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**A GUIDE TO THE WORLD  
 OF ITALIAN WINES  
 FOR EXPERTS  
 AND WINE LOVERS**

**2,206 PRODUCERS  
 16,000 WINES**

**282 THREE GLASSES  
 25 RETROSPECTIVE  
 THREE GLASSES  
 AWARDS**

## CASTEGGIO (PV)

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With the Vite, Ambiente, Qualità (Vine, Environment, Quality) project, supervised by Riccardo Cotarella, Cantina di Casteggio aims to ensure future production will continue along the road to higher quality. The most interesting wine this year is Barbera Console Marcello '04, which went straight to the Three Glass finals. An almost impenetrable ruby colour, it is well constructed with oak that, although evident, never masks the balsamic notes and intact wild berry aromas. Tasting shows it to be powerful yet well balanced, modern and sure to improve with a year or two in bottle. The Longobardo '04 is an IGT from croatina, barbera, cabernet sauvignon and pinot nero. The remarkable pulp shows blackberry and blueberry upfront, and although it still has slightly exuberant tannins, everything is in place to round out the rough edges in bottle. Excellent scores also went to both the white and rosé versions of the classic method Pinot Nero Postumio, both impressing more with the cleanliness and finesse of their aromas than their structure. The Bianco is fuller and the Rosé softer and more of a charmer. These wines cost little more than six euros at the cellar door and it's almost impossible to find a top quality classic method sparkler at that sort of price. The Riesling Italice Clefi, Sauvignon, Mallovsia and Pinot Grigio '05 are well managed and varietal, with Clefi earning a special mention.

- OP Barbera Console Marcello '04 4\*
- Il Longobardo '04 4
- OP Pinot Nero Brut Postumio 4\*
- OP Pinot Nero Brut Postumio Rosé 4\*
- OP Malvasia '05 3
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- Il Longobardo '02 4
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