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2,256 PRODUCERS
18,000 WINES

305 THREE GLASSES

Tenuta di Lilliano
 LOC. LILLIANO, 8
 53011 CASTELLINA IN CHIANTI [SI]
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ANNUAL PRODUCTION 250,000 bottles
HECTARES UNDER VINE 50
VITICULTURE METHOD Conventional

The Ruspoli family did well again, even though they obviously have the stuff for even more stellar results. Tenuta di Lilliano lies in an exceptional terroir in Chianti Classico, one of the areas renowned for the qualities that it can coax from sangiovese. Winemaking at Lilliano goes back to the 19th century, although production only took off only in the early 20th century, when the property was acquired by the Berlingieri family. The winery's golden age began in the 1960s, thanks to the hard work of Eleonora Berlingieri Ruspoli, who took over the reins of the winery. One of the first women in Italy to be involved in winemaking, she turned out superb vintages that won widespread esteem. Anagallis '04, a sangiovese, merlot and colorino blend, performed well, its mineral-edged aromas and zesty flavours complementing a powerful palate and lengthy conclusion. Equally fine is Chianti Classico Riserva '04. No less dense, its strong points are a pungent balsam on the nose and lively, spacious tannins. Chianti Classico '05 is uncomplicated but enjoyable.

- Anagallis '04 6
- Chianti Cl. Ris. '04 5
- Chianti Cl. '05 4
- Chianti Cl. E. Ruspoli Berlingieri Ris. '85 6
- Chianti Cl. '04 4
- Chianti Cl. Ris. '03 5
- Anagallis '99 6