



## **Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana Masseto 2004**

Shows wonderful aromas of flowers and berries, with hints of vanilla and Indian spices. Full-bodied and powerful, with layers of chewy tannins and a long, long finish. This is compact and dense, yet racy and refined. The finish is flawless. What a wine. Not the perfect 2001, but very close.

**98 Points**

## **Tenuta dell'Ornellaia bolgheri Superiore Ornellaia 2004**

Dark ruby-purple in color, with complex aromas of dark chocolate, cola, vanilla, cedar and currant. Full-bodied yet ultrarefined, with dense, seamless, caressing tannins. Everything is in the right proportion. Superb..

**97 Points**

## **Altos Las Hormigas Bonarda Mendoza Colonia Las Liebres 2006**

Ripe and juicy, with lots of plum, sweet toast, cocoa and boysenberry jam notes that are fleshy and delicious through the finish. A crowd-pleaser.

**87 Points**

## **Vina Dona Paula Malbec Lujan de Cuyo 2006**

Solid, with a juicy core of red plum, raspberry and red licorice flavors backed by alluring spice and floral notes on the finish.

**89 Points**

## **Heidsieck Monopole Brut Rose Champagne Rose Top NV**

A refined rose, with subtle berry, citrus and gingerbread notes. Lovely harmony and balance, finishing gracefully with a spice accent.

**91 Points**

## **Delamotte Brut Rose Champagne NV**

A fragrant Champagne, offering orange peel, potpourri and floral aromas and flavors. It's vinous and shows concentration midpalate, with a lingering, spicy aftertaste.

**90 Points**

## **Vranken Brut Rose Champagne Demoiselle Grand Cuvee NV**

Elegant and classy, showing spice, orange and berry flavors that build in intensity on the palate. Vibrant and long, with a mouthwatering finish.

**90 Points**

**Laurent-Perrier Brut Rose Champagne Cuvee NV**

Candied cherry, whole-grain toast and a hint of orange peel mark this firm, full-bodied rose. It's balanced, with a dry, chalky finish.

**89 Points**

**Charles Lafitte Brut Rose Champagne NV**

Dry, with a chalky texture, this displays moderate dried berry and graphite notes on a elegant frame.

**87 Points**

**Marc Kreydenweiss Costieres de Nimes Perrieres 2005**

Really delicious, with lots of blackberry, fig, graphite and sweet toast notes that mingle with a hint of lavender flower. Long, juicy finish.

**89 Points**

**Semeli Aghiorgitiko Vin de Plays de Peloponnese Mountain Sun 2004**

Broad-textured, with cherry, plum and spice. Finishes firm, with some medium-grained tannins.

**85 Points**

**Kir-Yanni Amyndeon Rose Akakies 2006**

Concentrated and fruity, with cherry, melon and strawberry flavors. Fresh, spicy finish features touches of richness.

**87 Points**

**Kir-Yanni Vin de Pays de Florina Petra 2006**

Concentrated tropical fruit flavors, including mango, pineapple and guava, fill this crisp, firm white. Short, minerally finish.

**86 Points**

**Kir-Yanni Vin de Pays de Macedoine Paranga 2005**

Fresh and fruity, with flavors of red berry, plum and spice. Hints of orange peel and cinnamon on the finish.

**85 Points**

**Le Macchiole Bolgheri Messorio 2004**

Beautiful, subtle aromas of berries, cappuccino and black olive are amazing. Full-bodied, with ultra-refined tannins and a long, long finish. Goes on for minutes. Leaves me speechless. This is soulful. A Tuscan cult wine you don't want to miss.

**100 Points**

**Le Macchiole Bolgheri Paleo Red 2004**

Intense aromas of blackberry, rose and rosemary follow through to a full-bodied palate, with a ultrafine tannins and a long, long finish. Super-silky and caressing. A gorgeous wine.

**94 Points**

**Le Macchiole Bolgheri Scrio 2004**

Shows delicate aromas of black pepper, cloves and fruit. Full-bodied, with lots of fruit and supersilky tannins. Very refined and stylish.

**92 Points**

**Le Macchiole Bolgheri 2005**

Complex and subtle, with blackberry, flowers and marjoram. Full-bodied, with ultrafine tannins and a long, compacted, caressing finish. A refined style.

**90 Points**

**Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Bolgheri Le Serre Nuove 2005**

Chewy and structured, with lots of berry and vanilla cream aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, with lovely concentration. Slightly hollow at the moment, but should come together with age.

**90 Points**

**IL Poggione Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2001**

Loads of blackberry, licorice and toasty oak on the nos. Full-bodied, round and rich, with wonderful fruit, light vanilla character and a long finish. Excellent with lots of everything.

**94 Points**

**Lisini Brunello di Montalcino 2001**

Rich and almost decadent on the nose and palate, with lots of plum, berry and tobacco character. Full-bodied, chewy and long. Still needs some time.

**92 Points**

**Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Brunello di Montalcino Castelgiocondo 2002**

Clean and fruity, with mineral, berry and cut wood character. Light-to medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a medium finish. A little hallow, but good for the vintage.

**85 Points**

**Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Chianti Rufina Montesodi 2005**

Lots of rich, ripe currant and berry on the nose, against a background of light toasty oak. Full-to medium-bodied, with fine, lightly firm tannins that carry the fruit and licorice flavors through the long finish.

**90 Points**

**Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Chianti Castiglioni 2006**

Lots of blackberry and mushroom character on the nose and palate. Full, round and delicious.

**86 Points**

**Frattoria di Felsina Chianti Classico Berardenga Rancia Riserva 2004**

Full-bodied, with lots of blackberry. Has a citrusy, light oak edge, with fine tannins and a clean finish. Layered and rich.

**90 Points**

**Fattoria di Felsina Chianti Classico Berardenga Riserva 2004**

Attractive aromas of plum, vanilla and cream, with just a hint of fruit tea. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and a silky, deliciously fruity finish. Reserved and balanced.

**90 Points**

**Podere IL Palazzino Chianti Classico La Pieve 2004**

Rich aromas of black cherry and light raspberry follow through to a medium body, with fine tannins and a fresh finish. Balanced and refined.

**88 Points**

**Castellodi di Volpaia Chianti Classico Riserva 2004**

Interesting ripe fruit and fresh mushroom. Medium-to full-bodied, with silky tannins and a medium finish.

**88 Points**

**Fattoria di Felsina Chianti Classico Berardenga 2005**

Bright fruit, with blackberry and cherry flavors that follow through to a full body. Chewy tannins firm up on the medium finish. Needs some bottle age to mellow.

**87 Points**

**Castello di Volpala Chianti Classico 2005**

Good clean aromas and flavors of crushed currant and berry, against a background of fresh oak. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a tasty finish of fruit and oak.

**87 Points**

**Poggio Argentiera Morellino di Scansano Bellamarsilia 2006**

Aromas and flavors of blackberry jam. Medium-bodied, soft and juicy, with a clean finish.

**86 Points**

**Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Merlot Toscana Castelgiocondo Lamaione 2004**

Very pretty aromas of blackberry, violet and mineral. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a long finish. Concentrated, but needs to come together in the bottle.

**92 Points**

**Fattoria di Felsina Toscana Fontalloro 2004**

A little raisiny on the nose, with hints of flowers and blackberry. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a juicy finish. A little austere, but structured and very racy.

**91 Points**

**Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Cabernet Sauvignon-Sangiovese Toscana Castiglioni 2005**

Clean, ripe currant and berry, with a fresh mineral undertone. Full-to medium-bodied, with fine, well-integrated tannins and a racy finish of fruit and mineral. Excellent quality for the money.

**90 Points**

**Terrabianca Toscana Campaccio Selezione Riserva 2003**

Very jammy on the nose, with lots of raspberry and hints of vanilla. Full-bodied and soft, with round tannins and a fresh finish. Round and delicious.

**88 Points**

**Terrabianca Toscana Ceppate 2004**

Very pretty aromas of currant and milk chocolate follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a fresh finish.

**88 Points**

**Castello di Volpaia Toscana Balifico 2004**

Fresh and balanced, with blackberry and chocolate aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a clean finish.

**88 Points**

**Monte Antico Toscana 2004**

Currant and berry, with hints of vanilla, follow through to a full body, with fine tannins and a clean finish.

**87 Points**

**Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Toscana Le Volte 2005**

This has silky tannins, with pleasing berry and tobacco character. Full and chewy. Needs a little time to mellow.

**87 Points**

**Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Pomino Castello di Pomino Red 2004**

Beautiful aromas of strawberry, fresh flowers and sandalwood. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a fresh finish. Not the most powerful wine, but balanced and pretty.

**88 Points**

**Fattoria di Felsina Chardonnay Toscana I Sistri 2005**

Apple and creamy mineral. Full-bodied, with a well-balanced and silky palate. Bright fruit flavors linger on the finish.

**88 Points**

**Marchesi de' Frescobaldi Pomino White Castello di Pomino Benefizio 2005**

Pungent nose, with lemon flower, ripe apple and capers following through to a full-bodied palate, with tangy, fresh flavors and bright acidity giving a long, clean, mineral finish. Intense lemon rind aftertaste.

**88 Points**

**Fattoria di Felsina Vin Santo del Chianti Classico Berardenga 1999**

Aromas of hooney, almond and light butterscotch follow through to a full body, with medium sweetness and a tangy, blanched nut and honey character. An excellent sweet wine.

**91 Points**

**Castello di Volpaia Vin Santo del Chianti Classico 2000**

Lemon peel, almond and butter undertones. Full, sweet and nutty. A bit oxidized, but fun.

**86 Points**

**Paul Hobbs Chardonnay Russian River Valley Ulises Valdez Vineyard 2005**

Smooth, rich and elegant, with a creamy texture that lets the ripe pear, tangerine and hazelnut flavors weave together. Ends with a long, persistent finish and a hint of smokiness.

**93 Points**

**Paul Hobs Chardonnay Sonoma Mountain Cuvee Augustina Richard Dinner Vineyard 2005**

The fresh floral, citrus, green pear and green apple notes are sleek and refreshing, enlivened by sappy acidity and ending with a long, clean, fruity aftertaste.

**93 Points**

**I'M Chardonnay Sonoma County 2004**

Floral, honeysuckle and fig aromas are elegant and lively on the palate, with a delicate mouthfeel.

**85 Points**

**JC Cellars The Impostor California 2005**

As exotic as it potent, with deep blackberry liqueur, sandalwood and wild game aromas and rich, ripe cassis, blueberry and licorice flavors that power on toward the bold, spicy finish.

**92 Points**

**JC Cellars Zinfandel Sonoma Valley Arrowhead Mountain Vineyard 2005**

A no-holds-barred Zinfandel. Dense and intense, with super-ripe blueberry, plum and smoky, meaty aromas leading to potent blackberry liqueur, espresso and cracked pepper flavors that build toward the finish.

**90 Points**

**JC Cellars Syrah California Cuvee 2005**

Offers wonderful savory aromas, with a mix of ripe plum, berry and peppery, spicy notes. Intense, concentrated, supple and harmonious, with a long, spicy finish.

**92 Points**

**JC Cellars The First Date California 2005**

Fresh and floral, with rich aromas of apricot and spicy roasted almond and ripe, creamy flavors of nectarine, toasty oak and vanilla.

**87 Points**