro's quest in fine winemaking continues today, with the help of his son and daughter, Matteo and Martina. Molino's top reds are, of course, the Barolos, as they are structured and finely fruity. We have noticed a more reserved and slightly less woody style as well over the past few years. The depth of fruit of the Barolo crus of Conca, Gallinotto, Bricco Luciani and La Serra is stunning.

www.mauromolino.com

Miami (Table 41), New York (Table 30)

MAURO MOLINO

Miami • New York

PIEDMONT

Mauro Molino Barbera d'Asti Le Radici 2016
- 90 pts

Mauro Molino Barolo Conca 2013
- 95 pts



MAURO MOLINO®

MAZZEI

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TUSCANY

**Mazzei Toscana Siepi 2015
98 pts -**

**Mazzei Toscana Concerto 2015
96 pts -**



Mazzei is one of the oldest and most prestigious names in Tuscany, however, the current generation is writing today's history books. The family's primary interest in wine is at Castello di Fonterutoli, which is a beautiful medieval hamlet in the southern part of the Chianti Classico appellation near Siena. This ultra tech-savvy winery is a real showpiece, and it enables the winemakers to fine-tune wines like the legendary Siepi. We have been enjoying the Siepis here since the late 1980s. The Mazzeis also make some of the best wines of the Maremma and Sicily at Belguardo and Zisola respectively.

www.mazzei.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 65), Miami (Table 72), New York (Table 74),
San Francisco (Table 76)**



German entrepreneur Georg Weber only recently created this Tuscan wine estate, with a first vintage of 2008. A wine lover with an extensive wine collection, Weber had his heart set on producing world-class wines at his own estate. Located in the Maremma region, near the town of Capalbio, Monteverro makes its top wine, a Bordeaux blend, under the name of the estate. It also crafts a fantastic Rhone blend, Tinata, and the barrel-fermented chardonnay can also be superb. The world-renowned consulting oenologist Michel Rolland oversees production, but it's the dedication of Weber that is leading this winery.

www.monteverro.com

San Francisco (Table 77)

MONTEVERRO

San Francisco

TUSCANY

**Monteverro Toscana 2013
- 97 pts**

**Monteverro Toscana Tinata 2013
- 94 pts**



NALS MARGREID

**Beverly Hills
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ALTO ADIGE

**Nals Margreid Chardonnay Alto Adige
Baron Salvadori Riserva 2015
95 pts -**

**Nals Margreid Pinot Bianco Alto Adige
Sirmian 2016
95 pts -**



In a matter of decades, the colorful personality of managing director Gottfried Pollinger has invigorated and transformed Nals Margreid to one of the country's leading wine producers. Nals Margreid was merely one of many local cooperatives in Alto Adige when it was first founded in 1932. With the energy and enthusiasm of the talented winemaker Harald Schraffl, Nals Margreid now offers more than 30 different wines, including a premium line called Selection. It's also interesting to note that the winery takes its names from two villages in Northern Italy – Nals and Margreid – where 140 growers lovingly nurture 160 hectares of vineyards.

www.kellerei.it

Beverly Hills (Table 4), Miami (Table 8), New York (Table 9)



Nino Franco Prosecco is a classic story of a multigenerational drive for excellence. In 1919, Antonio Franco founded this estate. Later, his son Nino expanded it, and his grandson Primo then took over management in 1982. From generation to generation, the family strives to raise the quality of wines produced and focuses on expanding the winery's market share worldwide. The fourth generation Silvia joined the business in 2006, and today, she is involved in all aspects of the winery. Located at the foot of the Prealps in Valdobbiadene of the Veneto region, they are the champions with a classic Prosecco grape glera. Without a doubt, Nino Franco is one of the leading Prosecco producers.

www.ninofranco.it

Miami (Table 1), New York (Table 2)

NINO FRANCO

Miami • New York

VENETO

**Nino Franco Valdobbiadene Prosecco
Superiore Rustico N.V.
- 90 pts**

**Nino Franco Prosecco di Valdobbiadene
Superiore Primo Franco Dry 2015
- 92 pts**



Nino Franco

ODDERO

Miami • New York

PIEDMONT

Oddero Barolo Villero 2013
93 pts -

Oddero Barolo Bussia Vigna Mondoca
Riserva 2011
92 pts -

ODDERO



Oddero has been made making wine since 1878, however, it's really the last three decades where a new generation of fine wines emerged. The excellence in Oddero wines has always been consistent though. The wines here remain traditional in their finesse and firmness, but its underlying modernity and subtle fruit character seep out in every sip. Occupying 35 hectares of land, Oddero has a number of top vineyards for its Barolos including Vigna Rionda, Brunate, Villero, and Rocche di Castiglione. The land boasts soils that consist of clay, limestone, marl and sand in varying proportions.

www.oddero.it

Miami (Table 42), New York (Table 25)



With a reputation for quality winemaking a decade ago – for his wine Oreno in Valdarno, which is a lesser-known region of Tuscany – fashion icon Antonio Moretti Cuseri set his sights on the Tuscan coastal area of Bolgheri. The vineyards of Orma are found in the heart of a region long-famed for great wines such as Sassicaia, Ornellaia and Le Macchiole (Messorio). The small property is now making a Bordeaux blend of the same high quality as its neighbors. The last two vintages are genuine wow wines, showing finesse and excellent quality.

www.ormawine.it

Beverly Hills (Table 72), Miami (Table 77), New York (Table 77),
San Francisco (Table 85)

ORMA

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New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Orma Toscana 2015
- 98 pts

Orma Bolgheri Passi di Orma 2016
- 93 pts

ORMA

ORNELLAIA

New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Ornellaia Bolgheri Superiore 2015
97 pts -

Ornellaia Bolgheri Le Serre Nuove 2015
94 pts -



ORNELLAIA



If Italy had a classification system similar to Bordeaux, then Ornellaia would be a first growth. Located in the coastal region of Bolgheri, the Bordeaux blend Ornellaia is a modern legend in Tuscan winemaking. A jewel of the Frescobaldi family's Tuscan wineries, Ornellaia's wines are among the best of Italy, as well as being the most collectible and sought-after in the world. The second wine of Ornellaia, Le Serre Nuove dell'Ornellaia, is also of excellent quality. Look out for Ornellaia's recently released old vintages from its cellars, which are sold under the special designation Archivio Storico.

www.ornellaia.com

New York (Table 78), San Francisco (Table 86)



Paitin has been making nebbiolo in Barbaresco long before the accepted birthdate of the famous wine type in 1894. Indeed, the winery traces its origins back to 1796, when a Benedetto Elia purchased a small farmstead – complete with a wine cellar and vineyards. Much is focused around the proprietary Sori Paitin vineyard, which is actually the top part of the Serraboella cru, sloping beneath the village of Bricco di Neive in the east of the appellation. The wines here show wonderful ripe fruit, even in colder, more difficult vintages, yet they're also structured and balanced with beautiful acidity.

www.paitin.it

Beverly Hills (Table 23), San Francisco (Table 38)

PAITIN

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PIEDMONT

Paitin Barbaresco Paitain Vecchie
Vigne Riserva 2011
- 92 pts

Paitin Barbaresco Sori Paitin 2014
- 92 pts



PAOLO CONTERNO

New York

PIEDMONT

Paolo Conterno Barolo Riva del Bric 2013
92 pts -

Paolo Conterno Barolo Ginestra 2013
93 pts -



Paolo Conterno founded this winery in 1886 around the Ginestra Cru of Monforte, and the winery has since stayed in the family for four successive generations. Paolo and Caterina Conterno, along with their son and daughter Giorgio and Marisa, oversee the estate's 15 hectares of land. A place of rare beauty, the Paolo Conterno vineyards are all devoted to the great red grapes of Piedmont. While the Ginestra here is beautiful and citrusy, the Paolo Conterno Barolo Riva del Bric is often an intensely perfumed heavy-hitter with great aging potential.

www.paoloconterno.com

New York (Table 27)



Marco Parusso makes sincere wines that reflect the nature of his vineyards in a refined and beautiful way. He has changed his style over the years from fruit-forward wines to more ethereal, subtle reds; however, the wines remain tannic. A substantial reason for that may be the move to biodynamic grape growing, which happened several years ago. Parusso doesn't want to lose the intrinsic quality of his grapes to intrusive winemaking techniques as he is certain and convinced about using the same methods. Nevertheless, these wines do not only show great flavors but also soulful characteristics.

www.parusso.com

Beverly Hills (Table 2), Miami (Table 4)

PARUSSO

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PIEDMONT

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2013
- 97 pts

Parusso Vino Spumante di qualità Metodo
Classico 2011
- 90 pts



Parusso

PECCHENINO

New York • San Francisco

PIEDMONT

Pecchenino Barolo San Giuseppe 2013
96 pts -

Pecchenino Barolo Bussia 2012
94 pts -

PECCHENINO



Few have done more than the winery of Pecchenino to promote dolcetto to a wider audience. The Piedmontese grape is often pleasantly fruity but relatively unexciting, yet in the Dogliani appellation, under the keen gaze of brothers Orlando and Attilio Pecchenino, it reaches new levels of complexity with astounding minerality and focus. Nevertheless, in recent years, Pecchenino has excelled even more so with its Barolos. The estate's holdings in Monforte comprise parcels in the crus of Bussia, Le Coste and Ravera, though the last is not bottled as a single vineyard right now. San Giuseppe is a blend of all three and stunning with decadent, ripe fruit that remains wonderfully integrated.

www.pecchenino.com

New York (Table 29), San Francisco (Table 33)



Artist Luca Sanjust gave up his studio in Rome in the mid-1990s, in favor of a winery in the hills of Tuscany, which is 50 kilometers southeast of Florence. Leaving his paintings behind, Sanjust began making precise, heartfelt wines on this small estate. Today, his single-vineyard sangiovese named Boggina and his pure merlot named Galatrona are some of the most coveted wines from the region. He believes his Galatrona proves that Tuscany has a distinctive style of merlot, very different from Bordeaux or anywhere else. Everything this artist-turned-winemaker does seems to be a work of art with high ratings on our list.

www.petrolo.it

Beverly Hills (Table 66), Miami (Table 68), New York (Table 71),
San Francisco (Table 79)

PETROLO

Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Petrolo Valdarno di Sopra Galatrona 2015
- 99 pts

Petrolo Valdarno di Sopra Torrone 2015
- 94 pts



PIAZZANO

Beverly Hills • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Fattoria di Piazzano Toscana Colorino 2015
95 pts -

Fattoria di Piazzano Blend 2 2015
93 pts -



Since 1948, Piazzano has belonged to the Bettarini family. Riccardo Bettarini eventually took over operations from his uncle Othello. Since 1999, Riccardo's children, Ilaria and Rolando, have been running the wine estate. Meanwhile, the consulting winemaker Emiliano Falsini is fast-gaining recognition for his work. Fattoria di Piazzano consists of 34 hectares of vineyards nestled in the gentle hills south of Empoli, which is not normally known for making outstanding wines. The favorable microclimate, rich clay soil and meticulous work in the fields yield especially good-quality grapes and fine wines. We like the way Piazzano focuses on single-varietal wines and succeeds with all of them.

www.fattoriadipiazzano.it

Beverly Hills (Table 64), San Francisco (Table 72)



With passion and good spirits, the Pieropan family has been making fabulous white wines for decades in the appellation of traditional Soave. Whether it's a simple Soave or one of the great single-vineyard whites from the hillsides of the fabulous Soave Classico appellation, all the whites here have such crisp clarity to them. The Pieropans only recently began making Amarone della Valpolicella, and the precision in their winemaking really shines through in the bottle. It seems any wine the family makes boasts outstanding quality and exquisite taste.

www.pieropan.it

Beverly Hills (Table 8), Miami (Table 14), New York (Table 10)

PIEROPAN

Beverly Hills
Miami • New York

VENETO

Pieropan Soave Classico Calvarino 2015
- 94 pts

Pieropan Soave Classico La Rocca 2015
- 93 pts



PIEROPAN
VIGNAIOLI DAL 1880

PIETRO CACIORGNA

Beverly Hills • New York

SICILY

Pietro Caciorgna Etna Guardo il Vento 2014
93 pts -

Pietro Caciorgna Etna N'Anticchia 2012
93 pts -

Pietro Caciorgna
VITIVINICOLTORE



Paolo Caciorgna named his small winery after his father Pietro, who was an immigrant from the Marche in the 1950s. Pietro Caciorgna's main focus is strictly growing sangiovese in Tuscany, as well as nerello mascalese in Castiglione di Sicilia. He farms less than five hectares split between the two. Paolo now biodynamically farms his grapes and is one of Italy's biggest proponents of the methodology. However, we're more drawn to his work in the volcanic soils of Etna, and his wines are clear examples of the kind of wines that are bolstering Sicily's reputation across the world.

www.tenutadellemacchie.com

Beverly Hills (Table 24), New York (Table 22)



Founded in 1881, Pio Cesare's vineyards and ancient cellars have been through five generations. The Boffa family, the current owners of Pio Cesare, has probably done more for promoting Barolo around the world than anyone else. There seems to be at least one family member traveling the globe at any one time to nurture the prestige of Barolo. Pio Cesare wines are crafted in a way that makes them accessible and very difficult to resist drinking when young but they are staggeringly age-worthy too. Vintages from the 1960s and 1970s are still superb to drink in our books.

www.piocesare.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 18), Miami (Table 45), New York (Table 31),
San Francisco (Table 34)**

PIO CESARE

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

PIEDMONT

Pio Cesare Barolo 2013
- 95 pts

Pio Cesare Barbaresco Il Bricco 2013
- 98 pts



PIO CESARE

PITARS

New York

FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA/VENETO

Pitars Vino Spumante Ribolla Gialla Brut
90 pts -

Pitars Prosecco Millesimato Extra Dry
Golden Label 2016
90 pts -



The winemaking family of Pitars in Northern Italy's Friuli is a great new find for us. Its special-edition millesimato and vintage prosecco are both visually appealing with its golden packaging. Secondly, they are also of great value. Pitars traces its origins back to 1510, making it a very old winery in Friuli. To this day, the estate enjoys great success with the cultivation of indigenous grape varieties, including the glera that goes into its Prosecco, and the refosco and friulano used to create its table wines. The whites here are especially rich and flavorful.

www.pitars.it

New York (Table 3)



Since 1979, Podere La Cappella has always belonged to the Rossini family. A native of Veneto, Bruno Rossini integrated the vineyards with the crops of olives and cultivation of fruit trees like apple and pear. Although the vineyards existed, Rossini was only selling the grapes at the beginning. However, he couldn't resist the temptation to express his own passion for wines in 1995. Podere La Cappella then started producing its own wine such as Chianti Classico and Corbezzolo. In the following year, the company gave birth to Cantico and started its expansion. Now, the wine estate makes rich and powerful wines like the Chianti Classico Riserva with 2011 vintage.

www.poderelacappella.it

New York (Table 55)

PODERE LA CAPPELLA

New York

TUSCANY

Podere La Cappella Toscana Corbezzolo
2012
- 92 pts

Podere La Cappella Chianti Classico
Querciuolo 2013
- 94 pts



Podere La Cappella

PODERE SAPAIO

Beverly Hills • New York

TUSCANY

Podere Sapaio Bolgheri Volpelo 2015
93 pts -

Podere Sapaio Toscana Sapaio 2015
96 pts -



Established in 1999, Podere Sapaio is a relatively new estate located in the legendary coastal region of Bolgheri. It quickly made a name for itself for producing modern, fruit-forward yet structured reds. The Bordeaux blend, a Bolgheri Superiore carrying the name of the estate, is always extremely full and rich, with structure and focus maintained. We remember tasting the first vintage, 2004, with one of Italy's most famous winemakers. We were both blown away by the quality and pleasantly surprised by its relative value. The wines from Sapaio continue to be outstanding each year.

www.sapaio.it

Beverly Hills (Table 75), New York (Table 79)



Poderi Aldo Conterno is one of the most impressive wine estates in all of Italy. From its great vineyards in Barolo, the winery makes some of the most exquisite red wines. It was all part of the dream of the late Aldo Conterno, who passed away in the spring of 2012. However, Poderi Aldo Conterno remains in the family and under the helm of Aldo's sons: Franco, Stefano and Giacomo. Conterno's three Barolo vineyards are all in Bussia and each has its own unique style. Recently, Colonnello has been showing incredibly well, but we have a soft spot for the Cicala, which always has an attractive freshness and firmness.

www.poderialdoconterno.com

Beverly Hills (Table 19), New York (Table 34)

PODERI ALDO CONTERNO

Beverly Hills • New York

PIEDMONT

Poderi Aldo Conterno Barolo Bussia 2013
- 96 pts

Poderi Aldo Conterno Barolo Colonnello 2012
- 95 pts



PODERI ALDO CONTERNO

PODERNUOVO A PALAZZONE

San Francisco

TUSCANY

Podernuovo a Palazzone Toscana Argirio 2014
93 pts -

Podernuovo a Palazzone Toscana Sotirio 2012
92 pts -



No expense has been spared by father and son Paolo and Giovanni Bulgari — the same family that owned the luxury jewelry and watch brand of the same name — to make great wine at Podernuovo a Palazzone. This Tuscan estate is located on the border with Lazio and Umbria. Giovanni oversees the entire operation, as well as the 26-hectare estate. Most of the wines are made with sangiovese, but montepulciano, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and merlot are also grown. The last vintage of the cabernet franc sensation, Argirio, is outstanding and reminiscent of a premier cru St.-Emilion in style and structure.

www.podernuovoapalazzone.com

San Francisco (Table 82)



As one of the best producers of the Veneto's Amarone, Marilisa Allegrini created this Bolgheri wine estate back in 2001. She built a new winery and planted vineyards, and today, Poggio al Tesoro is a 70-hectare estate in this prime winemaking territory. The vineyards located in an extraordinary terrain, where the amalgamated soils give the wines here that alluring complexity. Currently, she is producing some exciting, vibrant reds. We are partial to the pure cabernet franc named Dedicato a Walter. However, we find the Bordeaux blend Sondraia always to be a balanced and beautiful red as well.

www.poggioaltesoro.it

Beverly Hills (Table 76), Miami (Table 80), New York (Table 80),
San Francisco (Table 87)

POGGIO AL TESORO

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

TUSCANY

Poggio al Tesoro Bolgheri Superiore
Dedicato a Walter 2013
- 96 pts

Poggio al Tesoro Bolgheri Superiore
Sondraia 2013
- 95 pts



POGGIOALTESORO
BOLGHERI - ITALIA

POGGIO ANTICO

San Francisco

TUSCANY

Poggio Antico Brunello di Montalcino 2012
95 pts -

Poggio Antico Brunello di Montalcino
Altero 2012
94 pts -



Poggio Antico
Montalcino



The Brunello di Montalcino estate of Poggio Antico has been crafting great reds since the 1980s. We remember tasting one of Poggio Antico's first vintages (1985) and being impressed with the depth of fruit and sublime finish. We tasted it again recently and it was still beautiful. With strength and elegance, it is a benchmark of Poggio Antico. The producer makes two main Brunellos in addition to the Riserva: the regular bottling and the Altero. The two are aged slightly differently, the latter spending about two years in 500-liter French oak instead of Slavonian casks. We enjoy both styles.

www.poggioantico.com

Miami (Table 56), New York (Table 107), San Francisco (Table 56)



You may know that Monte dei Paschi di Siena is the oldest surviving bank in the world, but you may not be aware that it also owns a number of top-notch wine estates. Poggio Bonelli, located near the town of Castelnuovo Berardenga, passed through a number of families including the Piccolominis, before being picked up by the Italian financial group in the early 2000s. The landholdings extend well over 800 hectares, covering both Chianti Classico and Chianti Colli Senesi, though only 88 are dedicated to vine-growing. The best wine made here though has to be the cabernet/sangiovese blend Poggiasai; recent vintages prove it's a Super Tuscan to be reckoned with.

www.poggiobonelli.it

San Francisco (Table 21)

POGGIO BONELLI

San Francisco

TUSCANY

Poggio Bonelli Toscana Poggiasai 2012
- 94 pts

Poggio Bonelli Chianti Classico 2014
- 91 pts



POGGIO BONELLI
TENUTE

POGGIO LA NOCE

New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Poggio la Noce Falanghina Campi
Flegrei Bāja 2015
91 pts -

Poggio la Noce Toscana Gigino 2014
92 pts -

POGGIO la NOCE
FIESOLE, ITALIA



Enzo Schiano and Claire Beliard bought the Poggio la Noce estate back in 2000. Located on the hillside slopes of Fiesole near Florence, the vineyard faces south and southwest, which helps ensure consistent sunshine from early morning to late evening. The soil is composed of a mix of Tuscan stones such as shale, clay and limestone, and chalky calcium deposits. That's why Fiesole is such perfect breeding ground for sangiovese. The oenologist Valentino Ciarla oversees the entire viticulture process, while Enzo and Claire meticulously hand prune the vines themselves. The wines have an innate openness and approachability, much like the affable owners who have crafted them.

www.poggiolanoce.com

New York (Table 13), San Francisco (Table 78)



The Soave district of Italy is lucky to have a winery like Prà. A truly great winemaker, Graziano Prà is a gentleman farmer who knows the great crus of Soave Classico like the back of his hand. If you ever meet him, quiz him on the indigenous grape varieties of the region. It's unusual but he chooses to use more trebbiano over the norm of almost pure garganega. Prà's Soaves show so much opulent texture on the palate, despite somehow always being mineral-driven and precise. More recently, the winery began making reds, too, and its Amarones and Valpolicellas have only furthered its lauded reputation.

www.vinipra.it

Miami (Table 13)

PRÀ

Miami

VENETO

Prà Soave Otto 2016
- 94 pts

Prà Soave Classico Monte Grande 2016
- 94 pts

PRÀ



PRINCIPE CORSINI

Beverly Hills • New York

TUSCANY

Principe Corsini Chianti Classico Don
Tommaso Gran Selezione 2014
93 pts -

Tommaso Gran Selezione 2014
93 pts -



The Corsinis are an aristocratic Tuscan family with an incredible history and impeccable taste – very much like the wines they make on their estates in Chianti Classico and Maremma. Duccio Corsini lives at Corsini's Villa Le Corti in Chianti Classico, and that's where he seeks out innovations in wine-making. One of his latest ventures is a pure sangiovese called Fico, which is tiny production wine made from a single vineyard on the estate. The wine is made with no sulfur. Zac is another single vineyard sangiovese not to be missed and shares much of the same character and richness of the Don Tommaso Chianti Classico Gran Selezione but with a little more structure and tension. And the new single-vineyard should not be missed.

www.principecorsini.com

Beverly Hills (Table 33), New York (Table 46)



International entrepreneur and art dealer Sebastiano Cossia Castiglioni wears many hats. He is also the owner of Querciabella, and in the past couple of years, he has revolutionized this beautiful hillside winery in the heart of Chianti Classico. He has converted his vineyards to biodynamic farming and fine-tuned his vinification. Which brings us to say, the resulting wines sing where they originate and speak for the unique soil and climate of the area they were produced. The Chianti Classico is nearly always of outstanding quality, with the Bordeaux blend Camartina showing excellent finesse and style.

www.principecorsini.com

Beverly Hills (Table 34), San Francisco (Table 22)

QUERCIABELLA

Beverly Hills • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Querciabella Chianti Classico 2014
- 91 pts

Querciabella Toscana Camartina 2011
- 95 pts

Querciabella

RENATO RATTI

San Francisco

PIEDMONT

Renato Ratti Barolo Marcenasco 2013
94 pts -

Renato Ratti Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata
2013
94 pts-



RENATO RATTI



Pietro Ratti is one of the dynamic leaders in the region of Barolo. Following in his late father's footsteps, Ratti is dedicated to quality winemaking and showcasing the uniqueness of his wine region and country. Covering 35 hectares overall, Pietro Ratti's vineyards are all cultivated with love and care with the sustainability in mind. And the single-vineyard Barolos produce wines of incomparable quality. There is a certain clarity to his wines, and a freshness that enables them to age wonderfully. Year in and year out, Ratti makes outstanding Barolos. His consistency in winemaking is ever impressive.

www.renatoratti.com

San Francisco (Table 35)



Marco Bacci of Chianti Classico's well-respected Castello di Bossi bought this gorgeous Brunello vineyard in the late 1990s. However, it's only now that the wines are coming into their own. This is probably because the vines are at a good age to yield superlative grapes. Renieri has been producing excellent wines, both Brunellos di Montalcino and Super Tuscans, since the 2006 vintage. The former show fabulous depth and fruit yet remain polished. Renieri's 100-point 2010 Riserva was our No. 2 Italian wine of 2016. This is a red-hot estate in Tuscany to watch. Don't miss it.

www.bacciwines.it

Beverly Hills (Table 49), Miami (Table 57), New York (Table 120),
San Francisco (Table 57)

RENIERI

Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Renieri Brunello di Montalcino 2013
- 98 pts

Renieri Rosso di Montalcino 2014
- 92 pts



RENIERI

ROCCA DELLE MACIE

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

TUSCANY

**Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Sergio
Zingarelli 2012
93 pts -**

**Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Riserva di
Fizzano 2013
93 pts -**



Rocca delle Macie is a major player in Tuscany's famous wine region of Chianti Classico and Maremma. It has six wine estates where it produces wonderful Chianti Classico, as well as outstanding Super Tuscans from cabernet sauvignon and other varietals. We have always been impressed with the clarity and precision of the winemaking at Rocca delle Macie, and the wines provide some of the best value in Tuscany. With keen passion and strong determination to make great wines, the owner Sergio Zingarelli is also the president of the wine producers association in Chianti Classico.

www.roccadellemacie.com

**Beverly Hills (Table 35), Miami (Table 31), New York (Table 47),
San Francisco (Table 23)**



Rocca di Castagnoli is one of the largest operations in Chianti Classico, boasting roughly 850 hectares of land across the appellation and beyond. However, only 100 hectares are actually under vine. Back in the 1980s, the estate was bought by a Milanese lawyer, who is one of the original founders of the Chianti Classico winery association. This is also precisely when we started tasting the wines. However, it is only now that the world is discovering the estate's staggering quality and intrigue. The newly released Gran Selezione particularly suggests a distinctive meatiness and opulence, which is probably due in part to the use of barrique here.

www.roccadicastagnoli.com

Beverly Hills (Table 36), San Francisco (Table 24)

ROCCA DI CASTAGNOLI

Beverly Hills • San Francisco

TUSCANY

**Rocca di Castagnoli Chianti Classico 2015
- 92 pts**

**Rocca di Castagnoli Chianti Classico
Stielle Gran Selezione 2013
- 94 pts**



Rocca di Castagnoli

ROCCA DI MONTEGROSSI

Miami

TUSCANY

Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico 2015
92 pts -

Rocca di Montegrossi Toscana Geremia 2013
92 pts -



Marco Ricasoli-Firidolfi makes some of the sturdiest reds in Tuscany's region of Chianti Classico. His flagship wines, of course, carry the appellation on the label: Rocca di Montegrossi Chianti Classico and Chianti Classico Vignette San Marcellino. He also produces a Super Tuscan red from mostly merlot: Geremia. However, his favorite wine for us is the tiny production, super concentrated sweet white: Rocca di Montegrossi Vin Santo. Marco's antecedents date back to the seventh century but it's today that his family is making its name around the world with wine.

www.roccadimontegrossi.it

Miami (Table 32)



This winery is all about Rocche dell'Annunziata, one of Barolo's best vineyard areas. Francesco Costamagna founded the estate more than 170 years ago. Today his descendent, owner and winemaker Alessandro Locatelli, makes beautifully structured wines in the classic Piedmont style. Two of their three Barolos are made exclusively of nebbiolo from the Rocche dell'Annunziata vineyard. The splendid deep-ruby Riserva is made only in great vintages, selecting fruit from the best exposures from the same vineyard. The rest of the wine follows the same style, which underlines purity and precision. Rocche Costamagna also makes super barberas. Don't miss them.

www.rocchecostamagna.it

Beverly Hills (Table 20)

ROCCHES COSTAMAGNA

Beverly Hills

PIEDMONT

Rocche Costamagna Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata 2013
- 93 pts

Rocche Costamagna Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata Riserva 2011
- 94 pts



ROCCHIE DEI MANZONI

Miami • New York

PIEDMONT

Rocche dei Manzoni Barolo Perno Vigna
Cappella di S. Stefano 2013
96 pts -

Rocche dei Manzoni Barolo Big'd Big 2013
95 pts -



Podere Rocche dei Manzoni
di Valentino



Founder of Rocche dei Manzoni, Valentino Migliorini passed away at the close of 2007, but his mark on the region will live on forever. He was a dynamic innovator, whom we admired deeply. Migliorini founded the estate in 1974 and two years later, he was the first to produce a region Langhe blend. In 1978, Migliorini was the first in the region to use small French barriques and make traditional sparkling wine. All of which is to say, Valentino was always looking to make better and better wine. His son Rodolfo has also inherited his father's entrepreneurial spirits, producing exceptional Barolos year after year.

www.barolobig.com

Miami (Table 43), New York (Table 28)



Located at the foot of the Collio's slopes in Friuli, Ronco Blanchis rests on rich soils that are composed of eocene marl with a meager amount of sandstone. The 12 hectares of land is managed by Giancarlo Palla and his sons Alberto and Lorenzo. Their approach to winemaking is direct with a particular emphasis on reduction, in which they limit the contact between grapes, must, wine and oxygen. Here, the grapes aren't even crushed or de-stemmed before they're sent to the press. However, it is clearly working for them because the whites are complex, medium- to full-bodied and of course, delicious.

www.roncoblanchis.it

Miami (Table 10), San Francisco (Table 5)

RONCO BLANCHIS

Miami • San Francisco

FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

Ronco Blanchis Pinot Grigio Collio 2016
- 90 pts

Ronco Blanchis Sauvignon Collio 2016
- 92 pts



RUFFINO

Miami • New York

TUSCANY

Ruffino Chianti Classico Riserva Ducale
Oro Gran Selezione 2012
93 pts -

Ruffino Toscana Modus 2014
93 pts -



Founded in 1877, Ruffino was first established as a small winery in the town of Pontassieve near Florence. Today, the name Ruffino is synonymous with Tuscan wine for many people in the world, especially when it comes to Chianti Classico. Ruffino's best wines include the legendary Ducale Riserva Oro and intense Super Tuscan red Modus, which is a blend of sangiovese with cabernet sauvignon and merlot. The latter was first made in 1997 and is consistently outstanding. Constellation Brands, the premium wine conglomerate, bought Ruffino in 2011 under some scrutiny. However, we have found that the wines of the iconic brand have actually improved since.

www.ruffino.com

Miami (Table 35), New York (Table 56)



Upon the release of the new Gran Selezione designation, San Fabiano Calcinaia attained the joint highest score we had ever awarded to a Chianti Classico: 97 points. The wine in question is made from selected grapes of the estate's Cellole vineyard, which is a 14-hectare plot of land dedicated to sangiovese and situated in the Castellina in Chianti area. With a particularly warm microclimate and some restrained use of aging in barrique, lauded oenologist Carlo Ferrini crafts opulent and mouthwatering reds. It's also worth pointing out that despite increased public attention, the winery has kept prices down, meaning the whole range offers phenomenal value for money.

www.sanfabianocalcinaia.it

Beverly Hills (Table 37), New York (Table 57),
San Francisco (Table 25)

SAN FABIANO CALCINAIA

Beverly Hills • New York
San Francisco

TUSCANY

San Fabiano Calcinaia Chianti Classico
Cellole Gran Selezione 2013
- 93 pts

San Fabiano Calcinaia Toscana Cerviolo 2013
- 92 pts



SAN FABIANO CALCINAIA

SAN FILIPPO

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

TUSCANY

**San Filippo Brunello di Montalcino Le
Lucère 2013
96 pts -**

**San Filippo Brunello di Montalcino Le Lucère
Riserva 2012
98 pts -**

SAN FILIPPO
MONTALCINO



Roberto Giannelli commutes just about every day from his house in Florence to his Brunello di Montalcino estate of San Filippo. And he doesn't mind the two-hour drive one bit because he is dedicated to making elegant Brunellos of wonderful quality. Giannelli has clearly fallen in love with this small, deluxe estate, which has about 10 hectares of vineyards. The a single-vineyard Brunello named Le Lucère shows a unique, almost Burgundian richness and texture. In top years, Le Lucere also comes as a Riserva Brunello. The 2010 scored perfect 100 points, underlining why this small Brunello estate has certainly come of age.

www.sanfilippomontalcino.com

**Beverly Hills (Table 50), Miami (Table 58), New York (Table 108),
San Francisco (Table 58)**



Luigi and Katia Fabbro have created a tiny nirvana for the production of Brunello di Montalcino on this estate. Almost five hectares of vineyards are biodynamically farmed, and the energetic couple hand make everything, from their classic Brunello to the sensational Helichrysum. The latter is a sublime vineyard selection named after the everlasting flower. Luigi believes in the ecosystem of San Polino, which is located on the southeast side of Montalcino, and this is clearly displayed in his luscious, balanced Brunellos. His Brunellos have an incredible clarity and pureness of fruit that is unequalled in the region. Bravo!

www.sanpolino.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 51), New York (Table 109),
San Francisco (Table 59)**

SAN POLINO

**Beverly Hills
New York • San Francisco**

TUSCANY

**San Polino Brunello di Montalcino Riserva
2010
- 98 pts**

**San Polino Brunello di Montalcino
Helichrysum 2012
- 95 pts**

SAN POLINO



SCHIOPETTO

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

Schiopetto Pinot Grigio Collio 2016
95 pts -

Schiopetto Friulano Collio 2016
94 pts-



SCHIOPETTO

CAPRIVA DEL FRIULI
- ITALIA -



A true standard-bearer of Friuli wine located in the rolling hills of Capriva del Friuli, Schiopetto is one of the oldest estates in Collio. It owes its fame to the late Mario Schiopetto, the pioneer winemaker who ushered in a new era in Italian wine in the late 1960s with new modern technology in winemaking. The winery seems to be on its way to new levels since the estate's change of ownership. With Emilio Rotolo taking over Schiopetto – who also owns the Friuli winery Volpe Pasini – the winery has just recently released a new single-vineyard wine named "M."

www.schiopetto.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 6), Miami (Table 11), New York (Table 4),
San Francisco (Table 6)**



Female winemakers in Tuscany are rare, but Emilia Nardi has come through as a leader in the region with her sturdy and well-crafted Brunellos di Montalcino. Emilia's father, Silvio Nardi – whom the winery is named after – was a bit of an outlier at the beginning, as he was the first non-Tuscan to buy holdings in Montalcino in the 1950s. These days, it's hard to talk about Brunello without mentioning Silvio. He hailed from Umbria and now, he is one of the first names that comes to mind when people look for outstanding wines from the appellation. Any serious sangiovese follower needs to be acquainted with these wines.

www.tenutenardi.com

Miami (Table 59), New York (Table 110)

SILVIO NARDI

Miami • New York

TUSCANY

Silvio Nardi Brunello di Montalcino 2012
- 93 pts

**Silvio Nardi Brunello di Montalcino Vigneto
Manachiara 2012**
- 93 pts



TENUTE SILVIO NARDI

SIRO PACENTI

**Beverly Hills
Miami • New York**

TUSCANY

**Siro Pacenti Brunello di Montalcino
Pelagrilli 2013
96 pts -**

**Siro Pacenti Brunello di Montalcino Vecchie
Vigne 2013
95 pts -**



SIRO PACENTI



Located on the northern slopes of Montalcino, the winery of Siro Pacenti is a leader in Brunello di Montalcino. The winery is known for creating dense, powerful wines, as well as the precise, able winemaker and owner Giancarlo Pacenti. The winemaker produces his Brunellos from vineyards in the northern and southern areas of the appellation, which gives them a beautiful balance of richness and freshness every vintage. His wines also age extremely well thanks to magnificent finesse and structure. Even in challenging years, Pacenti manages to deliver superb Brunellos.

www.siropacenti.it

Beverly Hills (Table 52), Miami (Table 60), New York (Table 111)



Fabio Tassi may be best known for running one of the greatest wine shops in Italy at Enoteca La Fortezza in Montalcino. His impressive store is located in a medieval castle in the center of the town which was made famous by Brunello. Among the thousands of bottles of wine available within the stone walls of his enoteca are a few bottles of his own small-production Brunellos, bearing his family name. He makes two bottlings under the Tassi label: one from younger sangiovese clones and one made from 40-year-old vines, named Franci. All the wines here exhibit a handcrafted quality year in, year out.

www.tassimontalcino.com

Miami (Table 61), San Francisco (Table 60)

TASSI

Miami • San Francisco

TUSCANY

**Tassi Brunello di Montalcino 2013
- 94 pts**

**Tassi Brunello di Montalcino Franci 2013
- 95 pts**



TENUTA BUON TEMPO

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

TUSCANY

Tenuta Buon Tempo Brunello di
Montalcino 2012
93 pts -

Tenuta Buon Tempo Brunello di
Montalcino p.56 2012
93 pts -



Located just past Castelnuovo dell'Abate, Tenuta Buon Tempo is a new Brunello di Montalcino producer for us. The 12-hectare estate was formerly known as Tenuta Oliveto, when Per Landin decided to rebrand the property as Tenuta Buon Tempo, which aptly translating as "estate of good time." Indeed, it seems that the wines must be benefiting from the new ownership and an upgraded winery, as they've produced some of our favorite Brunellos recently. The vineyards are all on hillsides, which is not far from the large lava dome of Mount Amiata. Hence, the wines show a characteristic liveliness and plenty of bright fruit.

www.tenutabuontempo.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 53), Miami (Table 62), New York (Table 112),
San Francisco (Table 61)**



Jess Jackson, the late founder of California powerful Kendall-Jackson Winery, bought this Chianti Classico winery near the village of San Gusme in 1994. From the beginning, Tenuta di Arceno employed French winemaker Pierre Seillan, whose experience stretches from Sonoma to Bordeaux to Tuscany, to mastermind the winemaking at this large, 1,000-hectare estate. However, only 91 hectares are devoted to grape growing, and most of which are planted with sangiovese, leaving some room for other Italian and Bordeaux varietals. The wines are all solid here – fresh, intensely aromatic and, best of all, relatively affordable.

www.tenutadiarceno.com

Miami (Table 36), New York (Table 62)

TENUTA DI ARCENO

Miami • New York

TUSCANY

Tenuta di Arceno Chianti Classico Strada
al Sasso Riserva 2011
- 91 pts

Tenuta di Arceno Toscana Arcanum 2011
- 93 pts



TENUTA DI FIORANO

Beverly Hills • Miami

LAZIO

Tenuta di Fiorano Rosso Fiorano 2011
92 pts -

Tenuta di Fiorano Lazio Fioranello 2015
92 pts -



Located on the outskirts of Rome, Tenuta di Fiorano is a fascinating, 200-hectare estate didn't get going until the 1940s and 50s. The late founder Prince Alberico Boncompagni Ludovisi planted numerous grape types, including cabernet sauvignon, merlot, malvasia, and semillon. We first visited in the early 1980s and we still have bottles from the 1970s in my cellar. Boncompagni Ludovisi's passion for handpicked, hand-pressed winemaking and organic viticulture have stayed true even after the his nephew Alessandrojaco took over in 2005. Now under Alberico's suggestion, the winery also produces blended viogner and grechetto.

www.tenutadifiorano.it

Beverly Hills (Table 9), Miami (Table 17)



With a passion for great wines from Tuscany, it wasn't long before fashion entrepreneur Antonio Moretti Cuseri took over of his family's vineyards at Sette Ponti in the late 1990s and began making two top-quality reds – Oreno and Crognolo. Most of the releases in the past decade have been world-class. The 2015 Oreno is made of classic quality and arguably his best ever, underlining Moretti Cuseri's determination to make a red reminiscent of the great bottles of first-growth Bordeaux he has in his cellar. Today, Moretti Cuseri is also the owner of the Bolgheri estate of Orma and Sicily's Feudo Maccari.

www.tenutasetteponti.it

**Beverly Hills (Table 71), Miami (Table 76), New York (Table 76),
San Francisco (Table 84)**

TENUTA SETTE PONTI

**Beverly Hills • Miami
New York • San Francisco**

TUSCANY

Tenuta Sette Ponti Toscana Oreno 2015
- 98 pts

Tenuta Sette Ponti Toscana Crognolo 2015
- 94 pts



FATTORIA DEL CERRO, CERRO, LA PODERINA

San Francisco

TUSCANY/UMBRIA

Tenute del Cerro Montefalco Sagrantino
Còlpetrone 2011
92 pts -

La Poderina Brunello di Montalcino Poggio
Abate Riserva 2011
92 pts -



Fattoria del Cerro and La Poderina are two of four wineries owned by the Italian insurance and financial company Unipol Group. The group is best known for its extravagant Brunello di Montalcinos from the La Poderina property, which is situated in the Castelnuovo dell'Abate district in southeast Montalcino. But it also makes exquisite wines on the coast of Tuscany as well as further inland in Montepulciano, where the *Vino Nobile* it produces is consistently outstanding — somewhat of a rarity for the appellation. It also makes well-balanced Sagrantinos. You can never go amiss with this exceptional producer.

www.tenutedelcerro.it

San Francisco (Table 68)



"Simbiosi tra natura e vigna"
Terre Nere Campigli Vallone Montalcino, Toscana

The owner of Terre Nere, Pasquale Vallone has always had a passion for viticulture. In the 1990s, Pasquale, who was a bank manager at that time, fell in love with the unspoiled land of southeast Montalcino. Not long after, the Vallone family moved to Montalcino, and that's how their wine journey began. With the help of his wife Piera and his children Francesca and Federico, Pasquale planted 10 hectares of vineyards. In 2002, with his brother Gaetano, Pasquale produced the first Brunello Terre Nere. Now, the Vallone family makes stunning Brunellos di Montalcino with velvety tannins.

www.terreneremontalcino.it

New York (Table 113)

TERRE NERE

New York

TUSCANY

Terre Nere Brunello di Montalcino 2012
- 93 pts

Terre Nere Brunello di Montalcino
Campigli Vallone Riserva 2010
- 95 pts



TONY SASA

New York

TUSCANY

Tony Sasa Brunello di Montalcino
Martina 2013
93 pts -



Tony Sasa not only owns one of Florence's fine-wine destinations with his wine shop Enoteca Pontevecchio but also he produces an array of wines, including a wonderful Brunello di Montalcino called Puro and Martina. We tasted all their wines for the past three vintages, and each of them show wonderful balance. The 2009 is probably one of the best Brunellos of the vintage. Tony began making Brunello in the early 2000s after leasing a few acres of vineyards in the southern part of the appellation a few years before. He makes the wine with esteemed consulting enologist Paolo Caciorgna, who is a keen proponent of biodynamically grown grapes.

www.tonysasa.com

New York (Table 114)



The Tornatore Family is one of the largest landholders in Etna, overseeing 46 hectares of vineyards on the northern slopes of the highest active volcano in Europe. Hence, the soils are of volcanic origin, imbuing the grape vines – Nerello Mascalese, Carricante and Catarratto – tremendous character. The family's history with Sicily dates back to 1865, long before the region became fashionable amongst global drinkers. And now, starting in 1910 with Giuseppe Tornatore overlooking the wine estate, Tornatore grew its holdings significantly. The Tornatore Etna Rosso Trimarchisa 2015 is probably the best yet. Not to be outdone is their Pietrarizzo. Seek them out if you haven't already.

www.tornatorewine.com

New York (Table 23)

TORNATORE

New York

SICILY

Tornatore Etna Rosso Trimarchisa 2015
- 95 pts

Tornatore Etna Rosso Pietrarizzo 2015
- 93 pts



TORNATORE

TUA RITA

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TUSCANY

Tua Rita Toscana Redigaffi 2015
100 pts -

Tua Rita Toscana Perlato del Bosco 2015
93 pts -



The coastal winery Tua Rita built its global reputation on a fabulously rich merlot called Redigaffi, which stole the limelight in the Tuscan wine scene in the early 1990s. Within just a few years, many top wine collectors were looking for the wine all over the world and paying top dollar. The 1997 Redigaffi landed 100-point scores across the board, as well as from JamesSuckling.com. The 2015 Redigaffi is another 100 pointer and was the Italian Wine of the Year in 2017! Stefano Frascaola, who runs the estate with his wife and parents-in-law, has an incredible dedication to quality and is always striving to make the best wine possible in every vintage across the entire range. Bravo!

www.tuarita.it

Beverly Hills (Table 70), Miami (Table 75), New York (Table 75), San Francisco (Table 83)



The qualitative evolution in the winemaking at Uccelliera is an excellent example of how small wine producers have better focused their viticulture and winemaking in the last decades. The wines here have always reflected the true nature of the vintage as well as Uccelliera's unique growing area in Montalcino. The Brunellos of Uccelliera first came onto the international market in the 1990s, however, the wines really came into their own after the owner Andrea Cortonesi revamped the vineyards. He also started making another small production Brunello called Voliero in 2006, which is produced from grapes in Sant'Angelo in Colle and Castelnuovo dell'Abate area of Montalcino.

www.uccelliera-montalcino.it

Beverly Hills (Table 54), New York (Table 115), San Francisco (Table 62)

UCCELLIERA

Beverly Hills
New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Uccelliera Brunello di Montalcino 2012
- 95 pts

Uccelliera Toscana Rapace 2014
- 91 pts



UMANI RONCHI

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MARCHE

Umani Ronchi Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi
Classico Superiore Casal di Serra Vecchie
Vigne 2014
92 pts -

Umani Ronchi Marche Pelago 2012
92 pts -



Italy's Marche wine region is dominated by the great producer Umani Ronchi. With a total surface area of 210 hectares all under vine, the family-owned winery has given prestige to often-overlooked appellations such as Verdicchio dei Castelli and Conero. At the same time, Umani Ronchi has developed some fascinating Super Marche wines that are comparable to Super Tuscans. For example, Pelago is a blend of 50 percent cabernet sauvignon, 40 percent montepulciano and 10 percent merlot. The wine shows the unique character of the region in an international style.

www.umanironchi.com

Miami (Table 16), New York (Table 14), San Francisco (Table 8)



There is something almost mystical about the Brunellos di Montalcino from the wonderful estate of Valdicava. The mystique must emanate from the sublime vineyards on the north side of Montalcino, which produce arguably the most exquisite grapes. And of course, the guru-like dedication of the owner Vincenzo Abbruzzese has also contributed to the craft of these lovely Tuscan sangiovese. Abbruzzese makes a regular Brunello bottling, as well as a single-vineyard riserva called Madonna del Piano. So far, as of 2018, we've scored three of the wines here – the 2001, 2006 and 2010 Madonnas – all 100 points.

www.valdicava.it

Beverly Hills (Table 55), Miami (Table 51), New York (Table 117),
San Francisco (Table 63)

VALDICAVA

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New York • San Francisco

TUSCANY

Valdicava Brunello di Montalcino 2013
- 98 pts

Valdicava Brunello di Montalcino
Madonna del Piano Riserva 2010
- 100 pts



VECCHIE TERRE DI MONTEFILI

New York

TUSCANY

**Vecchie Terre di Montefili Toscana
Anfiteatro 2013
93 pts -**

**Vecchie Terre di Montefili Chianti Classico
Riserva 2013
92 pts -**



**VECCHIE TERRE DI
MONTEFILI**



Located in Panzano, a village in the heart of Chianti Classico, Vecchie Terre di Montefili was founded in 1979. Like so many great estates in the old world, Vecchie Terre di Montefili shares much of its history with monks. The Badia a Passignano abbey managed this Tuscan estate from the 12th century until the 1970s, when Roccaldo Acuti acquired the property and turned it into this top winery in Chianti. As expected, the vineyards here primarily focuses on sangiovese. In addition, Vecchie Terre di Montefili also has a few rows of cabernet sauvignon, gewurztraminer and sauvignon blanc.

www.vecchietterredimontefili.com/

New York (Table 58)



The whites of Vie de Romans are some of the best of Italy. In fact, they have the weight and complexity of some of the best whites in the world like white Burgundy and white, dry Bordeaux. This is all thanks to the owner Gianfranco Gallo, always making the most out of his vines in Friuli, as well as crafting his wines to near perfection. Unlike most weak pinot grigios sold in the world, Gallo's pinot grigio named Dessimis shows breathtaking intensity and texture. Here, the chardonnay Ciampagnis Vieris is layered and rich like a top Meursault. And the sauvignon blanc here beats many Pouilly Fumes.

www.viediromans.it

Miami (Table 12)

VIE DI ROMANS

Miami

FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA

**Vie di Romans Chardonnay Friuli Isonzo
Vie di Romans 2015
- 95 pts**

**Vie di Romans Pinot Grigio Friuli Isonzo
Dessimis 2015
- 93 pts**



Vie di Romans

VIGNAMAGGIO

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TUSCANY

Vignamaggio Chianti Classico Terre
di Prenzano 2015
91 pts -

Vignamaggio Chianti Classico Gherardino
Riserva 2014
91 pts -



VIGNAMAGGIO



Winemaking at Vignamaggio in Greve in Chianti dates back to the 14th century. However, it was Gianni Nunziante who bought the estate in 1988 and poured enormous passion into restoring its luster as a top wine producer. Now, Vignamaggio is managed by Patrice Taravella. The winery is still going strong, particularly with its wonderful, intense cabernet francs and distinguished Chianti Riservas, including the majestic and full Riserva di Monna Lisa (now a Gran Selezione). Underlining its seriousness, the estate has been a long-time supplier of wines to the Italian Senate and President's residence.

www.vignamaggio.com

Miami (Table 33), New York (Table 48)



About one kilometer from Chianti Classico Radda in Chianti, Vignavecchia occupies 42 hectares of land, where 19 hectares are dedicated to grape growing. Here, the vineyards grow on classic soils of the area which is a mixture of clay schist and limestone. At an altitude around 410 and 500 meters above sea level, the vineyards are planted 70 percent sangiovese, as well as other grape varieties such as, canaiolo, merlot, malvasia and chardonnay. The Vignavecchia wines here show well-balanced acidity with fruit and a great aging potential. Don't miss the Chianti Classico 2015 which shows an alluring brightness and tension.

www.vignavecchia.com

New York (Table 59)

VIGNAVECCHIA

New York

TUSCANY

Vignavecchia Toscana Raddese 2014
- 93 pts

Vignavecchia Chianti Classico 2015
- 92 pts



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VILLA LE PRATA

Beverly Hills

TUSCANY

Villa le Prata Brunello di Montalcino 2013
93 pts -

Villa le Prata Brunello di Montalcino
Riserva 2010
94 pts -



Driven by pure passion for wine, Massimo Losappio, former chief surgeon at Montalcino Hospital and his wife Marialuce purchased Villa Le Prata in 1980. The villa was built back in 1860, however, it is really only now, after Losappio has taken over, the wine estate is producing fine wines. Faithful to traditions of Montalcino, Losappio makes a selection of Brunello di Montalcinos that we really enjoy. Lively and elegant, the Brunello di Montalcinos here tend to boast a fine tannin backbone and freshness on the finish.

www.villaleprata.com

Beverly Hills (Table 56)



Vinosia is a new project started by Luciano Ercolino in 2004. Today, the winery is already delivering a range of highly praised wines. As one of the co-founders of Feudi di San Gregorio, Luciano wasn't exactly a stranger to Campania, and now, he is a staple of Southern Italian wine production. Located in Irpinia, a district of the Apennine Mountains around Avellino, the winery allows the producers to harness a vast array of hilly, volcanic terroirs and unique microclimates. Indeed, the wines showcase the local aglianico grape in a kaleidoscope of styles, from the exotic and mouthwatering to the more reserved and edgy.

www.vinosia.com

Beverly Hills (Table 77), Miami (Table 84), New York (Table 87)

VINOSIA

Beverly Hills

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CAMPANIA

Vinosia Taurasi Rajamagra Riserva 2011
- 93 pts

Vinosia Taurasi Santandrea 2013
- 95 pts

VINOSIA
LUCIANO ERCOLINO

VIRNA

Beverly Hills • San Francisco

PIEDMONT

Virna Barolo Cannubi 2013
97 pts -

Virna Barolo 2013
95 pts -



VIRNA BORGOGNO
BAROLO



Nestled in the village of Barolo in Langhe, Virna produces superb Barolo from 12 hectares of land located in historic crus in the Barolo winemaking area (Cannubi Boschis, Preda, Sarmassa, I Merli, San Giovanni and Costa delle Rose). A relatively newcomer in the scene, Virna started around year 2000 but they actually the renowned Borgogno family name. The daughter of Lodovico Borgogno, Virna Borgogno and her sister Ivana now run the property. Aside from great Barolos, Virna also produces Dolcetto d'Alba, Barbera d'Alba, nebbiolo, and a blend known simply known as Langhe.

www.virnabarolo.it

Beverly Hills (Table 21), San Francisco (Table 36)



With 180 winegrowers caring and cultivating 300 hectares of vineyard in Piedmont, Vite Colte is an admirable 21st century project. It is no wonder that the president of Vite Colte Piero Quadrumolo is able to produce more than five million bottles a year. Founded in 1980, Vite Colte covers the gamut as far as varietals – everything from arneis and erbaluce to sauvignon blanc and nebbiolo. Aside from modern enological systems, Vite Colte also has a world-class technical group led by Daniele Eberle in the vineyards, alongside with Bruno Cordero in our winery.

www.vitecolte.it

Beverly Hills (Table 22), Miami (Table 44), New York (Table 33), San Francisco (Table 37)

VITE COLTE

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Vite Colte Barolo del Comune di Barolo Essenze 2013
- 92 pts

Vite Colte Barbaresco Spezie Riserva 2008
- 93 pts

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VITICCIO

New York

TUSCANY

95 pts -

Viticcio Toscana Monile 2013

94 pts -

Viticcio Chianti Classico Prunai
Gran Selezione 2013



Founded in 1964, Viticcio is located among the rolling hills of Greve in Chianti. Alessandro Landini at Viticcio was one of the new-generation winemakers who first started using modern viticulture and winemaking methods in the 1970s. Today, Viticcio encompasses 120 hectares of land in Chianti Classico and Maremma, and consistently makes outstanding wines. In fact, it is difficult to say if Viticcio's Chianti Classico Riservas are better than the two well-regarded Super Tuscan Monile and Prunai. Nevertheless, all of the wines here age beautifully. Landini also makes excellent wines in the appellation of Bolgheri at I Greppi, but Chianti Classico is still the closest to his heart.

www.viticcio.com

New York (Table 60)

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