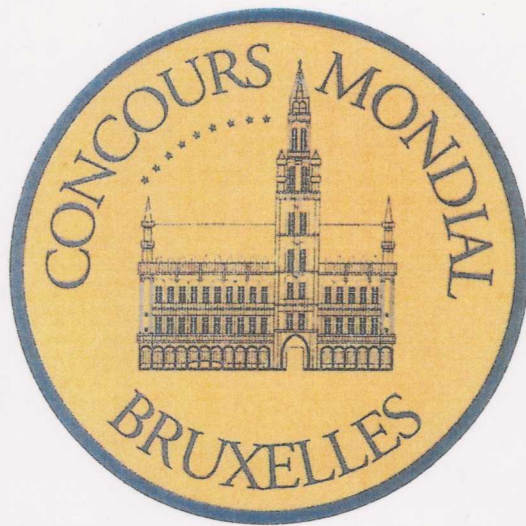


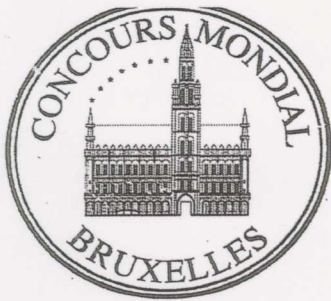
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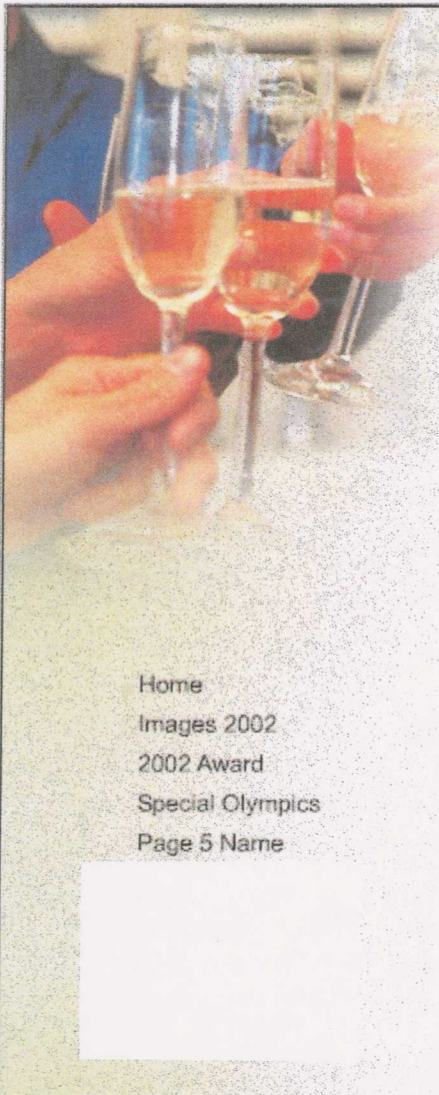
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Champagne (All)

Gosset NV	Go
Moet & Chandon	Sil
Philipponnat Brut	B

Sparkling Wine (Under \$15.00)

Tosti Pinot Grigio	G
La Villa Prosecco	Si
Loredan Gasparini Venegazzu	
Prosecco dei Montello e Colli Asolani	
Aneri Prosecco	

Sparkling Wine (Over \$15.00)

Gratien Meyer Renaissance	
Ferrari Brut	G
Korbel Natural	S
Alfred Gratien Brut NV	F

California Chardonnay (Under \$15.00)

Dunnewood 2000	G
Fetzer Barrel Select 2000	S
Chateau Julien 2000	E

California Chardonnay (Over \$15.00)

Longoria Santa Rita Hills 2000	
Robert Mondavi Napa 2000	S
Rombauer 2000	E

California Zinfandel (Under \$15.00)

Ballentine Napa 1998	
Rancho Zabacco Heritage 2000	S
Bogle Old Vines 2000	I

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Truchard Napa 2000	S
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California Merlot (Under \$15.00)

Blackstone 2000	Gold
Ravenswood 2000	Silver
M. Trinchero Family Selection 1999	Silver
Dunnwood 2000	Bronze

California Merlot (Over \$15.00)

M. Trinchero Chicken Ranch 1999	Gold
Artesa 1998	Silver
Ballentine Napa 1998	Bronze

California Cabernet Sauvignon (Under \$15.00)

Bogle 1999	Gold
Estancia 1999	Silver
M. Trinchero Family Estates 1998	Silver
Geyser Peak 1999	Bronze
Chateau Julien 1998	Bronze

California Cabernet Sauvignon (Over \$15.00)

Altamura 1998	Gold
Frazier Lupine Hill 1998	Silver
Bell Baritelle Vineyard 1998	Bronze
Honig 1999	Bronze

Other California Whites (Under \$15.00)

Quady Electra Orange Muscat Blanc	Gold
Iannarelli Late Harvest Viognoles	Silver
Montevina Pinot Grigio	Bronze
Honig Sauvignon Blanc	Bronze

Other California Whites (Over \$15.00)

Rodney Strong Sauvignon Blanc	Gold
Truchard Roussanne Napa 2000	Silver
Simi Sauvignon Blanc	Bronze

Other California Reds (Under \$15.00)

Blackstone Syrah 2000	Gold
Bogle Petite Syrah 2000	Silver

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Bell Syrah 1999	Gold
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Columbia Estate Cellars Riesling 2000	Gold
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Chateau St. Michelle Eroica 2001	Gold
Chateau St. Michelle Merlot 1999	Silver

America Reds (Under \$15.00)

Llano Shiraz 2001	Gold
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Chateau St. Michelle Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 Bronze

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Casa La Postolle Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 Gold
 S. Rita RSV Merlot 2000 Silver
 La Playa Merlot 1999 Silver
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Chilean Reds (Over \$15.00)

S. Rita Medalla Real Cabernet Sauvignon 1999 Gold
 Concha Y Toro Don Melchor 2000 Silver
 Marques Casa De Concha Cabernet Sauvignon 2000 Bronze

Chilean Whites (Under \$15.00)

S. Rita Sauvignon Blanc 2000 Gold
 Terrazas Chardonnay 2000 Silver
 La Playa Sauvignon Blanc 2000 Bronze

Italy Reds (Under \$15.00)

Terrale Primitivo 2000 Gold
 Renzo Massi Chianti 1998 Gold
 Poggio Salvi Chianti Colli Senesi 2000 Gold
 Terre Di Ginstra Mero D'Avolva 1998 Silver
 Avignonesi Rosso 2000 Bronze
 Castelo De Meleto Chianti Classico 1998 Bronze

Italy Reds (Over \$15.00)

Loredan Gasparini -Venegazzu Capo di Stato 1998 Gold
 Dievole Broccatu Toscana 1997 Silver
 Cataldi Madonna Montepulciano 2000 Bronze

Italy Whites (Under \$15.00)

Lumina Pinot Grigio 2000 Gold
 Ca Del Sarto Pinot Grigio Silver
 Foffani Pinot Grigio Silver
 Villanova Pinot Grigio 2000 Bronze

Australia Reds (Under \$15.00)

Wolf Blass Cabernet Sauvignon 2000 Gold
 Miranda Shiraz 1999 Silver
 Reynolds Cabernet Sauvignon 2001 Bronze
 Rosemount Hill of Gold Cabernet Sauvignon
 2000 Bronze

Australia Reds (Over \$15.00)

Miranda 1st Reserve Barrosa Old Vine Shiraz 1999 Gold
 Yalumba Shiraz 2000 Silver
 Rosemount Cabernet Sauvignon Conawarra 1998 Bronze

Australia Whites (Under \$15.00)

Hanwood Estate Chardonnay 2001 Gold

Miranda Chardonnay 2001 Silver

France Reds (Under \$15.00)

Les Salices Pinot Noir Gold
 Domaine de la Solitude Cotes du Rhone Silver
 Daniel Brusset Cotes du Rhone Silver
 Lurton Les Boteaux Syrah Bronze

France Reds (Over \$15.00)

Chateau Gironville Haut Medoc 1998 Gold
 Tortoise Creek Merlot Cabernet Silver
 Chateau Garraud Lalande de Pomerol 1999 Bronze

France Whites (Under \$15.00)

Pere Anselme Viognier "Best of Show" Gold
 Chateau Grillon Sauternes 2000 Silver
 Lurton Les Salices Viognier Silver
 Lurton Les Fume's Blanches Sauvignon Blanc Bronze

South America Reds (Under \$15.00)

Fantelli Malbec 1999 Gold
 Fantelli Syrah 1999 Silver
 Fantelli Merlot 1999 Bronze

South America Whites (Under \$15.00)

Wienert Sauvignon Blanc 2000 Gold

Rest Of Europe Reds (Under \$15.00)

Quinta do Cachao Tinta Roriz Douro 2000 Gold
 Roberts Rock Shiraz Malbec Silver
 Goats Du Roam Bronze

Rest Of Europe Whites (Under \$15.00)

Lucashof Estate Riesling Off Dry 1999 Gold
 Richter Estate Riesling 2000 Silver
 Schlossgut Diel Riesling 1998 Bronze

Spanish Reds (Under \$15.00)

Marques de Moral Crianza 1998 Gold
 Marques del Puerto Crianza 1998 Silver
 Solaguen Crianza Rioja 1998 Silver
 Joan D'Anguera La Planella 2000 Bronze

Spanish Reds (Over \$15.00)

Campillo Rioja Gold
 Tinto Pesquera Crianza 1999 Silver

Marques de Riscal Baron De Chirel Rioja

Bronze

Spanish Whites (Under \$15.00)

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character he wanted. The second half of his flight (moving towards pure Sangiovese) he said, 'was like stepping back 15 or 20 years, with thin, oxidised, tired, astringent wines. And we know Tuscany is capable of better than that.'

■ Ageing

On the question of ageing, the panel was pretty much aligned: drink them

now, or over the next five years. Few are worth keeping. 'Most will be at their best in two to five years, and a few will last five to 10 years and be glorious,' Patricia Stefanowicz MW said. Luigi Fioretti concurred: 'Apart from a few cases, you'd probably want to drink all the wines now or in a couple of years.'

There seemed to be a groundswell of indignation at the pricing of such wines.

If they weren't to keep, then why the £15+ price tags on the majority? Many of the tasters were content to grumble – 'overpriced' said Coverdale, and 'they would be nice if they were cheap,' agreed Fioretti.

But Belfrage was not in diplomatic mood. 'Desperately overpriced,' was his verdict. 'I think we should try very hard to get them to bring their prices down.'

THE TASTERS

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wine name	price	tasting note	drinkability	stockist
■ La Gerla, Birba	£19.95–22	'Closed nose. Needs time. Rounded, ripe flavours, mouthfilling with some depth but a little closed. Juicy with satisfying length. 2–5 years.' (ND)		MiG, N&P
■ Morisfarms, Avvoitore	£22.50	'Classic nose, heat, ripe fruit, oak. Appealing fruit, plenty of oak, very obviously Tuscan, pleasant tannins and overall very drinkable. 2–5 years.' (GC)		C&B
■ Palazzo, Alcineo		'Pleasant aromas, a bit before its time but good. Stood out from Supertuscans in that it is in a good, traditional Tuscan style. Serious, well-made Sangiovese. 2–5 years.' (NB)		N/A UK +39 057 784 84
■ Palazzo Altesi, Altesino, Alte d'Altese	£19–22	'Elegant nose of wood and fruit. Well balanced, big fruit palate, balanced oak and tannins – finishes a little aggressively. 5–10 years.' (GC)		ThH
■ Podere Poggio Scalette, Il Carbonaione	£29.50	'Attractive, if not typical Sangiovese. Sweet raspberry fruit with sour cherry character developing. Ripe tannins – approachable now but will cellar. 2–5 years.' (JD)		MiG
■ Poderi del Paradiso, Paterno II		'Pronounced black fruits and cedar aromas, attractive, mint overtones. Lovely black fruits and integrated vanilla oak, savoury tannins and crisp acidity, long. 2–10 years.' (PS)		N/A UK +39 057 794 11
■ Poggio Salvi, Campo del Bosco	£15	'Rustic aromas of leather and plums. Broadness of structure framed by tannins and supported by juicy fruit and lifted acidity. 2–8 years.' (ND)		Fri
■ Querceto di Castellina, Podalirio		'Savoury vegetal aromas with hint of ripe berry fruit and oak. Spicy, rich berry fruit, good acidity, ripe tannins and an elegant finish. 2–10 years.' (VF)		N/A UK +39 057 773 3
■ San Felice, Vigorello	£52.30	'Pronounced crunchy black fruits, cedary, oaky, nutty notes. Dense black fruits with smoky overlay. Firm tannins, balanced acidity. Long finish, modern style. 2–10 years.' (PS)		Cib (on-trade) GIB
■ Sensi, Testardo	£7.14	'Rich, concentrated tar and spice. Almost Amarone like. Follows through to the palate. Well balanced, powerful yet rich, rounded fruit and finish. 2–8 years.' (ND)		CWF
■ Talenti, Podere Pian di Conte		'Oaky, spicy, vanilla pods, tea leaf and cherry with a tarry undertone. Soft fruit, pleasant and balanced, fresh oak, rich palate with spicy tones and concentration. 2–10 years.' (LF)		N/A UK +39 057 784 84
■ Tenuta di Ghizzano, Veneroso	£21.50	'Rich fruit, modern style. Lots of sweet new oak, smoky, opulent. Rich, juicy, supple, fleshy then tannins kick in. Long, chewy finish with cherry fruit. Good length. 5–10 years.' (SB)		EnW
■ Tenuta di Valgiano	£25.95	'Morello cherry, tobacco, good intensity and persistence. Sleek young tannins, good body and balance, long finish – rich and full. 10 years+' (RC)		Sec
■ Tenuta la Cipressaia, Borgoricco		'Plummy nose, a lot of new oak, smoky. Fresh, quite intense, peppery, not that rich or broad but a distinctive style with elegance. Integral tannins. Good length. 2–5 years.' (SB)		N/A UK +39 057 167

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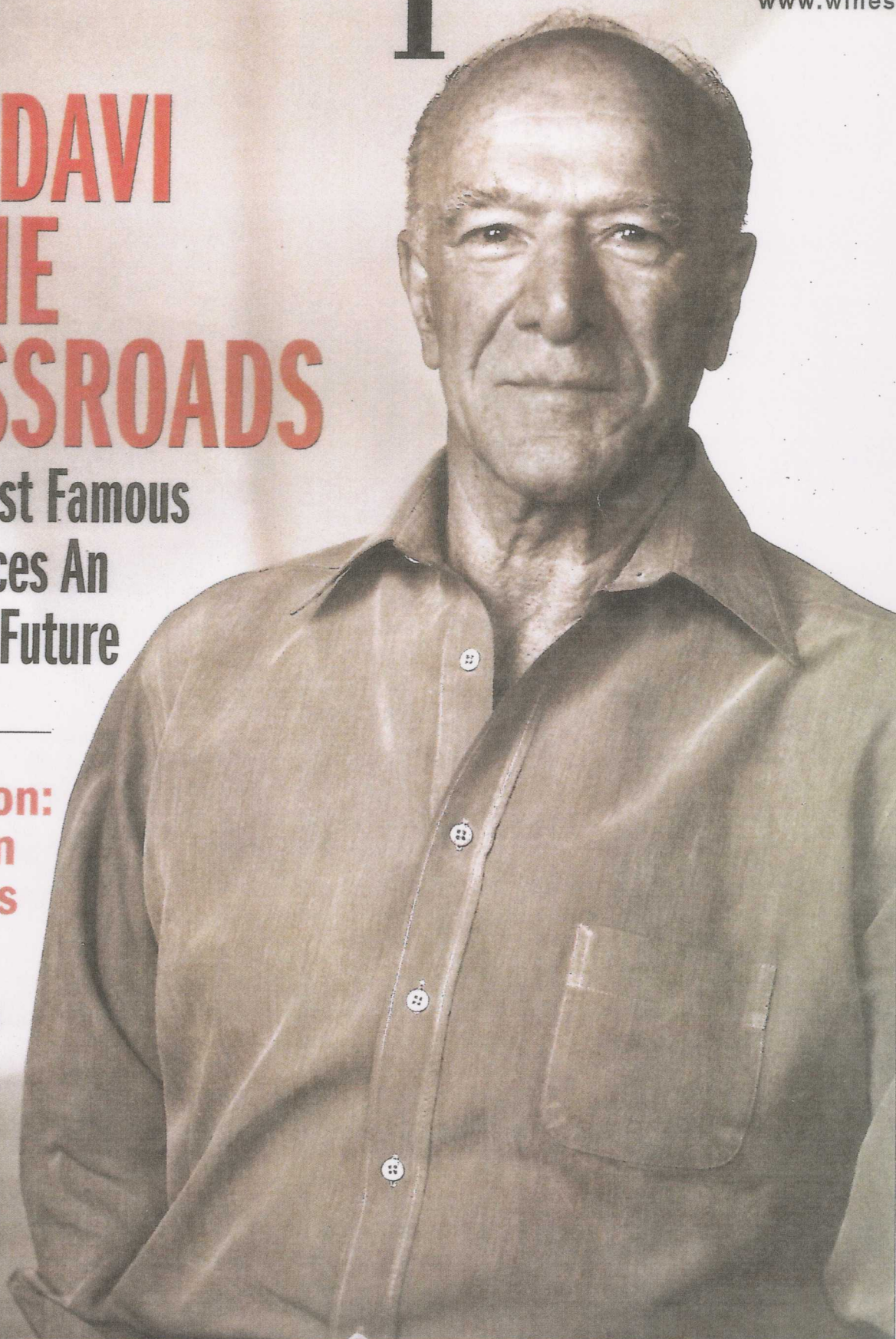
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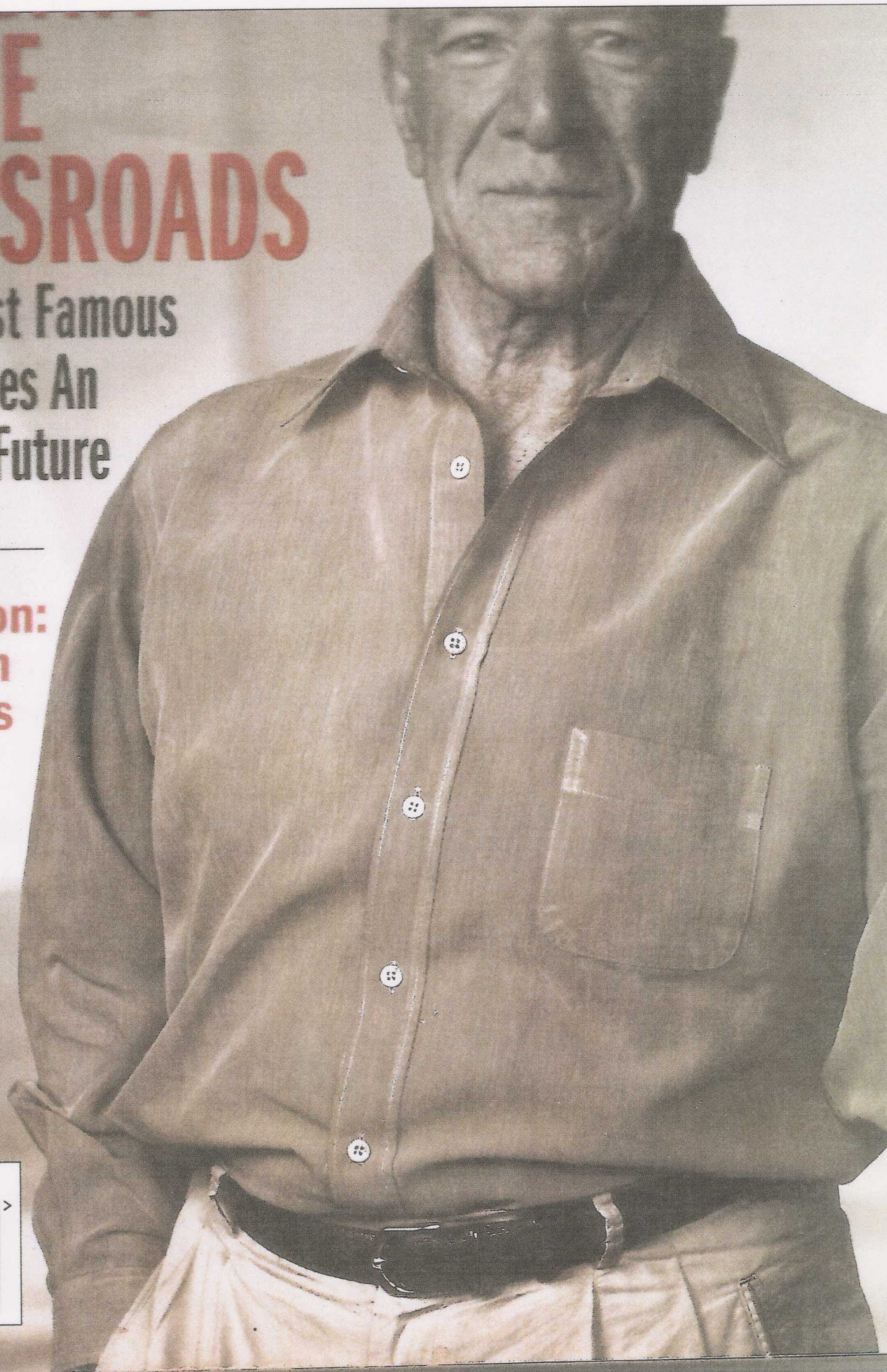
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Fonterutoli Toscana Slepì 2001 \$115 us blackberry, blueberry and milk chocolate aromas. Full-bodied, with supersilky tannins and a long, long finish. A beauty. Best after 2006. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Toscana one 2000 \$63 Full-bodied, with lots of velvety tannins and lovely berry and chocolate character. Always serious. Merlot. Best after 2006. 3,000 cases made.—J.S.

Giusti & Zanza Toscana Dulcamara 2000 The currant and violet character really shows. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a long finish. Big and powerful. As good as the 1997. Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best after 2005. 830 cases made.—J.S.

Macchiole Toscana Scrío 2000 \$176 Intriguing aromas of rose, berry and light earth, with a hint of flowers. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a fruit power that envelops your mouth. Merlot and Syrah. Best from 2004 through 2009. 400 cases made.—J.S.

Borro Toscana 2001 \$88 New World wine here. Lots of strawberry jam, berry and red fruit aromas. Medium- to full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, fruity finish. From the Ferragamo, the fashion magnate. Best after 2005. 250 cases made.—J.S.

Castellani della Cerbaia Toscana one 2001 \$45 Lovely floral, berry and plum aromas, with just a hint of new wood. Full-bodied, with soft tannins and a long, delicious finish. Drink it now. Best after 2005. 1,500 cases made.—J.S.

Fattoria di Felsina Toscana Fontalloro 2000 \$60 Really lovely. Beautiful blackberry and plum aromas with just a hint of vanilla. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, sweet fruit finish. Lots in Sangiovese. Best after 2005. 2,855 cases made.—J.S.

Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Toscana one 2001 \$73 Big and jammy, with loads of berry and plum character. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long finish. Another New World-meets-Old-World wine. Merlot and Sangiovese. Best after 2005. 1,500 cases made.—J.S.

Giusti & Zanza Toscana Belcore 2001 Really great, with plum, berry and floral aromas. Full-bodied and very well-integrated, with fine tannins and a long, long finish. It's all there. Sangiovese and Merlot. Best after 2006. 5,500 cases made.—J.S.

Fattoria di Lilliano Toscana Bruzzico 2000

tannins and a long, long finish. Impressive indeed. Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese. Best after 2006. 700 cases made.—J.S.

91 Luce della Vite Toscana Luce 2000 \$75 Really well-crafted. Gorgeous bright fruit, with perfume, berry and currant and hints of mineral. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium finish. From Mondavi and Frescobaldi. Made in Montalcino. Best after 2005. 10,800 cases made.—J.S.

91 Fattoria Monsanto Toscana Tinscivì 2000 \$35 Really complex aromas of berries, cedar, cinnamon, cloves and dried flowers. Medium- to full-bodied, with very fine tannins and a long, long finish. A wine that speaks to you softly. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best after 2005. 2,000 cases made.—J.S.

91 Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana Masseto 2000 \$300 Complex aromas of berry, fresh herb and light toasty oak. Full-bodied, with lovely fruit and refined, almost lean tannins. Needs age. A very reserved style for Masseto. Merlot. Best after 2006. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

91 Poggio Saivi Toscana Campo del Bosco 2000 \$45 Starts off earthy, then opens to fresh fruit and flowers. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, opulent aftertaste. Superrich. 80 percent San-

giovese, 20 percent Cabernet and Merlot. 2004. 660 cases made.—J.S.

91 Poliziano Toscana Le Stanze 2000 \$75 Beautiful aromas of bright fruit, with fresh herb and plum. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long finish. Always a lovely blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese. Best after 2006. 2,000 cases made.—J.S.

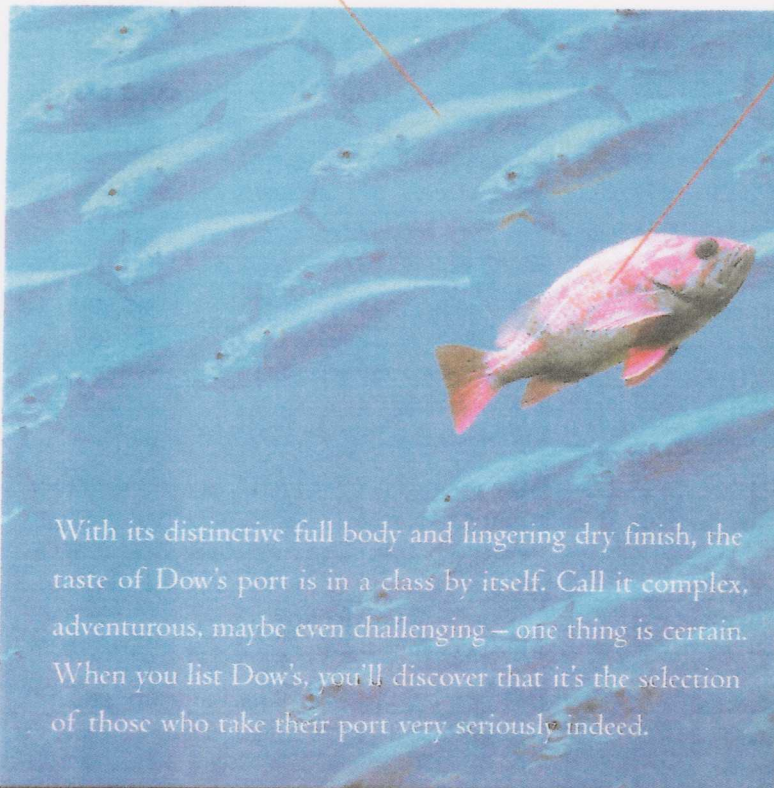
91 Rocca delle Macie Toscana S. Maria 2000 \$28 A big and rich Sangiovese of fruit and velvety tannins. Full-bodied and exciting. An excellent red. Best after 2006. 3,000 cases made.—J.S.

91 San Fabiano Calcinaia Toscana 2001 \$59 Refined yet powerful. Beautiful aromas of plum, berry, chocolate and just a hint of fresh herb. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a long finish. Needs time. Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best after 2006. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

91 Tenuta San Guido Toscana Guale 2001 \$50 Incredible amount of aromas, almost like rosewood, with hints of plum and cherry. Full-bodied, with lots of ripe fruit and a long, long finish. Goes on and on. A beautiful wine from Sassicaia. Best after 2006. 5,000 cases made.—J.S.

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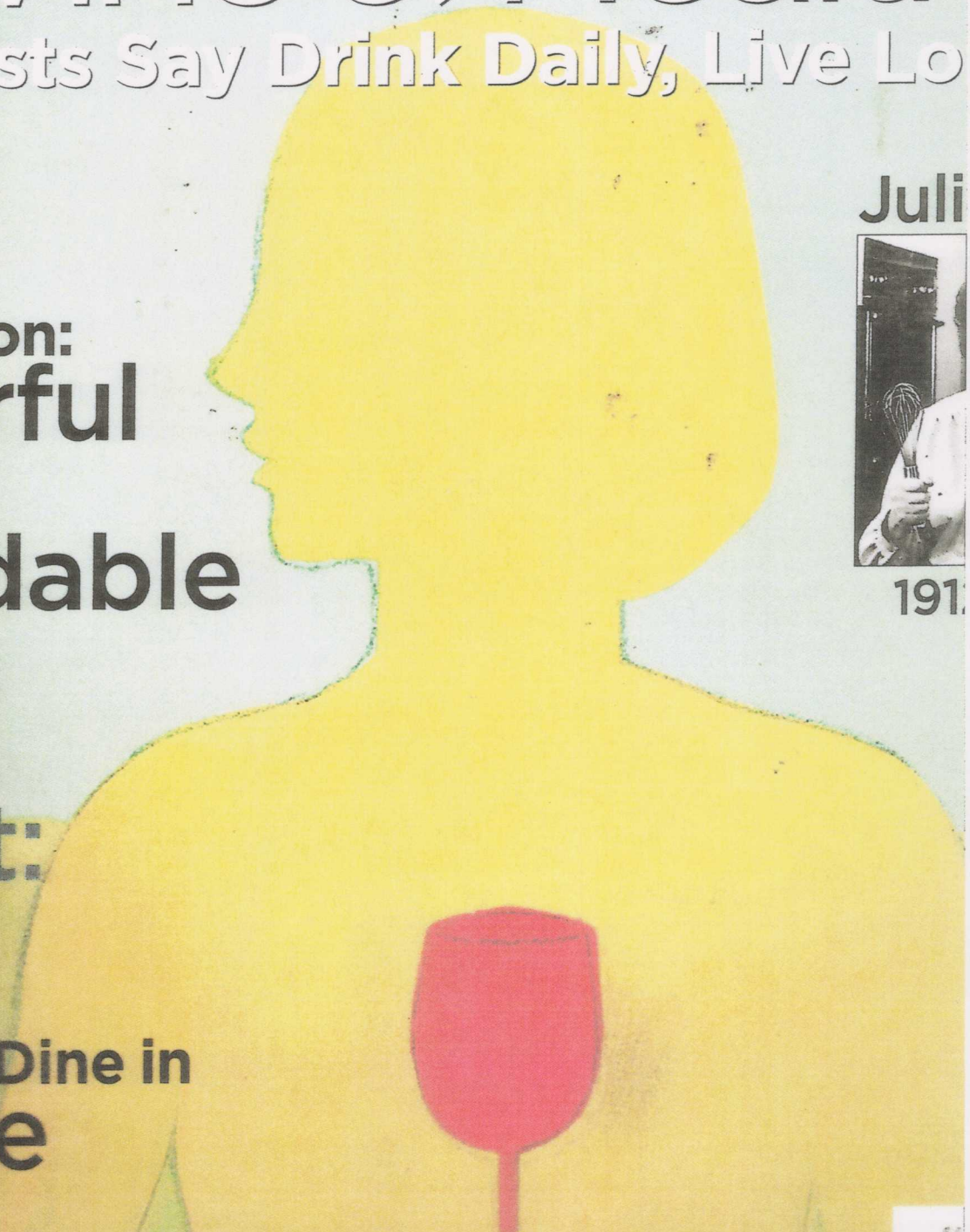
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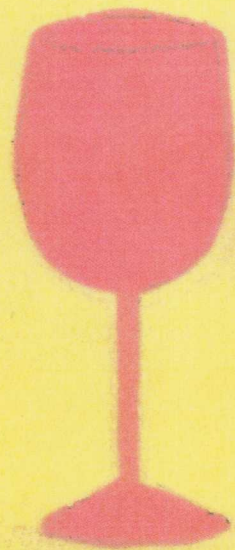
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85 Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano Carmen Puthod 2002 \$21 Mineral and apple character follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with good acidity and a clean finish. Drink now. 1,665 cases made.—J.S.

85 Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano Vigna Rondolino 22003 \$17 Fresh and clean, with apple and lime character, medium body and a crisp finish. Drink now. 1,665 cases made.—J.S.

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Tuscany / Vino Nobile di Montepulciano

92 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Asinone 2001 \$40 Impressive aromas of blackberries, lightly toasted oak and cappuccino. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long, long finish. A real beauty. Fantastic wine. This is the best Asinone ever from here. Best after 2005. 3,500 cases made.—J.S.

91 Fattoria del Cerro Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Vigneto Antica Chiusina 2001 \$78 Very pretty blackberry and dried berry on the nose and palate, with hints of coffee. Full-bodied, chewy and long. This is always one of the best Vino Nobiles. Best after 2005. 1,350 cases made.—J.S.

91 Poggio Salvi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2001 \$26 A beautiful wine in total harmony, with blackberry, light vanilla and a cherry, chocolate undertone. Full-bodied, yet refined and balanced. Long finish. Refinement in a bottle. First Vino Nobile I have had from here. Excellent stuff. Best after 2005. 600 cases made.—J.S.

89 Fattoria del Cerro Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2001 \$30 Good blackberry and chocolate character, with hints of vanilla. Medium- to full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium finish. Very well done. Best after 2005. 25,000 cases made.—J.S.

88 Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2001 \$22 Very velvety, with lovely berry and cherry character and hints of cream. Full-bodied, with a very attractive texture. Long. Drink now. 25,000 cases made.—J.S.

88 Del Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Bossona 2000 \$40 Good blackberry and cedar character. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a silky finish. This is very refined. Best after 2004. 1,600 cases made.—J.S.

88 Fattoria di Gracciano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Tor Calvano 2001 \$22 Attractive blackberry, vanilla and perfume aromas. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a long finish. Lots of new wood. Needs some bottle age to come around. Best after 2005. 5,000 cases made.—J.S.

88 Fattoria di Palazzo Vecchio Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2001 \$20 Plummy, round and soft, with a full body, full tannins and a juicy, fruity finish. Delicious now but will be better with bottle age. Best after 2005. 3,165 cases made.—J.S.

88 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2001 \$25 Lots of new wood in this young red with plum and dried red fruits on the nose and palate. Full-bodied, chewy and a medium finish. Needs some time. Best after 2005. 15,000 cases made.—J.S.

85 Poggio alla Saia Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2001 \$18 Loads of blackberry and chocolate character. Medium-bodied, with light tannins and a delicate finish. A bit too much new wood on the palate, but a good wine. Drink now. 6,500 cases made.—J.S.

85 Saicheto Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2001 \$30 Straightforward, with bright berry and cherry character, medium body and a fresh finish. Drink now. 3,800 cases made.—J.S.

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Tuscany / Other

94 Podere Poggio Scalette Alta Valle della Greve Il Carbonaione 2001 \$55 Fantastic aromas of blackberries, coffee and toasted oak. Full-bodied, with wonderfully silky tannins and a long, caressing finish. Wonderful balance. This is the best ever from the estate and from the owner, Vittorio Fiore, a legendary winemaker in the region. Best after 2005. 3,535 cases made.—J.S.

93 Avignonesi Vin Santo 1993 \$150/375ml Wow. Pure molasses, with apple tart and honey character. Full-bodied, very sweet, thick as honey, with a long finish. Superb. Drink now. 140 cases made.—J.S.

91 Bindella Colli dell'Etruria Centrale Vin Santo Dolce Sinfonia 1999 \$29/375ml A superthick sweetie, with maple syrup and treacle tart character. Full-bodied, with a long finish. Delicious. Drink now. 90 cases made.—J.S.

91 Capezzana Carmignano Villa di Capezzana 2001 \$NA Dark, with intense aromas of dried fruit and hints of raisin. Full-bodied, with black pepper and very ripe fruit. Long, silky, very peppery finish. Best after 2005. 7,200 cases made.—J.S.

91 Rocca di Montegrossi Vin Santo del Chianti Classico 1997 \$38/375ml Thick and lively, with dried figs, honey and molasses aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, very sweet and caressing. This is always outstanding. Drink now. 680 cases made.—J.S.

90 Avignonesi Cortona Toro Desiderio 2001 \$50 Focused and rich, with coffee, berry and licorice aromas and flavors. Medium- to full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a medium finish. Pure Merlot. Same quality as the 2000. Best after 2005. 3,330 cases made.—J.S.

90 La Regola Montescudaio 2001 \$60 Very attractive aromas of currants and crushed raspberries, with hints of chocolate. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and lots of fruit. A powerful, rich wine. Needs time. From the region of Riparbella. Excellent debut wine. Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Best after 2007. 550 cases made.—J.S.

89 Ambra Car... \$28 Loads of cu... Medium- to full-bo... delicious finish. Ni... after 2004. 310 cas...

88 La Bracc... 2001 \$40 Vio... Full-bodied, with v... Slightly angular an... nicely with bottle a... A new wine from A... 1,500 cases made.—

85 Pietrafitta 2000 \$22 Att... with a hint of oak... and fresh acidity. A... cases made.—J.S.

85 La Regola \$20 Ripe and f... nins and a minera... pasta. Drink now.

85 Torciano and fruity, with hi... bodied, with light... Drink now. 2,165

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wine name	price	tasting note	drinkability	stockist	mean score
■ Poggio Bonelli, Chigi Saracini, Poggiassai		'Big, fat, concentrated nose. Black cherry and bilberry. Sweet and full – lacks power of fruit concentration. Ripe fruit on finish. 6–14 years.' (DS)		N/A UK +39 057 735	15.37
■ La Gerla, Birba	not in stock	Lifted and perfumed cherry/plum fruit. At youthful stage of development. Tight tannins, balanced acids and sustained fruit. Will evolve. 3–6 years.' (ND)		5382L&W	15.25
■ Torre di Ciardo, Marchesi Torrigiani		'Dried prune and fig fruit aromas with earthy coffee complexity. Massive extract with plum and prune fruit, complex, well-judged oak. Long finish. 2–5 years.' (RS)		N/A UK +39 055 807 3001	15.25
■ Castellani, Teseo	out of stock	'Toasty oak, good fresh acidity and ripe medium-bodied fruit with supple tannins, quite intense fruit, maybe needs time for the oak to meld. 3–5 years.' (AR)		Buc	15.12
■ Argiano, Suolo	£65.50– 67.50	'Sweet black cherry and plum. Powerful sweet fruit, rounded good style of fruit, fragrant, dry. 5–11 years.' (DS)		Lib	15
■ Azienda Agricola Il Vescovino, Il Merlotto	£15	'Attractive dried nose, petals and red fruits. Perfumed, softly textured with lively acidity and moderate tannins, long, gently spiced finish. Up to 5 years.' (PS)		Bia	15
■ Azienda Agricola Poggio Salvi, Campo del Bosco	£14.50	'Fresh, clean fruit. Dry, rich acid. Aftertaste: good, concentrated and stylish. Tremendous depth of fruit and flavour, pure – needs time. 6–15 years.' (RW)		Fri	15
■ Azienda Agricola Pratesi, Locorosso		'Ripe and forward, forest fruits, with a hint of leather. Lovely blackcurrant fruit, melted tannins, medium weight – a charming, midweight wine. 2–5 years.' (GW)		N/A UK +39 055 870 4108	15
■ Michele Satta, Cavaliere		'Spicy, complex, earthy with complex berry (red) fruits. Open, ready, attractive. A beautiful wine. Flavourful, complex, grapey and long. Up to 10 years+.' (DH)		SoC	15
■ Tenuta di Valgiano, Cesari	£18.95	'Morello cherry. Quite sweet. Good fruit, length of flavour. Sweet and full. 5–9 years.' (DS)		Sec	15
■ Azienda Agricola Petriolo, Villa Petriolo, Golpaja		'A lot of ripe fruit. Pure fruit, sweet tannins, full body. 3 years.' (LG)		N/A UK +39 057 150 9491	14.87
■ Santa Brigida		'Nose: alcohol and ripe stonefruit compote evident. Bright, focused, dark cherry wine. Has drive and quite a lot of oak. For food and decanting. Up to 12 years.' (DH)		N/A UK +39 055 807 2948	14.87
■ Poggio Bonelli, Tramonto d'Oca		'Stalky aromas, floral undertones. Warm spice, chocolate, ripe, rich fruit with good deep fruit on the finish. Highish tannins on the finish. 2–5 years.' (LC)		N/A UK +39 057 735 5382	14.87
■ Azienda Agricola Pontodi, Flaccianello della Pieve	£32.95– 34.95	'Cherry bubblegum. Medium body and acids, medium-high tannins, cherry/plum flavours, tobacco. Long, crisp finish. 5–10 years.' (DF)		Lib, P&S, V&C, You	14.87
■ Azienda Agricola Sangervasio, A Sirio	not in stock	'Solid dark berry fruit. Substantial. Full, broad berry fruit, solid fruit and oak tannins with vanilla note. 2–5 years.' (ND)		L&W	14.87
■ Castello di Gabbiano, Bellezza	£19.99	'Liquoricy oak, rather sweet palate, quite appealing, sweetness, slightly overwhelming the fruit and finishing chewy. 1–2 years.' (AR)		BWE	14.87
■ Palazzo Altresi, Altresino	£15.95	'Fresh, citrus fruit. Acid, oak, jammy, fresh, dry. Leafy, oak. Tart, sweet fruit, tannin, citrus aftertaste. Slightly bitter tannin. 9 years.' (RW)		J&B	14.87
■ Tenuta Bacco a Petroio, Petroio Primo		'Glue! Ripe, plummy very fruity – intense plummy. Tannic – fresh fruit, full body – elegant. Not ready – well made. 5 years.' (LG)		N/A UK +39 057 150 9583	14.87

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- Fattoria La Canonica, Orfeo (14.62); ■ Fattoria Viticcio, Prunaio (14.62);
- Uggiano, Rubidio (14.62); ■ Azienda Agricola Montevertine (14.5);
- Isole e Olena, Cepparello (14.5); ■ Fattoria di Bibbiano, Pulignano (14.37);
- Azienda Agricola Montevertine, Le Pergole Torte (14.12); ■ Azienda Agricola Poggio Antinora, Incontro (14.12); ■ Azienda Agricola il Poderaccio, Brunaccio (13.87); ■ Piccini, Pelagrillo (13.87); ■ Uggiano (13.87);
- Conte Ferdinando Guicciardini, Castello di Poppiano, Tosco Forte (13.75); ■ Tenuta Oliveto, Il Leccio (13.75); ■ Cecchi, Spargolo (13.5);
- Azienda Agricola Poggio Antinora, Lo Zipolo (13.37); ■ Azienda

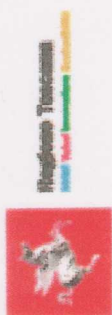
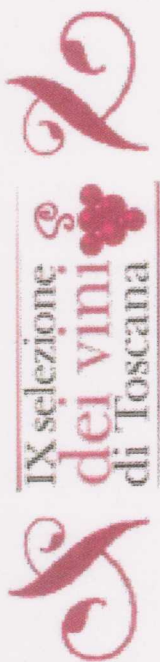
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■ Rustioni, I Venti di Camposilio (12.37); ■ Jacopo Biondi Santi, Sassuolo (12.16); ■ Burchino, Genius Loci (12.12); ■ Piccini, Patriale (11.62)

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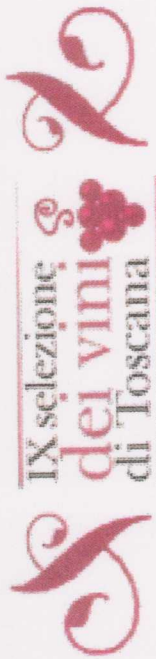
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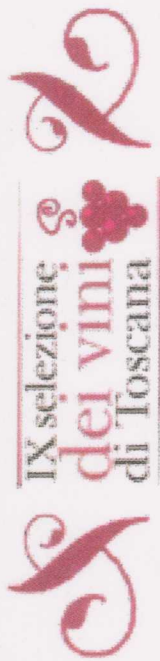
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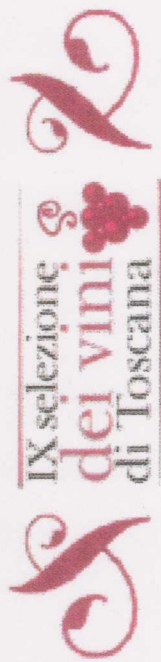
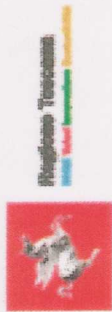
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