

OUR BEST PICK

WINES WORTH BUYING

The aim of this column is to help you choose and purchase the best Italian wines, especially little-known premium-quality products. All the wines featured in this column and in other sections of the magazine have been tasted and evaluated by our team of experts. New wines are presented every month, although they may sometimes come from the same producers.

TOP WINE

TORNESI - LE BENDUCCE

Brunello di Montalcino DOCG Riserva 2004



\$18

Lustrous garnet-veined ruby; graceful wafts of cocoa powder and toastiness, cherries and violets at the back; appealing fresh fruit flavors, soft mouthfeel, velvety extract, well-gauged oak, lingering finale of spice.

TUSCANY
Montalcino SI

GRAPES:
sangiovese 100%

DRINK BEFORE
2017

SCORE 8.9/10

CONTACT: www.tornesi.it

CANTINA DEL CASTELLO

Soave DOC Classico
"Pressoni" 2009

\$45



VENETO
Soave VR

GRAPES:
garganega, trebbiano

DRINK BEFORE
2014

SCORE 8.0/10

CONTACT: www.cantinacastello.it

OUR RATINGS

9.5-10	<i>extraordinary</i>
9-9.5	<i>outstanding</i>
8-9	<i>excellent</i>
7-8	<i>very good</i>
Below 7	<i>not recommended</i>

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\$36

MONTELEONE

Recioto della Valpolicella DOC Classico
"Palsun" 2005

VENETO

Sant'Ambrogio di
Valpolicella VR

GRAPES:

corvina, corvinone, rondinella

DRINK BEFORE

2014

SCORE 7.2/10

CONTACT: www.villamonteleone.com



\$28

RENZO MARINAI

Chianti Classico DCG 2008

TUSCANY

Panzano in Chianti FI

GRAPES:

cabernet sauvignon,
sangiovese

DRINK BEFORE

2015

SCORE 7.7 /10

CONTACT: www.renzomarinai.it



\$16

TRINGALI - CASANUOVA

Bolgheri DOC Rosso 2008

TUSCANY

Castagneto Carducci LI

GRAPES:

cabernet sauvignon, merlot

DRINK BEFORE

2015

SCORE 7.0/10

CONTACT: www.tringalipro.it

TOP WINE

DECUGNANO

Orvieto DOC Classico Superiore
"Il Bianco" 2009

Attractive passion fruit, banana and vanilla aromatics; the alcohol-driven softness of the palate is perked up by bright acidity and minerality before a reprise of tropical fruits emerges on the long-lingering palate.

\$20



UMBRIA

Orvieto TR

GRAPES:

vermentino, procanico,
grechetto, chardonnay

DRINK BEFORE

2014

SCORE 8.2/10

CONTACT: www.decugnano.it



\$20

DRAGANI

Terre di Chieti IGT Pecorino
"Selva de' Canonici" 2010

ABRUZZO

Ortona CH

GRAPES:

pecorino 100%

DRINK BEFORE

2013

SCORE 7.8/10

CONTACT: www.cantinedragani.it

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FEUDO ARANCIO - STEMMARI Sicilia IGT Chardonnay 2010



Star-bright, green-flecked yellow; intense citrus and banana lifted by attractive fresh greens, balsamic aniseed at the back; refreshing, savory, moderately soft mouthfeel, good persistence with citrus-themed finale.

SICILY
Sambuca di Sicilia AG

GRAPES:
chardonnay 100%

DRINK BEFORE
2012

SCORE 8.0/10

CONTACT: www.feudoarancio.it

CANTINA DI VENOSA Aglianico del Vulture DOC "Carato Venusio" 2007



BASILICATA
Venosa PZ

GRAPES:
aglianico 100%

DRINK BEFORE
2016

SCORE 8.0/10

CONTACT: www.cantinadivenosa.it

ANTICHI VINAI Etna DOC Bianco "Petalava" 2009



SICILY
Castiglione di Sicilia CT

GRAPES:
carricante, catarratto

DRINK BEFORE
2012

SCORE 7.7/10

CONTACT: www.antichivinai.it

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FEUDI DEL PISCIOTTO Sicilia IGT Grillo "Carolina Marengo" 2008



SICILY
Niscemi CL

GRAPES:
grillo 100%

DRINK BEFORE
2013

SCORE 7.9 /10

CONTACT: www.castellare.it