

BRUCE SANDERSON'S RECOMMENDED WINES FROM TUSCANY

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TOP WINES

| WINE | SCORE | PRICE |
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| ROCCA DI MONTEGROSSI Vin Santo del Chianti Classico 2004 Like nectar, this is thick and pure, yet almost weightless as it layers apricot, honey and burnt molasses flavors effortlessly. | 98 | \$120 375ml |
| AVIGNONESI Vin Santo di Montepulciano Occhio di Pernice 1998 Thick and palate-coating, this is packed with dried fig, treacle, caramel and licorice flavors, with intense acidity. | 97 | \$280 375ml |
| BIONDI-SANTI Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Greppo Riserva 2006 A mix of sweet cherry, raspberry, floral, tobacco, tea and balsamic flavors mingle in this complex and layered red. | 97 | \$600 |
| LE CHIUSE Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2006 Centered on a core of sweet cherry, floral, mint and tobacco flavors, this red is a picture of refinement and purity. | 96 | \$95 |
| FONTODI Colli della Toscana Centrale Flaccianello Della Pieve 2009 The first impression of this red is purity and finesse, with the black currant, raspberry and violet flavors staying focused. | 96 | \$119 |
| PODERE POGGIO SCALETTE Alta Valle della Greve Capogatto 2009 Haunting aromas are pure and expressive in this refined, elegant red, showing intensity and great harmony. Merlot blend. | 96 | \$75 |
| ALTESINO Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2006 A fine expression of place, this intense red shows underbrush, iron and raw meat notes complemented by cherry, raspberry and leather. | 95 | \$100 |
| AVIGNONESI Vin Santo di Montepulciano 1998 Thick and heavy, coating the palate with dried apricot, fig paste, caramel and molasses flavors. Impressive for its concentration. | 95 | \$220 375ml |
| CASTELLO DI BOSSI Toscana Vin San Laurentino 2001 This dessert white offers dried apricot and peach fruit combined with walnut and caramel flavors. Beautifully integrated and harmonious. | 95 | \$180 375ml |
| CAMPOGIOVANNI Brunello di Montalcino Il Quercione Riserva 2006 Plenty of perfumed sandalwood and incense aromas presage this powerhouse red, which is bright and fluid. | 95 | \$130 |
| CAPRILI Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2006 A fresh version, with cherry, berry and wild herb scents that lead to pure fruit and tobacco flavors. Elegant and intense. | 95 | \$95 |
| CASANOVA DI NERI Brunello di Montalcino Cerretalto 2006 A rich style, boasting macerated cherry and raspberry, leather and licorice flavors, with excellent intensity. | 95 | \$260 |
| DONATELLA CINELLI COLOMBINI Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2006 A savory style, with salty licorice, cherry, plum, herb and underbrush flavors. Big, yet balanced in its oversized way. | 95 | \$65 |
| FATTORIA DI FELSINA Vin Santo del Chianti Classico 2001 Fresh, focused and complex, this off-dry Vin Santo shows caramel, iodine, walnut and leather notes. Balanced and harmonious. | 95 | \$45 375ml |
| FATTORIA LA FIORITA Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2006 Boasts sweet, ripe cherry, raspberry and plum flavors, with tar, spice and licorice notes. Vibrant, harmonious and expressive. | 95 | \$80 |

TOP WINES (continued)

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| LANCIOLA Vin Santo del Chianti Le Masse di Greve Occhio di Pernice 2007 Iodine and caramel aromas are followed by buttery caramel, nut and orange peel notes in this intense, vibrant sweetie. | 95 | \$80 375ml |
| POGGIO IL CASTELLARE Brunello di Montalcino Pian Bassolino Riserva 2006 A combination of power and finesse, this red evokes concentrated plum, cherry and underbrush flavors, with a vibrant structure. | 95 | \$125 |
| PODERE SALICUTTI Brunello di Montalcino Piaggione 2007 This detailed and elegant red shows fine depth, from the floral berry aromas to the sweet cherry and raspberry flavors. | 95 | \$90 |

TOP VALUES

| WINE | SCORE | PRICE |
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| CAIAROSSA Toscana Pergolaia 2008 Very alluring for its balsamic, wild herb, sour cherry and raspberry flavors, this red is well-proportioned, with fine length. | 92 | \$20 |
| MAZZEI Toscana Badiola 2010 Black cherry and currant flavors are accented by violet notes in this structured, muscular red, which shows density and grip. | 92 | \$15 |
| ARGENTIERA Bolgheri Poggio ai Ginepri 2010 Dense yet smooth, offering pure cherry and raspberry flavors. | 90 | \$19 |
| CANTINE BELLINI Chianti 2010 Firmly structured, offering cherry, strawberry, leather and earth notes. | 90 | \$12 |
| CAPRAIA Chianti Classico 2009 A racy style, evoking raspberry, strawberry and cherry flavors. | 90 | \$15 |
| FOLONARI Chianti 2010 Vibrant, rich and harmonious, with cherry, strawberry and floral notes. | 90 | \$9 |
| BIBI GRAETZ Toscana Casamatta Red 2011 This concentrated red shows notes of blackberry and black cherry. | 90 | \$13 |
| TENUTA DI TRECCIANO Chianti Colli Senesi 2011 Elegant, with raspberry, black currant, violet and mineral flavors. | 90 | \$11 |
| CONTE FERDINANDO GUICCIARDINI Chianti Colli Fiorentini Castello di Poppiano 2009 Concentrated, with intense flavors of cherry, herbs and licorice. | 89 | \$14 |
| LANCIOLA Chianti Colli Fiorentini 2010 Dense and slightly rustic, with cherry, scrub, leather and earth flavors. | 89 | \$15 |
| CASTELLO DI QUERCETO Chianti Classico 2010 Opulent for Chianti, with black currant, violet and licorice flavors. | 89 | \$14 |
| SAN FELICE Chianti Classico 2009 A firm, dense style, featuring cherry, rhubarb and tobacco flavors. | 89 | \$15 |
| VIGNAMAGGIO Chianti Classico Terre di Prenzano 2010 A lush red, boasting cherry, raspberry ganache and tobacco flavors. | 89 | \$15 |
| VILLA DA FILICAJA Chianti Superiore 2009 Vibrant and open, revealing floral, cherry, raspberry and spice flavors. | 89 | \$11 |
| ALBERTO BARTALI Chianti Ducceto 2010 On the soft side, this red displays cherry, raspberry and spice flavors. | 88 | \$10 |
| SANTA CRISTINA Toscana Rosso 2010 This fruit-laden red boasts cherry, raspberry and floral flavors. | 88 | \$12 |