

WINE EXPO / Enoteca Centrale / Champagne World HQ

2933 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica 90404

(310) 828-4428 WineExpo@earthlink.net FAX 828-2969 1-800-WINE EXPO

featuring TORRICINO

These brilliant comments appeared in the WINE EXPO's Holiday 2006 News

Robert Rogness, the General Manager, is the author.

If you want to use these comments or portion of them, please mention the source.

It is matter of fairness and courtesy. Enjoy the reading! **Paolo Boselli**



Our White Wine Producer of the Year: **Torricino di Stefano di Marzo, Tufo, Campania**

Meeting Stefano di Marzo was an experience: he is INTENSE! He has dedicated his very existence to one thing: staying out of the way of Mother Nature as she sings ancient songs in Neapolitan dialect from the sides of his family's old and gnarled vineyards in Tufo and Lapio. Aside from fanatical, hands on wine GROWING (not making), Stefano is so very proud of the fact that his vineyards are located on top of volcanic sulfur deposits and thus have an insane aromatic profile and mineral driven structure that you have to experience to believe (and we mean that in a GOOD way).

Torricino Greco di Tufo 2005, Campania \$18.99

A huge hit at our New Releases tastings last fall, this wine brought a lot of folks who thought they did not like ANY white wine to their knees and made them rethink the very concept. And here is a comment from an internet wine buddy of ours: "That wine stopped and then redirected the conversation at a party, wow...." So, what does it taste like? Imagine a tincture of dried apricots, wild honey and toasted almonds but with an absolutely dry and invigorating finish. But it's better than that...

Torricino Fiano di Avellino 2005, Campania \$21.99

We could tell you all sorts of technical stuff about why this wine is so good but it is all on the back label anyway. More to the point are our notes from VinItaly 2006: "Absolutely the best white at the fair. THICK in the mouth, lots of aromatics and great acidity to back it all up. Double down on this!" We did and it is here but VERY limited.