

James Suckling's Recommended Wines From Tuscany

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CASTELLO DEI RAMPOLLA Toscana d'Alceo 2006 Full and very polished, with beautiful aromas and flavors of currant, toasty oak, tobacco and licorice. Layered and structured.	98	\$NA
UCCELLIERA Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Delivering asphalt and tar on the nose, with dried dark fruits, this is powerful on the palate, with masses of fruit. Balanced and fabulous.	98	\$130
CARNASCIALE Toscana Il Caberlot 2007 Wonderful aromas of crushed blueberry, red licorice, lemongrass and leather follow through to an unreal palate of fine tannins.	97	\$NA
COLLEMATTONI Brunello di Montalcino Vigna Fontelontano Riserva 2004 There's so much milk chocolate and ripe fruit on the nose, with loads more fruit and toasty oak on the palate.	97	\$85
TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA Bolgheri Superiore Ornellaia 2007 A wine that does everything right and puts it all in beautiful balance. Full-bodied, yet reserved, silky and elegant.	97	\$200
TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA Toscana Masseto 2007 A rich, powerful Merlot-based red that delivers currant, bush, tobacco and toasty oak character. Full and layered.	97	\$460
PODERE POGGIO SCALETTE Alta Valle della Greve Il Carbonaione 2007 A gorgeous Sangiovese, with blueberry, raspberry and floral notes. Full-bodied, with supervelvet tannins.	97	\$50
EREDI FULIGNI Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Full and velvety, yet well-defined and polished, with blueberry and blackberry aromas and bright acidity. Long and intense.	96	\$146
MOCALI Brunello di Montalcino Vigna delle Raunate Riserva 2004 Full of new wood that gives green coffee bean and intensely ripe fruit aromas. Very juicy and rich. The power is all there.	96	\$85
PALAGETTO Syrah Toscana Uno di Quattro 2006 A blockbuster Syrah, with all the game, berry, fireplace and light earth character. Clean and impressive. Full and chewy.	96	\$NA
POGGIO ANTICO Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Very dark, with a complex nose and a full-bodied palate. The structure is wonderfully integrated, with polished tannins.	96	\$178
CASTELLO ROMITORIO Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Offers a beautiful density of blueberry and blackberry fruit on the nose and palate. Long and intense.	96	\$119
RUFFINO Toscana Modus 2007 Blueberry, toasty oak, coffee and sweet tobacco aromas follow through to a full-bodied, silky palate that's utterly captivating.	96	\$25
SAN FILIPPO Brunello di Montalcino Le Lucere Riserva 2004 There's such beautiful, subtle aromas in this gorgeous wine, which is layered and persistent, with sweet, ripe fruit and tannins.	96	\$125
SETTE PONTI Toscana Oreno 2008 Structured and racy, showing blueberry, chocolate and currant aromas and flavors. Full and tannic, yet polished and caressing.	96	\$110
TERRASOLE Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Full-bodied and powerful, with masses of fruit. Dark fruit and porcini mushroom aromas turn to cigar box and dried flowers.	96	\$95

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VALDICAVA Brunello di Montalcino Madonna del Piano Riserva 2004 Intense aromas of blackberry, blueberry and mineral mark this full-bodied red, with silky tannins and a beautiful finish.	96	\$179
PODERE LA VIGNA Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Full-bodied, with milk chocolate, ripe plum and blueberry character. So rich and opulent, with chewy tannins and a powerful finish.	96	\$69
TENIMENTI LUIGI D'ALESSANDRO Cortona Il Bosco 2007 There's lovely structure to this subtle, rich Syrah that gives so much in texture and beauty. Full, yet polished and refined.	95	\$NA
AVIGNONESI-CAPANNELLE Toscana 50 & 50 2007 Full, dense and polished, with lovely raspberry, plum, new wood and fresh herb character. Layered and gorgeous.	95	\$150
CASTELLO BANFI Sant'Antimo Excelsus 2007 Full, juicy and intense, with loads of blackberry, toasty oak and coffee character. Superb.	95	\$81
TENUTA DI BISERNO Toscana Lodovico 2007 Very polished tannins coat every inch of the palate, where chocolate, grilled meat, currant and prune notes play out.	95	\$NA
PODERE BRIZIO-ROBERTO BELLINI Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Really perfumed and beautiful, with notes of rose and dark fruits. Full-bodied, with loads of fruit in reserve.	95	\$120
CAMPO AL MARE Bolgheri Superiore Baia al Vento 2007 Complex and layered on the nose, with coffee, dried fruits and flowers. Full-bodied and well-integrated, with a silky texture.	95	\$302
CITILLE DI SOPRA Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Shows intense aromas of ripe strawberry, raspberry and flowers. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and lively acidity.	95	\$64
CORTE PAVONE Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Dark in color, with an amazing depth of ripe berries, cherry and red licorice on the nose. A friendly and cuddly riserva.	95	\$88
DUEMANI Syrah Toscana Suisassi 2007 There's a wonderful depth of dark fruit in this red, which is more California than Northern Rhône, yet full and velvety.	95	\$110
FERRERO Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Concentrated and powerful, with very complex aromas of tar, asphalt, dried dark berries and ripe cherry. A blockbuster.	95	\$90
FONTODI Chianti Classico Vigna del Sorbo Riserva 2006 Displays an amazing concentration of fruit and big, chewy tannins. Layered and velvety, with so much underneath.	95	\$60
FONTODI Colli della Toscana Centrale Flaccianello 2007 A generous Sangiovese, with loads of blackberry, dark cherry and berry on the nose and palate. Full, long and chewy.	95	\$110
MARCHESI DE' FRESCOBALDI Brunello di Montalcino Castelfiocondo Ripe al Convento Riserva 2004 Subtle yet intense aromas of blackberry, blueberry and flowers lead to lovely flavors of berry, chocolate and spice.	95	\$125
BIBI GRAETZ Toscana Colore 2006 There's very pretty strawberry, vanilla and floral character to this wine, which is dense, refined and super silky. A beauty.	95	\$750

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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
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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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 Shows dark cherry and floral aromas and flavors that say Sangiovese.	90	\$17
AVIGNONESI Sauvignon Cortona 2009 Fruity and mineral, showing lemon, mango and pineapple flavors.	90	\$14

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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, chocolatey 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
FERTUNA Maremma Toscana Pactio 2009 Turns fruity and delicious, with vanilla cream and dark fruits.	85	\$8
MELINI Chianti Borghi d'Elsa 2008 There's sweet plum on the nose of this red, with a fresh finish.	85	\$9