

James Suckling's Recommended Wines From Tuscany

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TOP WINES (continued)

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
LAZZERETTI Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 This has layers of rich, opulent fruit, offering berry, prune, chocolate and coffee flavors, with ripe, velvety tannins.	95	\$100
LUCE DELLA VITE Toscana 2007 A dense and powerful red, with currant and toasty oak character. Full and chewy. Structured and impressive. Very New World.	95	\$94
PETROLO Toscana Galatrona 2008 A powerful young Merlot, with green olive, sweet tobacco and tapenade character. Polished and impressive for the vintage.	95	\$135
PIAZZANO Syrah Colli della Toscana Centrale 2007 Shows the classic meat, dried berry and milk chocolate notes. Velvety and intense, with loads of fruit and a succulent finish.	95	\$33
LIVIO SASSETTI Brunello di Montalcino Pertimali Riserva 2004 A very raisiny Brunello that verges on Amarone in style and character. Full-bodied, round and Porty.	95	\$83
LA SERENA Brunello di Montalcino Gemini 2004 Dark red in color, showing impressive aromas of dried dark fruits, with a wonderful core of ripe, beautiful fruit.	95	\$115
SESTA DI SOPRA Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Silky, wonderfully polished tannins coat every inch of the palate in this full, dense and balanced Brunello. So gorgeous.	95	\$200 1.5L
TORNESI Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 A full-throttle Brunello, with intense aromas and flavors of prune, toasty oak and roasted coffee. So much on the palate.	95	\$70
VITANZA Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Lovely aromas of dried flowers, licorice, blueberry and mineral lead to a full body, with plenty of subtle fruit.	95	\$78

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WINE	SCORE	PRICE
GEOGRAFICO Chianti Classico 2007 A ripe and fruity red, with lovely strawberry and raspberry character.	90	\$18
PICCINI Chianti Classico Riserva 2007 Ripe and layered, with dried berries and plum on the nose and palate.	90	\$19
RUFFINO Toscana Il Ducale 2007 A little lean, but with plenty of ripe fruit, offering flavors of blueberry.	90	\$18
SAN FELICE Vermentino Maremma Toscana 2009 Full-bodied, featuring green melon and lemon on the nose and palate.	90	\$12
VITICCIO Chianti Classico 2008 Floral, berry and vanilla aromas lead to a full body, with loads of fruit.	90	\$23
MAZZEI Maremma Toscana Serrata di Belguardo 2008 This solid red offers dark berry, cedar and fresh sliced plum flavors.	89	\$19
PICCINI Chianti Selezione Oro Riserva 2007 Medium-bodied, with plenty of ripe fruit aromas, verging on raisin.	89	\$16
CAPEZZANA Toscana Monna Nera 2007 Medium and chewy, displaying plum and cedar on the nose and palate.	88	\$8
PICCINI Chianti Classico 2008 Full-bodied and silky, with a lovely core of fruit and subtle richness.	88	\$15
VILLA PILLO Toscana Borgoforte 2008 Sweet blackberry and cherry aromas and flavors lead to a full body.	88	\$12
CASTELLO BANFI Toscana Centine Red 2009 A juicy young red, with berry character and soft, velvety tannins.	87	\$11
LA CALONICA Sangiovese Cortona Calcinaio 2009 Floral and fruity aromas lead to a medium body, with bright acidity.	87	\$11
BIBI GRAETZ Toscana Casamatta Red 2009 This delicious red is grapey and fruity, with raspberry character.	87	\$12
BIBI GRAETZ Toscana Casamatta White 2009 Full, fruity and pretty, with lemon, pear and sliced apple flavors.	87	\$12
PIAZZANO Colli della Toscana Centrale Ventoso 2009 A little jammy and funky, but offers nicely decadent, chocolaty flavors.	87	\$12
ROCCA DELLE MACIE Maremma Toscana White Occhio al Vento 2009 Very mineral, with good fruit and dried grapefruit character.	87	\$15
ROCCA DELLE MACIE Sangiovese Toscana Rubizzo 2009 A bright, fruity young Sangiovese. Medium, fruity and delicious.	87	\$13
PICCINI Chianti 2009 Juicy and fresh, with black cherry aromas and good fruit.	86	\$9
TIAMO Chianti 2009 This delicate and bright Chianti has loads of cherry character.	86	\$12
CASTELLO BANFI Toscana Centine White 2009 A fresh, creamy white, exhibiting apple and lemon character.	85	\$11
COLTIBUONO Toscana Cancelli 2009 A little tart, but pleasant berry character comes through.	85	\$11

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POGGIO BONELLI Chianti Classico Riserva 2006 Big and powerful, with berry, coffee, toasty oak and grilled meat notes.	92	\$24
LE CINCIOLE Chianti Classico 2007 Layered and pretty. Shows berry and cherry character, with new wood.	91	\$25
LE CORTI Maremma Toscana Birillo 2007 Full-bodied and a little jammy, with plum and sultana character.	91	\$19
MARCHESI DE' FRESCOBALDI Chianti Rufina Castello di Nipozzano Riserva 2007 This burly Rufina is full and satisfying, with dried dark fruits.	91	\$22
VECCHIA CANTINA DI MONTEPULCIANO Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Terre di Rubinoro 2006 Perfumed and silky, with blueberry, sandalwood and blackberry notes.	91	\$16
AIA VECCHIA Toscana Lagone 2008 Full, velvety and juicy, with Christmas pudding and dried fruit flavors.	90	\$17
CASTELLO D'ALBOLA Chianti Classico 2007	90	\$17