

Bruce Sanderson's Recommended Wines From Tuscany

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
CASTELLO DEI RAMPOLLA Toscana Sammarco 2007 Intense black currant, cherry, cedar and licorice flavors are reminiscent of a fine Bordeaux in this Cabernet Sauvignon blend.	97	\$86
LA SERENA Brunello di Montalcino 2006 Beautifully perfumed, this red features rose, peony, black currant, tar and licorice flavors. Ripe and dense, complex and intense.	97	\$60
CAMPOGIOVANNI Brunello di Montalcino 2006 Licorice, sweet spices, toast, smoke and sanguine flavors envelope a kernel of raspberry in this intense, extroverted red.	96	\$50
MARTOCCIA DI BRUNELLI Brunello di Montalcino 2006 A compelling red, dense and substantial, yet shows a sense of harmony and poise. Cherry, licorice, spice and mineral flavors abound.	96	\$63
CASTELLO DEI RAMPOLLA Toscana d'Alceo 2007 Suave and silky, with rich black currant, blackberry and spice flavors backed by lively acidity. Cabernet Sauvignon blend.	96	\$274
CASTELLO DI AMA Chianti Classico Vigneto La Casuccia 2007 This red is concentrated, with brambly cherry, raspberry and spice flavors. Sweet at its core, turning silkier and lingering beautifully.	95	\$200
TENUTA CARLINA Brunello di Montalcino La Togata 2006 Very pure flavors of raspberry and strawberry mark this juicy, elegant Brunello, which stays focused and taut.	95	\$60
CASANOVA DI NERI Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova 2006 A modern version, with toast and spice notes from oak, yet also freshness and a vibrant persona. Offers cherry, plum and licorice at the core.	95	\$80
CASANOVA DELLE CERBAIE Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2004 Absolutely delicious, this features sweet cherry, plum and floral flavors, accented by notes of spice and licorice.	95	\$100
CIACCI PICCOLOMINI D'ARAGONA Brunello di Montalcino Vigna di Pianrosso 2006 Silky and elegant, offering cherry, raspberry, currant and violet flavors. A Brunello of finesse and harmony.	95	\$72
TENUTA IL FAGGETO Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Pietranera Riserva 2004 The purity in this red is striking, offering raspberry, peony, mineral and spice flavors that unfold seamlessly.	95	\$45
MÁTÉ Brunello di Montalcino 2006 An opulent, fruit-driven style, yet fresh, showing cherry, raspberry and blackberry up front, with tar and licorice lurking behind.	95	\$65
SIRO PACENTI Brunello di Montalcino 2006 An iron streak runs through this firmly structured Brunello, leading to core flavors of black cherry, tobacco and wild herbs.	95	\$83
PALAZZO Brunello di Montalcino 2006 Appealing for its sweet fruit flavors of cherry and plum, with licorice and mineral elements adding complexity and depth.	95	\$70
PODERE SALICUTTI Brunello di Montalcino Piaggione 2006 There's fine depth to the cherry, plum and licorice flavors in this supple red, which is concentrated, yet balanced and refined.	95	\$85
VALDICAVA Brunello di Montalcino 2006 Though rich and round, the cherry, black currant and violet flavors in this beautifully textured Brunello are pure and focused.	95	\$99

VILLA I CIPRESSI Brunello di Montalcino Zebras 2004 **95** \$75
Dense and powerful, featuring notes of black cherry, blackberry and raspberry, with a lingering aftertaste of berry and mineral.

TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
MOCALI Morellino di Scansano 2009 Very fragrant, with sweet black currant, violet and spice notes, supported by a vibrant structure. Ends with a mineral streak.	92	\$16
TENUTA MONTETI Toscana Caburnio 2007 Supple and smooth, with fresh, focused flavors of black cherry, black currant and herbs. Cabernet Sauvignon blend.	92	\$18
TOMMASI Cabernet Sauvignon Maremma Toscana Poggio al Tufo 2008 This opulent red is packed with coffee, black cherry, plum and sweet spice flavors. Well-structured, yet remains vibrant.	91	\$18
GIACOMO Sangiovese Toscana 2007 There's purity to the cherry, berry and almond flavors in this bright red, with oak spice for added dimension.	90	\$11
RENZO MASI Chianti Riserva 2008 Warm and inviting, this red matches sweet cherry, berry and spice flavors with a fleshy profile and a mouthwatering finish.	90	\$16
MAZZEI Maremma Toscana Belguardo Serrata 2009 Sweet cherry and berry flavors are augmented by oak spice in this elegant, well-toned red. Sangiovese blend.	90	\$19
MOCALI Rosso di Montalcino 2009 This racy version shows violet and raspberry flavors, with terrific harmony and energy. The purity and intensity are enticing.	90	\$19
PERAZZETA Toscana Sara 2008 Intense iron and graphite aromas lead to raspberry and kirsch notes in this fruity yet intriguing red. Sangiovese blend.	90	\$13
VITICCIO Toscana Bere 2009 Boasting dark cherry and berry flavors, this polished red is vibrant and harmonious. Lingers on the finish. Sangiovese blend.	90	\$16
CECCHI Chianti Natio 2008 Cherry, tar, tobacco and earth notes mark this firm, well-toned red.	89	\$14
STEFANO FARINA Toscana Solers Le Bocce 2009 Boasts black currant, raspberry and mineral flavors. Sangiovese blend.	89	\$12
ALESSANDRO FONSECA Chianti Colli Fiorentini Petreto 2007 Vibrant while elegant, with black currant, violet and mineral character.	89	\$15
CASTELLO DI QUERCETO Chianti Classico 2009 Dark and extracted, with attractive black cherry and blackberry flavors.	89	\$15
ANTONIO SANGUIENTI Chianti 2008 An intense, pure cherry flavor is matched by woody and spicy notes.	89	\$13
VIGNAMAGGIO Chianti Classico Terre di Prenzano 2009 Ripe and round, sporting flavors of licorice, plum and blackberry.	89	\$15
VILLA PILLO Toscana Borgoforte 2009 This Sangiovese blend shows cherry, raspberry, licorice and spice notes.	89	\$10