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Rosso

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Sparkling & Dessert

Banfi, Princepsa Gavi Perlante 2006 54-

Banfi, "Rosa Regale" Brachetta d'Acqui 2005, 2006 (375ml) 35-

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Tosti, Bracato N.V. 41-

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Araldica, Moscato Passito DOC 2002 (375ml) 35-

Bianco

Banfi, Princepsa Gavi DOCG 2006 43-

Pio Cesare, Piodilei (Chardonnay) DOC 2005 81-

Pio Cesare, L'Altro Chardonnay DOC 2003 (375ml) 27-

Veglio, Langhe Chardonnay DOC 2005 29-

Villa Sparina, Gavi DOC 2006 29-

Pio Cesare, Cortese di Gavi 2003 37-

Castlevero, Cortese 2007 31-

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Pio Cesare, *Barolo "Ornato" DOC 1999* 209-
Ceretto, *Barolo "Zonchero" DOCG 2003* 87-
Masi, *Brolo di Campofiorin 2001* 69-
Gaja, *Sperss Barolo DOC 1998* 310-
Gaja, *Sperss Barolo DOC 2001* 275-
Veglio, *Barolo DOCG 2003* 62-
Ceretto, *Barbaresco "Asij" DOCG 2004* 85-
Pio Cesare, *Barbaresco "Il Brico" DOCG 2000* 204-
Pio Cesare, *Barbaresco DOCG 1999 (375ml)* 65-
Gaja, *Costa Russi Barbaresco DOC 2001* 375-
Gaja, *Costa Russi Barbaresco DOC 2003* 395-
Gaja, *Barbaresco DOCG 2003* 225-
Pio Cesare, *Barbera D'Alba DOC 2006* 44-
Colle dei Venti, *Tufo Blu Barbera D'Alba DOC 2003* 38-
Castlevero, *Barbera DOC 2006* 31-
Michele Chiarlo, *Barbera D'Asti Superiore DOC 2005* 30-
Travaglini, *Tre Vigne Gattinara DOCG 1998* 103-
Sergio Gattinara, *Gattinara DOCG 1997* 69-
Fontanafredda, *"Eremo" Langhe Barbera/Nebbiolo IGT 2005* 38-
Pecchenino, *Dolcetto di Dogliani "San Luigi" DOC 2001* 38-
Pio Cesare, *Dolcetto D'Alba DOC 2007* 48-
Ceretto, *Dolcetto d'Alba "Rossana" DOC 2005* 55-
L'Ardi, *Dolcetto d'Acqui 2006* 27-
Ceretto, *Monsordo Langhe Rosso DOC 2001* 68-
Prunotto, *Occhetti Nebbiolo d'Alba DOC 2003* 79-
Bruno Giacosa, *Nebbiolo d'Alba DOC 2005* 88-
Veglio, *Nebbiolo Langhe DOC 2005* 37-
Pio Cesare, *"Il Nebbio" Nebbiolo DOC 2002* 39-
Veglio, *Sinfonia Nebbiolo* 34-
Veglio, *Baric Nebbiolo* 34-
Bric Millon, *Bonarda Negro 1998* 52-
Ruche di Castagnole Monferrato,
'Na Vota Cantine Sant' Agata DOC 2006 49-
Ferrando Carema, *Azienda Vitinicola DOC 1996* 76-
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Santa Margherita, Pinot Grigio DOC 2007 52-

Kris, Pinot Grigio IGT 2006 35-

Canaletto, Muller Thurgau DOC 2006 26-

Santa Margherita, Chardonnay IGT 2007 29-

Rosso

Cavit, Pinot Noir ITG 2007 24-

Lechthaler, Pinot Nero DOC 2006 46-

Santa Margherita, Cabernet Sauvignon DOC 2006 43-

Cavit, Merlot DOC 2007 24-

Santa Margherita, Merlot "Versato" IGT 2006 39-

Kris, Heart Merlot IGT 2004 39-

Campo Maseri, Marzemino Albarel DOC 2006 45-

Campo Maseri, Teroldego Rotaliano Superiore Riserva DOC 2004 45-

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Livio Felluga, Tocai Friulano 2007 57-

Collio Roncus, Tocai Friulano DOC 2004 69-

Colle Duga, Tocai Friulano DOC 2005 57-

Collio Attems, Pinot Grigio DOC 2005 39-

Conti Formentini, Pinot Grigio Collio DOC 2005 44-

Colle Duga, Pinot Grigio DOC 2005 46-

Livio Felluga, Pinot Grigio DOC 2007 56-

Santi, Sortesele Pinot Grigio IGT 2007 39-

Ruffino, Lumina Pinot Grigio IGT 2007 32-

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Livio Felluga, *Merlot DOC 2005* 56-
Conti Formentini, *Cabernet Franc Collio DOC 2004* 44-
Tenuta Luisa, *Refosco DOC 2006* 40-
Cantina Rotaliana, *Terelodego DOC 2005* 38-
Battistotti, *Marzemino DOC 2005* 45-

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Zardetto, *Prosecco Brut N.V.* 37-
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Moletto, *Rosa IGT N.V.* 32-

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Italo Cescon, *Pinot Grigio DOC 2006 (375ml)* 24-
Aldegheri, *Pinot Grigio del Veneto IGT 2006* 33-
Stellina di Notte, *Pinot Grigio delle Venezie IGT 2007* 35-
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Bracco, *Pinot Grigio IGT 2005* 35-
Canaletto, *Pinot Grigio IGT 2006* 26-
Oggi!, *Pinot Grigio IGT 2007* 25-
Esperto, *Pinot Grigio 2006* 30-
Zonin, *Pinot Grigio IGT 2007* 25-
Italo Cescon, *Chardonnay DOC 2007* 30-
Bolla, *Chardonnay IGT 2007* 24-
Stival, *Chardonnay IGT 2007* 28-
Italo Cescon, *"Cesura" Chardonnay DOC 2005* 41-
Posenato, *Soave Classico DOC 2006* 32-
Santa Sophia, *Soave Classico DOC 2006* 30-
Trabucchi, *Margherita Bianco Organic 2003* 41-

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Moletto, *Rosa IGT N.V.* 32-

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Italo Cescon, *Tralcetto Pinot Grigio DOC 2006 (375ml)* 24-
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Rose

Folonari, *Pink Pinot Grigio* 2007 26-

Italo Cescon, *Raboso Rose IGT* 2007 35-

Rosso

Masi, *Serego Alghieri Vaio Amarone della Valpolicella DOC* 2000 143-

Masi, *Costasera Amarone Classico DOC* 2003 95-

Sartori, *Amarone della Valpolicella DOC* 2004 81-

Santa Sophia, *Amarone della Valpolicella DOC* 2004 103-

Zonin, *Amarone della Valpolicella DOC* 2004 93-

Santa Sophia, *Bardolino Classico DOC* 2004 29-

Bolla, *Bardolino DOC* 2007 24-

Bolla, *Sangiovese di Romagna DOC* 2007 24-

Trabucchi, *Cereolo Valpolicella Superiore DOC Organic* 2000 79-

Sartori, *Valpolicella Montegradella* 2005 37-

Secco-Bertani, *Valpolicella Ripasso DOC* 2005 39-

Luigi Righetti,

Campolieti Valpolicella Ripasso Classico Superiore DOC 2006 41-

Santi, *Solane Valpolicella Classico Superiore DOC* 2004 35-

Allegrini, *Valpolicella Classico DOC* 2007 35-

Santa Sophia, *Valpolicella Classico DOC* 2005 32-

Masi, *Bonacosta Valpolicella Classico DOC* 2006 64-

Masi, *Modello delle Venezie Rosso IGT* 2005 30-

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Belmondo, *Pinot Noir IGT* 2006 35-

Astoria Caranto, *Pinot Nero IGT* 2004 33-

Italo Cescon, *Piave Merlot DOC* 2006 30-

Oggi!, *Merlot IGT* 2006 25-

Stella, *Merlot IGT* 2007 25-

Moletto, *Colmello Rosso IGT* 2001 62-

The Wines of Emilia-Romagna

Emilia-Romagna's wines might be considered northern Italy's most eccentric, different on the whole from their neighbors', often facile in style but always refreshingly individualistic. In Emilia the premier wine is Lambrusco, in frothy shades of purple to pink, made from grapes grown on high trellised vines, mainly in the flatlands south of the Po. Romagna's wines come primarily from the native Sangiovese, Trebbiano and Albana, the variety the accounted for Italy's first white DOCG.

Sparkling

Lo Duca, *Reggiano Lambrusco DOC N.V.* 26-

Bianco

Castello di Luzzano, *Malvasia DOC* 2007 62-

Tenuta Bonzara, *Pignoletto DOC* 2006 60-

Rosso

San Patrignano, *Aulente Sangiovese IGT* 2006 59-

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Rose

Folonari, *Pink Pinot Grigio* 2007 26-

Italo Cescon, *Raboso Rose IGT* 2007 35-

Rosso

Masi, *Serego Alghieri Vaio Amarone della Valpolicella DOC* 2000 143-

Masi, *Costasera Amarone Classico DOC* 2003 95-

Sartori, *Amarone della Valpolicella DOC* 2004 81-

Santa Sophia, *Amarone della Valpolicella DOC* 2004 103-

Zonin, *Amarone della Valpolicella DOC* 2004 93-

Santa Sophia, *Bardolino Classico DOC* 2004 29-

Bolla, *Bardolino DOC* 2007 24-

Bolla, *Sangiovese di Romagna DOC* 2007 24-

Trabucchi, *Cereolo Valpolicella Superiore DOC Organic* 2000 79-

Sartori, *Valpolicella Montegradella* 2005 37-

Secco-Bertani, *Valpolicella Ripasso DOC* 2005 39-

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Santi, *Solane Valpolicella Classico Superiore DOC* 2004 35-

Allegrini, *Valpolicella Classico DOC* 2007 35-

Santa Sophia, *Valpolicella Classico DOC* 2005 32-

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Italo Cescon, *Piave Merlot DOC* 2006 30-

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Rosso

San Patrignano, *Aulente Sangiovese IGT* 2006 59-

The Wines of Tuscany

The most famous and popular wine from this region is by far Chianti. All Chianti is made from one major grape variety - Sangiovese. From good vintages, pure Sangiovese wines are rich in body and intricate in flavor with deep ruby garnet colors. Tuscany's appellation of greatest stature is Brunello di Montalcino. Brunello producers also make Rosso di Montalcino, a younger wine from Sangiovese, the sweet Moscadello di Montalcino (from Moscato) and a range of wines that carry the appellation Sant'Antimo. Not far from Montalcino is Montepulciano with its Vino Bovile, made from a type of Sangiovese. Rosso di Montepulciano is a younger alternative. The production of upscale alternative wines, beginning as a trend in the 1970s, became an essential factor in the general improvement of Tuscan reds. These cult wines have become known as "Super Tuscans". The granddaddy of all Super Tuscans is Sassicaia - a pure cabernet that convinced the world that Italy could make modern reds of international appeal. Antinori's Tignanello, also served as a model for Tuscany's new style of red wine aged in small oak barrels or barriques instead of ancient casks. More recently, Castello Banfi has become a leader in creating exceptional "Super Tuscan" wines to fit a wide variety of tastes and budgets. Today, the Super Tuscans rank among the most esteemed and expensive red wines of Italy.

Sparkling & Dessert

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Villa Branca, Vin Santo, Riserva DOC 2000 (500ml) 88-
Pietrafitta, San Gimignano Vin Santo DOC 1997 (500ml) 88 -
Banfi, FloruS Moscadello di Montalcino 2003 (500ml) 59-

Bianco

Pietracolata, Orvieto Classico "Secco" DOC 2006 25-
Pietracolata, Orvieto Classico "Amabile" DOC 2006 25-
Ruffino, Orvieto Classico DOC 2008 25-
Baroncini, Orvieto Classico DOC 2006 24-
Pietrafitta, Vernaccia di SanGimignano DOC 2006 46 -
Banfi, San Angelo Pinot Grigio IGT 2007 44-
Banfi, Le Rime (Pinot Grigio/Chardonnay) IGT 2007 24-
Banfi, Fontanella Chardonnay DOC 2007 55-
Banfi, Fumaio (Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay) IGT 2007 32-
Antinori, Bianco IGT 2007 35-
Villa Calcinaia, Comitale Bianco IGT 2006 28-

Rosso

Castello Banfi, Poggio al Oro Brunello di Montalcino 1996 (Magnum) 530-
Fontevicchia, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2003 111-
Baroncini, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2002 104-
Castello Banfi, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 1993 125-
Castello Banfi, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 1994 125-
Castello Banfi, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2003 125-
Castello Banfi, Rosso di Montalcino 2006 50-
Castello Banfi, Rosso di Montalcino 2006 (Magnum) 152-
Podere, La Vigna Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2004 48-
Poggio San Polo, Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2005 55-

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The most famous and popular wine from this region is by far Chianti. All Chianti is made from one major grape variety - Sangiovese. From good vintages, pure Sangiovese wines are rich in body and intricate in flavor with deep ruby garnet colors. Tuscany's appellation of greatest stature is Brunello di Montalcino. Brunello producers also make Rosso di Montalcino, a younger wine from Sangiovese, the sweet Moscadello di Montalcino (from Moscato) and a range of wines that carry the appellation Sant'Antimo. Not far from Montalcino is Montepulciano with its Vino Bovile, made from a type of Sangiovese. Rosso di Montepulciano is a younger alternative. The production of upscale alternative wines, beginning as a trend in the 1970s, became an essential factor in the general improvement of Tuscan reds. These cult wines have become known as "Super Tuscans". The granddaddy of all Super Tuscans is Sassicaia - a pure cabernet that convinced the world that Italy could make modern reds of international appeal. Antinori's Tignanello, also served as a model for Tuscany's new style of red wine aged in small oak barrels or barriques instead of ancient casks. More recently, Castello Banfi has become a leader in creating exceptional "Super Tuscan" wines to fit a wide variety of tastes and budgets. Today, the Super Tuscans rank among the most esteemed and expensive red wines of Italy.

Sparkling & Dessert

Banfi, Brut Metodo Tradizionale Classico 1999 50-
Villa Branca, Vin Santo, Riserva DOC 2000 (500ml) 88-
Pietrafitta, San Gimignano Vin Santo DOC 1997 (500ml) 88 -
Banfi, FloruS Moscadello di Montalcino 2003 (500ml) 59-

Bianco

Pietracolata, Orvieto Classico "Secco" DOC 2006 25-
Pietracolata, Orvieto Classico "Amabile" DOC 2006 25-
Ruffino, Orvieto Classico DOC 2008 25-
Baroncini, Orvieto Classico DOC 2006 24-
Pietrafitta, Vernaccia di SanGimignano DOC 2006 46 -
Banfi, San Angelo Pinot Grigio IGT 2007 44-
Banfi, Le Rime (Pinot Grigio/Chardonnay) IGT 2007 24-
Banfi, Fontanella Chardonnay DOC 2007 55-
Banfi, Fumaio (Sauvignon Blanc/Chardonnay) IGT 2007 32-
Antinori, Bianco IGT 2007 35-
Villa Calcinaia, Comitale Bianco IGT 2006 28-

Rosso

Castello Banfi, Poggio al Oro Brunello di Montalcino 1996 (Magnum) 530-
Fontevicchia, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2003 111-
Baroncini, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2002 104-
Castello Banfi, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 1993 125-
Castello Banfi, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 1994 125-
Castello Banfi, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 2003 125-
Castello Banfi, Rosso di Montalcino 2006 50-
Castello Banfi, Rosso di Montalcino 2006 (Magnum) 152-
Podere, La Vigna Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2004 48-
Poggio San Polo, Rosso di Montalcino DOC 2005 55-

Rosso (continued)

Banfi, *ExcelsuS (Cabernet/Merlot) DOC 2003* 160-
La Vite, *Lucente IGT (Sangiovese/Merlot) 2005* 55-
Villa di Capezzana, *Carmignano (Sangiovese/Cabernet) DOCG 2003* 105-
Ruffino, *Fonte al Sole (Sangiovese/Merlot) IGT 2006* 35-
Banfi, *Col di Sasso (Cabernet/Sangiovese) 2007* 28-
Antinori, *Solaia (Cabernet/Cabernet Franc/Sangiovese) 2003 (Magnum) 442-*
Antinori, *Solaia (Cabernet/Cabernet Franc/Sangiovese) IGT 2004* 220-
Banfi, *SummuS (Cabernet/Syrah/Sangiovese) 2004* 135-
Antinori, *Guado al Taso*
“Bolgheri” Superiore (Cabernet/Merlot/Syrah) DOC 2003 165-
Ruffino, *Modus (Sangiovese/Cabernet/Merlot) IGT 2005* 69-
Banfi, *Cum Laude (Sangiovese/Cabernet/Merlot/Syrah) 2004* 95-
Antinori, *Tignanello (Sangiovese/Cabernet/Cabernet Franc) IGT 2004* 176-
Altesino, *Rosso di Altesino (Sangiovese/Merlot/Cabernet) IGT 2006* 48-
Tenuta dell’Ornellaia,
Le Volte (Sangiovese/Cabernet/Merlot) 2005 62-
Tenuta dell’Ornellaia,
Le Serre Nuove (Cabernet/Merlot/Cabernet Franc/Petit Verdot) 2005 127-
Tenuta I Muracci, *Fortediga Maremma Toscana*
(Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon) IGT 2005 48-
Banfi, *Centine (Sangiovese/Cabernet/Merlot) 2006* 36-
Damiani, *Barricato (Sangiovese/Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon) IGT 2003* 59-
Banfi, *CollePino (Sangiovese/Merlot) IGT 2007* 28-
Antinori, *Toscana Super Tuscan IGT 2002 (375 ml)* 44-
Antinori, *Toscana Super Tuscan IGT 2004* 59-
Arceno, *Prima Voce Super Tuscan IGT 2004* 50-
Poggiotondo, *The Blend IGT 2004* 29-
Villa Pillo, *Bogoforte Rosso 2004* 26-
Castello di Gabbiano, *Per Ania (Sangio-Grosso) 1993* 55-
Biondi-Santi, *Sassoalloro (Sangiovese) IGT 2003* 85-
Cecchi, *Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG 2005* 50-
Val delle Rose, *Morellino di Scansano Riserva DOCG 2004* 44-
Capezzana, *“Conti Contini” Sangiovese IGT 2006* 34-
Cecchi, *Bonizio Sangiovese di Maremma IGT 2007* 27-
Tenuta Farneta, *Selezione di Bongoverno IGT 2003* 41-
Ruffino, *Chianti Classico Riserva Ducale Oro DOCG 2004* 103-
Antinori, *Tenute Marchese Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2004* 99-
Ruffino, *Chianti Classico Riserva Ducale DOCG 2005* 57-
Banfi, *Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2004* 43-
Nozzole, *Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2004* 51-
Tiziano, *Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2004* 43-

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Banfi, *Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2004* 43-
Nozzole, *Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2004* 51-
Tiziano, *Chianti Classico Riserva 2004* 43-

Rosso (continued)

Villa Cerna, *Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2005* 60-
Villa Calcinaia, *Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2004* 67-
Monsanto, *Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2004* 45-
Bracco, *Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2004* 100-
Castello d'Albola, *Chianti Classico DOCG 2005* 39-
Villa Calcinaia, *Conti Capponi Chianti Classico DOCG 2003* 38-
Querciabella, *Chianti Classico DOCG 2006* 67-
Rocca delle Maci, *Chianti Classico DOCG 2004 (375ml)* 27-
Melini, *Borghi d'Elsa Chianti Classico DOCG 2007* 24-
Villa Branca, *Chianti Classico DOCG 2003* 43-
DaVinci, *Chianti Classico DOCG 2005* 29-
Tenuta Farneta, *Chianti DOCG 2005* 26-
Castello di Querceto, *Chianti DOCG 2007* 24-
Monrosso, *Chianti DOCG 2006* 28-
Amano, *Chianti DOCG 2006* 31-
Antinori, *Santa Cristina Sangiovese IGT 2006* 32-
Donna Laura, *"Ali" Sangiovese IGT 2006* 28-
Ruffino, *Romitorio di Santedame (Colorino/Merlot) IGT 2000, 2001* 149-
Petra Zingari, *Toscana IGT 2004* 60-
Ruffino, *"Il Ducale" Rosso IGT 2004* 48-
Banfi, *Colvecchio Syrah DOC 2001* 76-
Banfi, *Tavernelle Cabernet Sauvignon DOC 2003* 110-
Banfi, *Mandrielle Merlot DOC 1997* 92-
Villa Calcinaia, *"Casara" Rosso IGT 2001* 85-
Villa Pillo, *Vilvaldia Cabernet Franc IGT 2001* 34-
Castello di Bibbiano, *Casalone Rosso IGT 2004* 41-
Rosso Pesce, *Toscana IGT 2005* 24-

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Bianco

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Colli dei Bardellini, *Pigato DOC 2006* 52-

Rosso (continued)

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Villa Calcinaia, *Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG 2004* 67-
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DaVinci, *Chianti Classico DOCG 2005* 29-
Tenuta Farneta, *Chianti DOCG 2005* 26-
Castello di Querceto, *Chianti DOCG 2007* 24-
Monrosso, *Chianti DOCG 2006* 28-
Amano, *Chianti DOCG 2006* 31-
Antinori, *Santa Cristina Sangiovese IGT 2006* 32-
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Bianco

Colonnara, *Lyricus Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico DOC 2004 27-*

Conti Degli Azzoni, *Grechetto IGT 2006 36-*

Umanchi Ronchi, *Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Clasicco DOC 2006 48-*

Rosso

Colonnara, *Lyricus Rosso Piceno DOC 2005 27-*

Saladini Pilastrri, *Rosso Piceno DOC 2004 27-*

Conti Degli Azzoni, *Rosso Piceno DOC 2005 36-*

The Wines of Umbria

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Bianco

La Carraia, *Orvieto Classico DOC 2005 27-*

Sportoletti, *Assisi Grechetto DOC 2005 34-*

Stella, *Pinot Grigio 2006 25-*

Rosso

Luna di Luna, *Sangiovese/Merlot IGT 2006 26-*

Falesco, *Umbria Merlot IGT 2006 37-*

La Carraia, *Tizzonero (Montepulciano) IGT 2005 32-*

Antonelli, *Montefalco Rosso IGT 2003 44-*

Antonelli, *Sagrantino di Montefalco DOCG 2002 88-*

Lungarotti, *Rubesco Rosso di Torgiano DOC 2004 49-*

Falesco, *Vitiano Rosso (Cabernet/Merlot/Sangiovese) IGT 2006 27-*

Poggio Bertaiio, *Stucchio Sangiovese IGT 2002 49-*

Falesco, *Sangiovese IGT 2007 32-*

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Dessert

Di Majo Norante, *Apiane Moscato Reale DOC 2004 (500ml) 67-*

Rosso

Di Majo Norante, *Aglianico Contado DOC 2002 42-*

Di Majo Norante, *Don Luigi Montepulciano Riserva DOC 2004 111-*

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Stella, Trebbiano d'Abruzzo DOC 2005 24-

Masciarelli, Trebbiano d'Abruzzo DOC 2007 29-

Rosso

Masciarelli, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2005 29-

Testa, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2006 26-

Dragani, Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2007 32-

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Dessert

Falesco, Pomele IGT (500ml) 65-

Bianco

Fontana Candida, Frasati Superiore DOC 2007 24-

Falesco, Est! Est!! Est!!! (Trebbiano/Malvasia/Roscetto) DOC 2007 24-

Fontana Candida, Orvieto Classico DOC 2005 24-

Falesco, Ferentano IGT 2006 57-

Cascale Cinque Scudi, "Antorida" Bianco IGT 2007 29-

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Dessert

Pellegrino, Moscato di Pantelleria 2003 (350ml) 44-

Bianco

Cantore di Castelforte, Chardonnay IGT 2003 30-

Tormaresca, Chardonnay IGT 2005 29-

Botromagno, Gravina Bianco (Greco/Malvasia) 2007 30-

Rosso

Cantore di Castelforte, Donna Elena Aglianico IGT 2002 27-

Tormaresca, Bocca di Lupo Aglianico DOC 2003 90-

Botromagno, Apulian Zinfandel Primitivo 2006 37-

Stella, Sangiovese IGT 2006 24-

Cantore di Castelforte, Salento Primitivo IGT 2002 27-

Cantore di Castelforte, Donna Maria Primitivo IGT 2002 27-

Torcicoda, Primitivo Salento IGT 2003 57-

A Mano, Primitivo 2006 27-

Feudo Monaci, Salice Salentino DOC 2003 30-

Leone de Castris, Salice Salentino Riserva 2003 42-

Cantore di Castelforte,

Negroamaro Salento "Masseri Tre Torri" IGT 2002 27-

Tormaresca, Rosso Puglia

(Negroamaro/Cabernet Sauvignon) IGT 2005 27-

Cantore di Castelforte, Rosso Puglia IGT 2003 27-

The Wines of Basilicata

The Greeks brought the Aglianico vine to Basilicata. Grown on the slopes of the extinct volcano, Monte Vulture, it makes a robust, deeply colored wine that can improve with age, becoming increasingly refined and complex in flavor. There are also young versions of the wine, some semisweet or even sparkling. Aglianico is also used for wines under the regions single IGT of Basilicata. White wines of interest are the sweet Moscato and Malvasia.

Dessert

Cantina di Venosa, Terre di Orazio Dry Muscat IGT 2004 42-

Rosso

Cantina di Venosa, Vignali Aglianico del Vulture DOC 2002 39-

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The Greeks brought the Aglianico vine to Basilicata. Grown on the slopes of the extinct volcano, Monte Vulture, it makes a robust, deeply colored wine that can improve with age, becoming increasingly refined and complex in flavor. There are also young versions of the wine, some semisweet or even sparkling. Aglianico is also used for wines under the regions single IGT of Basilicata. White wines of interest are the sweet Moscato and Malvasia.

Dessert

Cantina di Venosa, Terre di Orazio Dry Muscat IGT 2004 42-

Rosso

Cantina di Venosa, Vignali Aglianico del Vulture DOC 2002 39-

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Aminea, *Taurasi Baiardo (Aglianico)* DOCG 2000 70-
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Rose

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Sparkling & Dessert

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Zonin, *Baccorosa Spumante N.V.* 32-

Bianco

Mandra Rossa, *Fiano Sicilia 2007* 25-

Terre, *Grillo IGT 2005* 25-

Santa Tresa, *Rina Lanca Grillo Viognier IGT 2006* 43-

Feudo Arancia, *Pinot Grigio IGT 2007* 24-

Zonin Principi di Butera, *Insolia 2005* 38-

Baglio del Sole, *Inzolia IGT 2006* 41-

Tenuta Rapitala, *Casalj (Catarratto/Chardonnay) IGT 2006* 34-

Rosso

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Terre, *Nero d'Avola IGT 2006* 27-

Corvo, *Nero d'Avola IGT 2006* 25-

Santa Tresa, *Nivuro Nero d'Avola/Cabernet IGT 2004* 44-

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Bianco

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Argiolas, *Selegas DOC 2005* 37-

Meloni, *Omarus Vermentino 2005* 47-

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Rosso

Argiolas, *Costera IGT 2006* 46-

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