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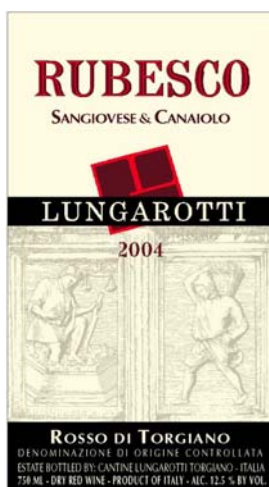
Lungarotti, Umbria (Italy) "Rubesco" 2004:

Tuscany has its Chianti, and its next-door neighbor, Umbria, has its Rubesco, a trademarked name of the excellent Lungarotti Winery. Although Rubesco is made from similar grape varieties as Chianti -- 70 percent Sangiovese and 30 percent Canaiolo -- Lungarotti's '04 Rubesco has a bit more ample body than most Chianti wines, along with aromas of violets and red berries. A delightful wine to drink now, but it should age well and evolve for another five years. (Its big brother, the Rubesco Riserva, is one of Italy's longest-lived red wines).

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Lungarotti, Umbria (Italy) Pinot Grigio 2006: If you're tired of the bland, fruity, industrially produced Pinot Grigio wines being turned out by huge co-operatives in the Veneto, try Lungarotti's really fine '06 Pinot Grigio. It's kept on its lees until it's bottled, for freshness, and has a refreshingly low alcohol content (12 %). A medium-bodied white, not a bit wimpy. Lots of delicious, citrusy flavors.

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