

# *Guide to Italian Wines*

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**MONTALCINO**  
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## **RIVERA • ANDRIA**

This estate in the Castel del Monte DOC is making some very impressive wines. The Falcone is a beautiful traditionally styled wine, while the Puer Apuliae is a more modern styled offering.

### **2008 BOMBINO BIANCO “MARESE” (DOC Castel del Monte)**

Bombino Bianco is an indigenous variety of the area usually seen in blends; here is a rendering *in purezza*. Straw-light yellow with aromas of melon and pear, Medium-bodied with good concentration. Lively acidity and a lengthy finish, this is very appealing and offers nice texture as well as a lovely delicacy. Enjoy over the next 2-3 years. \*\*\*\*

### **2008 ROSATO “PUNGIROSA” (DOC Castel del Monte)**

100% Bombino Rosso. Bright pink with fresh strawberry aromas. Medium-bodied with tart acidity and a clean finish. Enjoy over the next 1-2 years. \*\*\*

### **2004 FALCONE RISERVA (DOC Castel del Monte)**

A blend of 70% Nero di Troia and 30% Montepulciano. Deep ruby red with aromas of red plum, red cherry, vanilla and thyme. Medium-full with very good concentration. Lively acidity, moderate tannins, with the oak perhaps a touch strong. Best in 5-7 years. \*\*\*

### **2005 PUER APULIAE (DOC Castel del Monte)**

100% Nero di Troia “*ad acino piccolo*” (small berry) from old clones. Bright purple with aromas of black plum, blackberry, vanilla and a hint of dark chocolate. Medium-full with very good to excellent concentration. Youthful tannins, but balanced. Lively acidity and very nice complexity. Give this some time – best in 7-10 years. \*\*\*\*\*

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