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Vignamaggio Terre di Prenzano Chianti Classico 2006

Lively black cherry ruby with black reflections and some orange in the rim. The bouquet is moderately intense, and rather vegetal, with red berry fruit mingled with greenish cedar accents and some spice. Still very young, and it needs time to settle. On the palate it's fairly light, and further along than the nose, with bright slightly greenish berry fruit supported by warm sour cherry acidity and by smooth fairly sweet tannins that flow into a clean peppery fruit laced finish. Pleasant, though it needs a year to get its bearings, at which point it will be graceful in a middle of the road in key and drink well with grilled meats, light stews and similar dishes.

2 stars

Vignamaggio Chianti Classico 2006

Deep pigeon blood ruby with black reflections and cherry rim. The bouquet is rather languid, with moderately intense red berry fruit supported by berry fruit jam and pleasing nose tingling spice, while there is also some vegetal acidity to provide direction. On the palate it's fairly rich, with clean slightly sour berry fruit supported by sour cherry acidity and by smooth sweet tannins that flow into a deft sour cherry fruit finish. It's graceful, in a light, rather willowy key, and will work well with grilled meats or light stews; though it's ready to drink it will age well for a few years, becoming lacy and rather ethereal with time.

2 stars

Vignamaggio Castello di Monna Lisa Chianti Classico Riserva 2006

Deep black cherry ruby with black reflections and cherry rim. The bouquet is fairly intense, with red berry fruit supported by dusky graphite shaving bitterness and clean spice; though quite young it promises nicely and is pleasant to sniff. On the palate it's full and quite smooth, with rich red berry fruit supported by deft berry fruit acidity and by tannins that display some bitter accents, but are quite smooth, and flow into a clean peppery fruit laced finish. Quite pleasant in a fruit driven key, and if you like this middle of the road style, it will drink very well with hearty roasts or stews in the near term, and be something to sip by the glass in a few years' time.

2 stars

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<http://italianwinereview.blogspot.com/2009/03/2009-chianti-classico-vintage.html>