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The Ruspoli family returns to the Guide this year. Among other newsworthy events is a change of winemakers, with duties entrusted to Lorenzo Landi, and all of the estate's 50 hectares of vineyards is being replanted. Lilliano boasts a venerable history and its villa resides in a 19th-century hamlet. The area has always enjoyed an excellent reputation for growing sangiovese, so much so that it is regarded as a benchmark for Chianti traditions. Efforts made in the past few years have now come to fruition, and the wines presented this year compare with the best from the past. For instance, they no longer show the excessive hardness that has been their primary characteristic but they still retain their own individual identity. Chianti Classico '04 is representative and turned in a terrific performance. A sparkling ruby, it offers clean, nicely sculpted aromas with pungent herbs enriching generous impressions of fruit, largely wild cherry. The palate is elegant and supple, in perfect step with judicious alcohol and well-integrated tannins. Even acidity supports throughout and a tasty finale caps an admirable offering. Riserva '03 presents a more evolved bouquet, with leather and animal skin predominating over some well-ripened fruit, such as dried plum. The alcohol keeps a solid charge of tannins well in check and finishes long. Anagallis '03 is less satisfactory, showing well structured but with tannins that are too drying.

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