

JAMES SUCKLING'S RECOMMENDED WINES FROM TUSCANY

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TOP WINES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
FONTODI Colli della Toscana Centrale Flaccianello 2006 Shows excellent color and richness. The depth of fruit and layers of tannins leave me speechless. A blockbuster.	99	\$110
TENIMENTI LUIGI D'ALESSANDRO Syrah Cortona Migliara 2006 Black in color, with amazing aromas of blackberry, aniseed, black pepper, and mineral. Full-bodied and ultralong.	98	\$100
CASANOVA DI NERI Brunello di Montalcino Cerretalto 2004 Powerful and rich, with blackberry, licorice and light toasty oak, offering pure fruit. Layered, velvety and gorgeous.	98	\$175
TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA Toscana Masseto 2006 Beautiful perfume, berry and floral aromas turn to light toasty oak and sandalwood. Shows great class and finesse. Merlot.	98	\$NA
PETROLO Toscana Galatrona 2007 Stunning, with ripe tannins and blueberry, dark chocolate and toast flavors. Lasts for minutes on the palate. Merlot.	98	\$120
TUA RITA Toscana Redigaffi 2007 Full-bodied, with fabulous fruit, polished, velvety tannins and great balance. Deep and beautiful. Merlot.	98	\$330
ANTINORI Toscana Solaia 2006 Mint, eucalyptus, currant and meat aromas. Full-bodied, with masses of fruit, yet reserved and structured. Cabernet blend.	97	\$285
LA MASSA Toscana Giorgio Primo 2007 Dark and brooding, with intense aromas. Powerful and complex. Built like a brick house. Merlot blend.	97	\$65
UCCELLIERA Brunello di Montalcino 2004 Shows complex rose, blackberry, blueberry and dark chocolate aromas, with rich, focused, juicy fruit. Long and intense.	97	\$65
BARONE RICASOLI Chianti Classico Castello di Brollo 2006 Amazing aromas of blackberry, with vanilla and floral hints. Full-bodied, with ultrafine tannins. Very balanced.	96	\$54
BRANCAIA IN MAREMMA Maremma Toscana Ilatraia 2007 Currant, blackberry, mint and licorice aromas lead to a full body, with a solid core of ripe, opulent fruit. Cabernet blend.	96	\$79
CASANOVA DI NERI Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova 2004 Offers crushed berries, with flowers and sandalwood. Very tight and stylish, with silky tannins. Racy and powerful.	96	\$81
LE MACCHIOLE Toscana Messorio 2006 Fresh herb and black olive aromas evolve into dark fruits and flowers. Opulent and powerful. An extreme style of Merlot.	96	\$319
POGGIO IL CASTELLARE Brunello di Montalcino 2004 Dried dark fruit on the nose leads to a dense palate of ripe fruit. Deep and beautiful, delivering lots of subtle character.	96	\$50
PODERE POGGIO SCALETTE Alta Valle della Greve Il Carbonaione 2006 This has an amazing dark color for a Sangiovese, with mind-blowing aromas, focused tannins and rich, subtle flavors.	96	\$65

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PODERE POGGIO SCALETTE Alta Valle della Greve Piantonaia 2006 Deep and brooding, with fabulous aromas leading to intense fruit, toasty oak and fresh acidity on the palate. Sangiovese.	96	\$NA
SAN FILIPPO Brunello di Montalcino Le Lucère 2004 Shows ripe berry and orange peel character, with soft tannins and beautiful underlying acidity. Long, flavorful and dense.	96	\$60
TENIMENTI LUIGI D'ALESSANDRO Syrah Cortona Il Bosco 2006 Intense licorice, blackberry, mineral, sandalwood and flowers on the nose. Tannic and powerful, yet balanced.	95	\$70
ALTESINO Brunello di Montalcino Montosoli 2004 Shows meat and blackberry aromas, with rose perfume. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a rich, flavorful finish.	95	\$135
CASTELLO DI AMA Chianti Classico Bellavista 2006 Complex and fruity on the nose, with crushed blackberry and black cherry. Long and pretty. Turns powerful and structured.	95	\$240
RICCARDO BARACCHI Toscana Ardito 2006 Dark in color, with licorice, pepper, currant and berry aromas. Reserved and balanced. Harmonious. Cabernet and Syrah.	95	\$50
TENUTA CARLINA Brunello di Montalcino La Togata 2004 Beautiful aromas of crushed berries lead to a superrich, powerful palate, with layers of fruit. Decadent and delicious.	95	\$72
COLLEMATTONI Brunello di Montalcino 2004 A serious, powerful and complex red, with a solid core of fruit and silky tannins. Dense and very long.	95	\$55
CORTE PAVONE Brunello di Montalcino 2004 Beautiful aromas of plum, blackberry and chocolate lead to full body, with velvety tannins. Long, rich and refined. Classy.	95	\$70
DEI Toscana Sancta Catharina 2007 This dark, complex red delivers blueberry, licorice and mahogany notes and a fabulous core of fruit.	95	\$50
DIADEMA Toscana 2007 Offers a beautiful density of rich, ripe fruit, with coffee and toffee notes. Complex and spellbinding. Sangiovese blend.	95	\$78
FATTORIA DI FELSINA Toscana Fontalloro 2006 Full-bodied, with a deep concentration of fruit. Powerfully rich and polished. Big and structured. Sangiovese.	95	\$52
FONTERUTOLI Toscana Siepi 2006 Polished and well-made, with intense aromas, fine, silky tannins and a long, rich finish. Sangiovese and Merlot.	95	\$118
FONTODI Syrah Colli della Toscana Centrale Case Via 2006 Shows gorgeous grilled meat, ripe fruit and light toasty oak character, with velvety tannins and fresh acidity.	95	\$65
MARCHESI DE' FRESCOBALDI Brunello di Montalcino Castelgiocondo 2004 Fascinating, with a complex nose of blackberry, tanned leather, sandalwood and cedar. Concentrated yet balanced.	95	\$65

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MARCHESI DE' FRESCOBALDI Merlot Toscana Castiglioncello Lamaione 2006 Full-bodied, with a core of ripe fruit and velvety tannins. Polished and very beautiful, with a lovely texture.	95	\$75
EREDI FULIGNI Brunello di Montalcino 2004 This has wonderful aromas of rose, strawberry and sandalwood. Very fine yet chewy. Caresses every inch of your palate.	95	\$90
ANTICO PODERE GAGLIOLE Colli della Toscana Centrale 2007 Sweet berry and plum aromas are floral and pretty, with pure fruit that's ripe yet delectable fruit. Sangiovese and Cabernet.	95	\$100
BIBI GRAETZ Toscana Testamatta 2007 Aromas of prune, dried flowers, porcini and cedar lead to ripe fruit and milk chocolate. Soft yet powerful. Sangiovese.	95	\$125
LUCE DELLA VITE Brunello di Montalcino Luce 2004 Long and flavorful, yet balanced and pretty. Full-bodied, with notes of Indian spices, berries and clove.	95	\$87
IL MARRONETO Brunello di Montalcino Madonna delle Grazie 2004 Cherry, dried raspberry and ripe strawberry aromas lead to a full body, with chewy tannins that are polished and pretty.	95	\$85
NOZZOLE Toscana Il Pareto 2006 Offers beautiful aromas of crushed blackberry and currant, with intense cassis character and pure fruit. Cabernet.	95	\$85
TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA Bolgheri Superiore Ornellaia 2006 This has loads of dark fruits on the nose, with licorice and berries. New wood barrels shine through. Cabernet blend.	95	\$184
SIRO PACENTI Brunello di Montalcino 2004 Perfumed with rose and ripe cherry. Full-bodied, with bright acidity and mineral, floral and berry character on the palate.	95	\$90
PIEVE SANTA RESTITUTA Brunello di Montalcino Sugarille 2004 Aromas of citrus fruits lead to a full body, with a solid core of fruit and silky tannins. Well-structured. Long and balanced.	95	\$170
SETTE PONTI Toscana Oreno 2007 Subtle and classy on the nose, building on the palate with refined tannins and pretty fruit. Merlot, Cabernet, Sangiovese.	95	\$95
TUA RITA Syrah Toscana 2007 Displays loads of flowers, with licorice and mint combining with crushed dark fruits. Long and very polished.	95	\$230
TUA RITA Toscana Giusto di Notri 2007 Currant and blackberry aromas lead to a full body, with ultra-silky tannins. Balanced and harmonious. Cabernet blend.	95	\$110
VALDICAVA Brunello di Montalcino 2004 Well-integrated and beautiful, with complex aromas of blackberry and cherry. Everything is in the right place.	95	\$119
PODERE LA VIGNA Brunello di Montalcino 2004 Shows sweet blackberry and cherry aromas, with a solid core of fruit. This has huge density and wonderful balance.	95	\$60

TOP VALUES

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BRANCAIA Toscana Tre 2007 There's wonderful intensity of fruit in this, with crushed raspberry and blackberry and velvety tannins. Sangiovese blend.	93	\$20
MARCHESI DE' FRESCOBALDI Toscana Castiglioni 2007 Displays intense aromas of currant, raisin and licorice, with hints of toasty oak. Dense, and all in reserve. Cabernet blend.	93	\$30
MALENCHINI-FATTORIA LILLIANO Toscana Bruzzico 2006 Opulent, with raisin and dark chocolate aromas, silky tannins and ripe fruit. Cabernet and Sangiovese.	92	\$21
ARGIANO Toscana Non Confunditur 2007 Offers currant, raspberry and meat on the nose, with chewy tannins and a spicy dried fruit aftertaste. Cabernet blend.	91	\$25
MARCHESI DE' FRESCOBALDI Chianti Rufina Nipozzano Riserva 2006 Clean and racy, with sweet blueberry, mineral and lilac. Full-bodied, with fine tannins, vanilla character and bright fruit.	91	\$25
LIVERNANO Chianti Classico 2006 Interesting aromas of ripe fruit, mineral and tobacco lead to an excellent concentration of fruit on the palate.	91	\$20
CASTELLO DI MONASTERO Chianti Classico 2006 Shows Indian spices and ripe berries on the nose. Opens up beautifully. Full-bodied, yet refined and polished.	91	\$20
AIA VECCHIA Toscana Lagone 2007 Minerally and floral, with plum and dark fruit aromas, velvety tannins and a soft, caressing finish. Merlot blend.	90	\$17
BARONCINI Morellino di Scansano Fattoria Querciarossa Rinaldone dell'Osa 2008 Offers raspberry and blueberry aromas, fresh acidity and clean fruit. There's a pretty raciness for the appellation.	90	\$14
MONTE ANTICO Sangiovese-Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon Toscana 2006 Bright plum, dried cherry and flowers on the nose. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and berry and cherry flavors.	90	\$12
CASTELLO DI QUERCETO Chianti Classico 2007 Well-structured, showing crushed black fruit, flowers and oak.	90	\$16
VITICCIO Toscana Bere 2007 Full and very rich. Long and flavorful. Sangiovese blend.	90	\$15
FATTORIA DI BASCIANO Chianti Rufina 2007 Concentrated and fruity, with a core of crushed black fruit.	89	\$15
CASTELLO BANFI Toscana Cantine White 2008 A beautiful white, with lemon, green apple and pear aromas and flavors. Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio.	88	\$12
BIBI GRAETZ Toscana Casamatta 2008 Sweet raspberry jam aromas lead to a medium-to-full body, with delicate tannins and a fruity aftertaste. Sangiovese.	88	\$12
POGGIO MOLINA Toscana Vinobono 2007 This full-bodied, velvety Sangiovese starts with pretty aromas.	88	\$14
CASTELLO BANFI Toscana Cantine 2008 Shows clean currant and blackberry flavors. Sangiovese blend.	87	\$12