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The important news from the Pierazuoli family is that they have recently sold their Matroneo winery in Chianti Classico to concentrate all their energies on their other operations in Montalbano, Le Farnete and Cantagallo. The line-up they presented is as good as ever, with wine styles in a judiciously modern key demonstrating full respect for location as well as tradition. Carmignano Le Farnete Riserva '03 is superlative, introduced by dense ruby and a nose to match, its spice-enriched wild red berry fruit appealing and complex. Good alcohol bolsters a generous palate, assisted by dense, fine-grained tannins, and the finish, though a tad stiff, is leisurely and satisfying. Gioveto '03, a blend of 60 per cent sangiovese plus merlot and syrah, comes across as more self-confident than earlier vintages. Dense ruby leads off, while the nose opens to notes of crisp, peppery spice over an intriguing mix of fruit and roasted coffee. Power and finesse are in admirable balance in the mouth and the finale is lengthy and aromatic. Equally fine is Chianti Montalbano Riserva '03. Crisp cherry and floral notes are followed by a body of decent heft, smoothness and warm alcohol, while tannins are slightly drying on the finish. Somewhat off the mark this time is Carmignano Le Farnete '03. The attack is smooth enough but the nose comes across rather undefined and tannins impede its progression. Millarium '00 staged a fairish performance, releasing macaroons and toasted hazelnuts then building a smooth, well-crafted palate.

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