

BEST OF BEDFORD



"I was thrilled with these new releases from Rivera, one of Puglia's top estates. The wines are made in a style that captures plenty of varietal character in a modern interpretation."
Antonio Galloni – The Wine Advocate – Issue 182 – April 2009

93 points RIVERA CASTEL DEL MONTE RISERVA 'FALCONE' 2004

*"70% Nero di Troia and 30% Montepulciano that spent 12 months in French oak. In this vintage, the Falcone Riserva is **awesome**. Layers of earthiness, new leather, plums, black cherries and herbs emerge in stunning style as this full-bodied, richly textured wine shows off its qualities. The wine possesses even more than enough density to balance the tannins all the way through to the long finish, where a blast of melted road tar provides the final exclamation point. Simply put, this is a compelling wine from Rivera and certainly among the handful of truly important reds being made today in Puglia. Anticipated maturity: 2010-19"*

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92 points RIVERA AGLIANICO 'CAPPELLACCIO' 2004

*"The 2004 Aglianico Cappellaccio is **simply superb** as dense layers of perfumed, jammy dark fruit flow from the glass in convincing style. Aglianico in Puglia tends to favor a more overtly fruit-driven expression of the variety, something this wine has in abundance. Suggestions of violets, minerals, menthol and earthiness linger on the powerful yet refined finish. The wine is incredibly delicious today but also appears to have the pedigree to continue to drink well for at least another few years. The Cappellaccio spent two years in wood, one of which was in small French oak barrels. It is a great effort from Rivera. Anticipated maturity: 2009-16."*

90 points RIVERA NERO DI TROIA 'PUER APULIAE' 2005

"The French oak-aged 2005 Nero di Troia Puer Apuliae is a dark, dense offering imbued with jammy dark fruit, earthiness, sweet herbs and licorice. This remains a stern, brooding wine with powerful tannins that will require some bottle age or, even better, similarly hearty foods. Despite its decidedly rustic character, I loved this wine's unique personality. Anticipated maturity: 2010-15"

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