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92 points RIVERA "IL FALCONE" RISERVA 2003

"The estate's 2003 Il Falcone Riserva is a blend of 70% Nero di Troia and 30% Montepulciano that spent 12 months in French oak. It is a terrific wine loaded with character, vibrancy and elegance. Spices, red cherries, flowers, star anise, menthol, licorice and sweet toasted oak emerge as this pure wine opens in the glass, revealing its considerable appeal."

90 points RIVERA NERO DI TROIA "PUER APULIAE" 2004

"The 2004 Nero di Troia Puer Apuliae is a rich, opulent wine bursting with dark cherries, herbs, chocolate and sweet toasted oak. This full-bodied, dense and appealing wine will benefit from another year or two of bottle age which should allow the firm tannins to soften." Anticipated maturity: 2009-2016

88 points RIVERA AGLIANICO "CAPPELLACCIO" 2003

"Rivera's 2003 Aglianico Cappellaccio reveals a powerful, rustic expression of Aglianico from Apulia in its dark fruit, menthol, toasted oak and full-bodied personality. It offers excellent length, but comes across as rough around the edges, as tannins could use a little more polish. Still, it delivers good value for the money." Anticipated maturity: 2008-2015

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