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Pressing News About Our Fine Italian Wines - February 2008



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Bedford International proudly announces five "Three Glass" winners by the 2008 Gambero Rosso



The 2008 Gambero Rosso - Vini d'Italia awarded five Bedford wines as winners of the prestigious Tre Bicchieri! (Three Glasses in Italian)

The winners are:

[Umani Ronchi Verdicchio Classico dei Castelli di Jesi Riserva "Plenio" 2004](#)

[Lungarotti Torgiano Rosso Riserva "Vigna Monticchio" 2003](#)

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Gambero Rosso Top Italian Wines Roadshow

March 2008

Gambero Rosso will be touring California presenting [49 fine wine producers](#) from Italy. The mission of the initiative is to make the press, the trade and the wine collectors aware of the great quality achieved by Italian wines in the past decade. Bedford will be represented by Umani Ronchi, Lungarotti and Colle Massari Grattamacco.

[Click here for more information about this event](#)



Wine Spectator Ratings on Dessilani December 2007

DESSILANI GATTINARA 2003
91 points

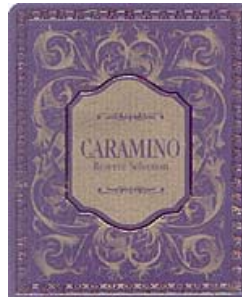
"This is very perfumed, with strawberry, cherry and hints of vanilla. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long, caressing finish. Has fresh acidity for the vintage, with lovely balance. Best after 2010."





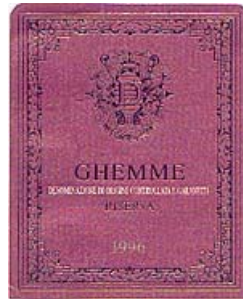
DESSILANI CARAMINO 2004
91 points

"Has lots of mushroom and berry character, with hints of rose bush. Full-bodied, with soft tannins and a fruity, chocolaty aftertaste. A balanced red from an often-overlooked appellation. Best after 2010."



DESSILANI GHEMME 2003
90 points

"Shows very fruity aromas of raspberry and strawberry, with spices. Medium to full bodied, with velvety tannins and a fruity finish. Best after 2010."

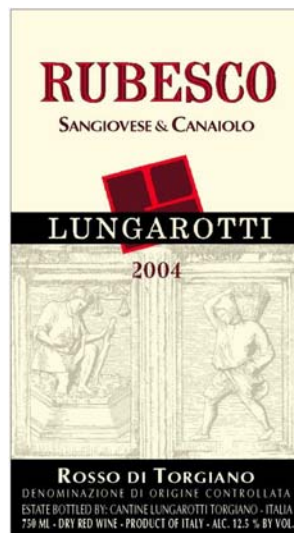


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Lungarotti Rubesco on New Star Ledger - Jan 2008

John Foy reviewed the 2004 Rubesco on his column "A Glass of Wine" that appears every other week in Savor, NJ Star Ledger.

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Umani Ronchi Exclamation Point! Sangiovese: Wine Pick of the Week

Sometimes I don't want to think too much in order to enjoy a glass of wine. I don't want to consider the structure and the nuances of a wine and the various fruits and vegetables, spices and chemicals a wine is trying to remind me of.

spices and chemicals a wine is trying to remind me of. Instead, I just want to relax and drink it. To paraphrase Dr. Freud, sometimes a wine is just a wine. Often winemakers try too hard. Not every wine needs to compete for a Robert Parker 90-plus rating and be on the December cover of the Wine Spectator. Not enough winemakers (or consumers) understand that there is an appropriateness to the wines we drink just as there is to the clothes we wear and the foods we eat.

As cool as I might think I look in my tuxedo, I would be out of place wearing it at a casual dinner. Brats on a bun are perfect for the ballgame. Foie gras is not. There is a place at the table for wines that aren't so full of the distractions, such as nuance and terroir, that otherwise would attract us to a wine. And that's what I found so appealing about the 2006 sangiovese from Umani Ronchi. Sangiovese is the most planted red grape in Italy. It excels in the central regions, especially Tuscany. It also is important to the region of Marche, which borders the eastern coast next to Tuscany. Here the Umani Ronchi winery is one of the top producers, putting out some of the region's best wines as well as some very good everyday wines marketed under the Exclamation label.

The '06 Exclamation sangiovese is perfect for quaffing, which is the opposite of tasting. This is not a wine you ponder. No need to sniff and swirl and hold it up to the light before jotting down a few notes. It is fresh and cheerful and full of light red fruit flavors. If I were to create a bumper-sticker-style marketing slogan for this wine, it would be "Just Drink It."

To find the wine contact Odom Corp. at 800-767-6366.

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1. Winner of the **Palazzo Rosso di Montalcino 3 Liter** from the 2008 Boston Wine Expo raffle
2. More ratings (Robert Parker, Wine Spectator, Wine

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3. Pictures from the 2008 Gambero Rosso Tre Bicchieri tastings in NY and San Francisco
4. The latest Bedford news and Best of Bedford

