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25 RETROSPECTIVE THREE GLASSES AWARDS

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Piergiovanni Giusti only grows and vinifies lacrima di Morro d'Alba but he produces separate bottlings for his different takes on the grape. The driving force behind his range is the 30,000-bottle release of his basic Lacrima, which we tasted in its 2005 incarnation. Despite the far from straightforward year for weather, Giusti has made an intensely perfumed wine with classic notes of violet petals and roses. The balance of ripe tannins, drinkability and nose-palate consistency is perfect. If the Lacrima 2005 is a model to follow, the Rubbjano 2004 selection is on a completely different level of expression again, reaching unscaled heights for this type of wine. The concentrated aromatics are never invasive and manage to encompass vegetal notes with red fruits and candied peel. On the palate, it is creamily intense, smooth and rounded. It is just a shame that with only 3,000 bottles so little of it is made. Luigino 2004 is also just as perfumed but was matured for a good 13 months on the fine lees. This imparts character and complexity but also slightly more stalkiness and bitterness. While waiting for the first dried-grape wine, which should be released next year, Piergiovanni also sent us a rosé, Le Rose di Settembre 2005, which is yet another Lacrima di Morro d'Alba. We liked it for its perfect combination of drinkability and complexity, with fragrant almond and flower notes.

- Lacrima di Morro d'Alba Rubbjano '04   🍷🍷 4*
- Lacrima di Morro d'Alba Luigino '04   🍷🍷 5
- Lacrima di Morro d'Alba '05   🍷🍷 3*
- ⊙ Le Rose di Settembre '05   🍷🍷 3*
- Lacrima di Morro d'Alba Luigino '03   🍷🍷 4
- Lacrima di Morro d'Alba Rubbjano '03   🍷🍷 4