

Wine Spectator

San Felice

Brunello di Montalcino Il Quercione Riserva 1997

This is a wine that evolves wonderfully in your glass. It first smells like raw meat and earth and then quickly turns to flowers and tar and finally superripe fruit. Fascinating. Full-bodied and powerful, with supersilky tannins and a dense, yet refined finish. Best after 2004. 900 cases made. —JS

Score: 95

Release Price: \$132

Country: Italy

Region: Tuscany

Issue: May 31, 2003

Toscana Vigorello 1997

This Tuscan red is big and plummy, full-bodied and tannic, with loads of vanilla and coconut, lots of pepper and berry character, too. Long, slightly hard finish. Needs time to mellow. Best after 2003. 5,000 cases made. —JS

Score: 92

Release Price: \$32

Country: Italy

Region: Tuscany

Special Designation: **Highly**

Recommended

Issue: Aug 31, 2000

Top 100 Wine

Year: 2000 Rank: 63

Chianti Classico Poggio Rosso Riserva 1997

Outstanding riserva. A rich and polished red, with very bright fruit character and crushed berry and mineral aromas throughout. Full body. Big velvety tannins that go on and on. Needs time. Best after 2001. 4,200 cases made. —JS

Score: 92

Release Price: \$34

Country: Italy

Region: Tuscany

Issue: Oct 31, 2000

Toscana Vigorello 1998

Wonderful berries, chocolate and cherries on the nose follow through to a medium- to full-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a chocolate and vanilla aftertaste. A beauty. Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2003. 5,500 cases made. —JS

Score: 90

Release Price: \$33

Country: Italy

Region: Tuscany

Issue: Oct 31, 2001

Toscana Vigorello 1999

Lots of currant and black licorice on the nose. Full-bodied and chewy, with plenty of fruit, ripe tannins and a long finish. Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2004. 5,200 cases made. —JS

Score: 90

Release Price: \$44

Country: Italy

Region: Tuscany

Issue: Sep 30, 2002

Chianti Classico Poggio Rosso Riserva 1999

Opulent aromas of crushed berries and flowers. Full-bodied, with velvety, round tannins and a long, long finish. A pretty and harmonious red. Best from 2003 through 2010. 4,500 cases made. —JS

Score: 91
Release Price: \$35
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Sep 15, 2002

Toscana Vigorello 2000

A peppery red, with plum and ripe fruit character. Full-bodied, with fine tannins but a slightly austere, powerful finish. Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2005. 5,000 cases made. —JS

Score: 89 | Price: \$45
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 15, 2003

Chianti Classico Poggio Rosso Riserva 2000

Fantastic aromas of blackberry, tobacco and smoky barrels follow through to a full-bodied palate, with velvety tannins and a long, caressing finish. Always an excellent single-vineyard CC. Drink now. 3,900 cases made. —JS

Score: 91 | Price: \$42
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 31, 2003

Toscana Vigorello 2001

Beautiful focused aromas of currants, raspberries and cigar humidor. Medium- to full-bodied, with silky tannins and a refined, beautiful finish. This is always outstanding. Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2005. 5,400 cases made. —JS

Score: 90
Release Price: \$44
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 15, 2004

Brunello di Montalcino 2001

Loads of blackberry and spice character. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and lots of fruit. Long and caressing. Silky texture. Best after 2009. 8,500 cases made. —JS

Score: 92
Release Price: \$46
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Apr 30, 2006

Maremma Toscana Tenuta Perolla Poggibano 2004

Very ripe on the nose, almost jammy. Full-bodied, velvety and juicy. Long and delicious. Slightly one-dimensional, but concentrated. A new wine. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2008. 400 cases imported. —JS

Score: 88 | Price: \$25
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 31, 2006

Toscana Vigorello 2003

Very ripe aromas of currant and berry, with hints of fresh mushroom. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long finish. Chewy. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best after 2009. 2,900 cases made. —JS

Score: 89
Release Price: \$49
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 15, 2007

Campogiovanni Brunello di Montalcino San Felice 2003

Fresh and fruity, delivering plum and blackberry character. Medium-bodied, with a clean finish. Best after 2008. 6,700 cases made. —JS

Score: 87
Release Price: \$65
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Web Only (2008)

Pugnitello Toscana 2004

Lovely nose that reminds me of Zinfandel, with plum and flowers. Full-bodied, with jammy character, yet fresh, silky and long. Beautiful and full of character. Pugnitello is an obscure, rediscovered Tuscan varietal. Best after 2009. 900 cases made. —JS

Score: 90
Release Price: \$49
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 31, 2007

Maremma Toscana Tenuta Perolla Poggibano 2005

Soft and silky, with berry and chocolate character. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium finish. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2008. 2,000 cases made. —JS

Score: 87
Release Price: \$25
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 31, 2007

Chianti Classico Il Grigio Riserva 2004

Aromas of berry, spice and flowers follow through to a medium body, with bright acidity and a lemony finish. Drink now. 23,300 cases made. —JS

Score: 85
Release Price: \$24
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 31, 2007

Maremma Toscana Tenuta Perolla Poggibano 2004

Very ripe on the nose, almost jammy. Full-bodied, velvety and juicy. Long and delicious. Slightly one-dimensional, but concentrated. A new wine. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2008. 400 cases imported. —JS

Score: 88
Release Price: \$25
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 31, 2006

Toscana Vigorello 2004

A little raisiny on the nose, with hints of coffee and prune. Full-bodied and chewy, with lots of ripe fruit and a medium finish. A little chewy. Needs a little more bottle time. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best after 2009. —JS

Score: 88
Release Price: \$53
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Web Only (2008)

Chianti Classico Poggio Rosso Riserva 2004

This shows good concentration of plum and berry on a tight, medium body, with intense fruit on a well-balanced structure. Drink now. 500 cases imported.

Score: 87
Release Price: \$49
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Web Only (2008)

Chianti Classico Il Grigio Riserva 2005

Shows very attractive plum and berry aromas, with vanilla bean undertones. Full-bodied, rich and velvety, with a long, fresh finish. A beautiful wine. Drink now. 23,600 cases made. —JS

Score: 90
Release Price: \$25
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 31, 2008

Maremma Toscana Tenuta Perolla 2006

Shows plum and light raisin on the nose. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a medium finish. Merlot, Sangiovese and Syrah. Best after 2010. 7,500 cases made. —JS

Score: 87
Release Price: \$11
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Oct 15, 2008

Vermentino Maremma Toscana Perolla 2007

Bright and crisp, with green apple, lemon rind and Sauvignon-like aromas and flavors. Medium and crisp, with a clean finish. Drink now. 3,875 cases made. —JS

Score: 86
Release Price: \$13
Country: Italy
Region: Tuscany
Issue: Web Only (2008)