

92 Castellare di Castellina Toscana I Sodi di San Niccolò 2004 \$72 A solid wine, with lots of blackberry, dried flower and mineral character. Full and rich, but slightly hard. This is structured and powerful. Long and chewy. Sangiovese and Malvasia Nera. Best from 2010 through 2015. 2,200 cases made.—J.S.

92 Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Toscana Mor-moreto 2005 \$60 Blackberry, currant and licorice aromas follow through to a full body, with silky tannins and a long finish of chocolate, berry and toasty oak. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Best after 2011. 3,300 cases made.—J.S.

92 Le Palais Toscana Bullzio 2006 \$60 Shows lots of chocolate, berry and vanilla. Full-bodied, with soft tannins and a long finish. Velvety, rich and layered. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Best after 2011. 700 cases made.—J.S.

92 Petrolio Toscana Torlone 2006 \$45 Very pretty aromas of flowers and berries, with hints of currant. Full-bodied, yet refined and elegant, with silky tannins and a long, caressing finish. A polished wine. Already delicious, but will be better with a little bottle age. Best after 2010. 3,750 cases made.—J.S.

92 Poggio al Tesoro Toscana Mediterra 2006 \$30 Displays aromas of chocolate and berry, with hints of cedar. Full, soft and round, with plenty of juicy fruit. Long and beautiful, with a lovely finish. Syrah, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2010. 3,300 cases made.—J.S.

92 Tenuta San Guido Toscana Guadalupe 2006 \$55 Aromas of toasty oak and ripe fruit lead to a full body, with a solid core of fruit and a chewy finish. Needs some time to come around. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best after 2011. 12,000 cases made.—J.S.

92 Sant'Agnes Toscana Spirto 2004 \$70 This exhibits beautiful aromas of licorice, berries and light vanilla. Full-bodied, with polished yet chewy tannins and a long, caressing finish. Drink now through 2013. 350 cases made.—J.S.

92 Terrabianca Toscana Campaccio Selezione Riserva 2004 \$77 Offers blackberry and currant, with violet as well. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, beautiful finish. Polished and very well-made. Just starting to come around for great drinking. Best from 2009 through 2014. 2,080 cases made.—J.S.

91 Badia a Coltibuono Toscana Sanglovetto 2004 \$65 This has a very floral nose, showing forest fruits, cherry, fresh flowers and citrus peel, with a vanilla cream note. Full-bodied, with silky fruit on a lot of new oak, followed by a licorice aftertaste. Densely packed. Intense, long and full of promise. Drink now. 530 cases made.—J.S.

91 Cennatolo Toscana Arcibaldo 2004 \$48 An intense young red, packed with plum, currant and mahogany on the nose and palate. Full-bodied, with lots of vanilla and licorice coming through. Firm and fresh, with a dense palate and a medium finish. Beautiful now, but will improve with age. Needs time. Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2009. 900 cases made.—J.S.

91 Donna Olimpia 1898 Toscana Tageto 2006 \$20 See Smart Buys, page 125.

91 Fornacelle Cabernet Franc Toscana Foglio 38 2005 \$70 Dark ruby in color, with intense aromas of iodine, blackberry, black licorice and tar. Full-bodied, with soft, silky tannins and a long finish that shows plenty of fruit. Polished and full of character. Best after 2010. 400 cases made.—J.S.

91 Poggio al Tesoro Toscana Dedicato a Walter 2005 \$100 This has loads of new wood, but the ripe, intense fruit easily handles it. Big and rich, showing a decadent, wild black forest fruit character on the palate.

Opulent and beautiful. Cabernet Franc. Best after 2011. 850 cases made.—J.S.

91 Poggio al Tesoro Toscana Sondrala 2005 \$48 Shows impressive concentration of blackberry, fresh herb and roses on the nose. Full-bodied, with soft, silky tannins and a long, rich finish. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Best after 2011. 7,750 cases made.—J.S.

91 Poggio Molina Toscana Le Caldle 2005 \$40 Offers gorgeous aromas of flowers, berries and light raisin. Full and silky, with polished tannins. A little chewy. Needs time to mellow. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese. Best after 2011. 800 cases made.—J.S.

91 Ruffino Toscana Romitorio di Santedame 2004 \$70 There's pleasant damson fruit and mineral character, with hints of chocolate and flowers. Full-bodied, with lots of fruit lingering on a lightly firm, velvety texture. Needs a little more bottle time. Colorino and Merlot. Best after 2009. 4,000 cases made.—J.S.

91 Sette Ponti Toscana Poggio al Lupo 2006 \$65 Blackberry, ripe strawberry and flowers on the nose. Full-bodied, with caressing tannins and a fresh finish. Polished and delicious. Cabernet Sauvignon, Alicante and Petit Verdot. Best after 2009. 1,500 cases made.—J.S.

91 Terrabianca Toscana Il Tesoro 2005 \$50 Aromas of violet and raspberry, with hints of vanilla bean. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, rich finish. An impressive Merlot. From Terrabianca's estate in Maremma. Best after 2010. 415 cases made.—J.S.

90 Cecilia Syrah Toscana Oglasa 2004 \$37 A firm and pretty Syrah, with licorice and blackberry character. Medium- to full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a long finish. A little lean, but still very pretty. A new winery. Drink now. 160 cases made.—J.S.

90 Cennatolo Merlot Toscana Mammolo 2004 \$48 Displays rich black cherry fruit, with notes of nuts, fresh herbs and milk chocolate. Full-bodied, with plump fruit, tight tannins and a firm finish. This has promise, but needs time to show all it's got. Best after 2009. 750 cases made.—J.S.

90 Collazzi Toscana 2006 \$74 Gorgeous aromas of raspberry and blackberry follow through to a medium body, with fine tannins and a clean, fresh finish. Very refined. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Best after 2010. 2,400 cases made.—J.S.

90 Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Merlot Toscana Castelglocondo Lamalone 2005 \$72 A chewy Merlot, with fruit and light herb aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a long finish. Needs time to develop in the bottle. Best after 2011. 2,200 cases made.—J.S.

90 Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Toscana Castiglioni 2006 \$30 Very pretty, with perfumed blackberry and mineral aromas. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a berry, milk chocolate and cedar aftertaste. A bit lean now, but polished and pretty. Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese and Merlot. Best after 2010. 16,000 cases made.—J.S.

90 Isole e Olena Cabernet Sauvignon Toscana Collezione de Marchi 2003 \$70 Shows currant and blackberry, with a hint of basil. Full-bodied, with soft, velvety tannins and a caressing, polished finish. A little chewy, but attractive and very enjoyable. Drink now. 430 cases made.—J.S.

90 Podere Monastero Pinot Nero Toscana La Pineta 2007 \$65 This is a gorgeous Pinot Nero, with strawberry, flowers and mineral on the nose. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and a beautiful, focused and precise palate. A joy to drink now. Best from 2009 through 2012. 200 cases made.—J.S.

90 Palagetto Toscana Sottobosco 2004 \$32 Aromas of blackberry and vanilla follow through to a full-bodied palate, with silky, integrated tannins that firm up slightly on the finish. There's a long aftertaste of fruit and vanilla. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Drink now. 1,100 cases made.

90 Poggio al Sole Toscana Seraselva 2004 \$40 Bright, fruity aromas of freshly plucked black cherry and berries follow through to a full-bodied palate, with a light mineral underlay, well-integrated tannins and a clean finish of fruit and mineral. Chewy. Best after 2009. 340 cases made.—J.S.

90 Poggio Bonelli Toscana Pogglassai 2006 \$40 Blackberry and licorice aromas follow through to a full body, with velvety tannins and a long finish. Chewy and rich. Tannic. Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2011. 2,200 cases made.—J.S.

90 Tenuta di Riscicoll Toscana Saeculum 2004 \$130 Offers aromas of ripe fruit, mint and licorice. Full-bodied, with soft, silky tannins that caress the palate, along with plenty of fruit. Finishes polished and refined. Needs a little more bottle time. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best after 2009. 150 cases made.—J.S.

90 Fattoria Scopone Toscana Il Bagatto 2004 \$38 Aromas of coffee, berry and spices, with hints of chocolate, lead to a full-bodied palate, with silky tannins and a chocolate, berry and vanilla aftertaste. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot and Sangiovese. Drink now. 440 cases made.—J.S.

90 Terrabianca Toscana Campaccio 2005 \$47 Very attractive aromas of flowers, berries and raspberry follow through to a full body, with velvety tannins and a long finish. Needs bottle age to mellow. Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2010. 15,000 cases made.—J.S.

89 Altesino Toscana Alta d'Altesi 2004 \$40 Soft-textured and delicious, with chocolate, berry and vanilla aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied, with a fresh finish. Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now. 600 cases made.—J.S.

89 Argiano Toscana Il Duemilatre di Argiano 2003 \$54 Fresh, subtle plum and raspberry aromas and flavors follow through to a full body, with a solid core of fruit, chewy tannins and a medium finish. Slightly austere. Needs a little time. A little more polished with bottle age. This is Argiano's relabeled Brunello di Montalcino. Best after 2010. 13,000 cases made.—J.S.

88 Poggio San Polo Toscana Rublo 2006 \$18 There's slightly cooked fruit on the nose, but some interesting blackberry and chocolate undertones. Full and thick, with good fruit and a medium finish. Slightly monolithic at the moment. Needs a little time. Sangiovese. Best after 2010. 4,000 cases made.—J.S.

87 Castello Banfi Toscana Centine 2007 \$13 A fruity young red, with crushed berry and mineral character on a soft, silky medium-to-full body, with plump fruit and a clean finish. Always good value. Drink now. 70,000 cases made.

87 Tenuta di Biserno Toscana Insoglio 2007 \$40 Starts soft and fruity, with slightly jammy yet fresh forest fruit and herb character. Full-bodied, with a silky palate, firming up and giving a lingering, oaky mineral finish. Syrah, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Drink now. 16,500 cases made.

87 Elisabetta Toscana Brunetti 2004 \$20 Decadent ripe fruit and meat aromas open to a bouquet of flowers. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins. There's a good core of fruit, but this turns a little austere. Time in the bottle should mellow this out. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese. Best after 2010. 6,000 cases made.—J.S.