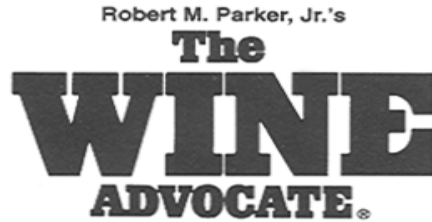


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90 points

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RUBESCO RISERVA "VIGNA MONTICCHIO" 2003

"The 2003 Torgiano Rosso Riserva Rubesco Vigna Monticchio is a big, full-bodied wine loaded with the essence of black cherries, tobacco, earthiness, tar and licorice. It offers outstanding depth and finishes with remarkable elegance, most notably in the tannins. Still quite vibrant and primary, it should drink well to at least age 15, perhaps beyond. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2018."

89 points

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RUBESCO RISERVA "VIGNA MONTICCHIO" 2001

"The 2001 Torgiano Rosso Riserva Rubesco Vigna Monticchio is made in a more delineated, sculpted style than the 2003. It is a delicate, feminine wine with pretty notes of cherries, spices and tobacco. Both bottles I tasted showed slightly drying tannins on the finish. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2018."



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