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Lungarotti wines reviewed by The Wine Advocate and by The Wine Enthusiast

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s

**The
WINE
ADVOCATE®**

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90 points

Lungarotti Rubesco Riserva 'Vigna Monticchio' 2003

The 2003 Torgiano Rosso Riserva Rubesco Vigna Monticchio is a big, full-bodied wine loaded with the essence of black cherries, tobacco, earthiness, tar and licorice. It offers outstanding depth and finishes with remarkable elegance, most notably in the tannins. Still quite vibrant and primary, it should drink well to at least age 15, perhaps beyond. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2018

89 points

Lungarotti Rubesco Riserva 'Vigna Monticchio' 2001

The 2001 Torgiano Rosso Riserva Rubesco Vigna Monticchio is made in a more delineated, sculpted style than the 2003. It is a delicate, feminine wine with pretty notes of cherries, spices and tobacco. Both bottles I tasted showed slightly drying tannins on the finish. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2018

WINE ENTHUSIAST

May 2008

91 points

Lungarotti Rubesco Riserva 'Vigna Monticchio' 2000

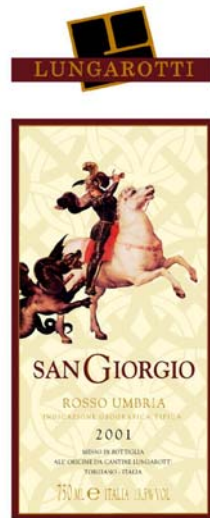
This excellent vineyard reserve (an Umbrian blend made with Sangiovese and Canaiolo and aged 12 months in oak) has a clean and polished nose with territory-driven aromas of red berry, spice, chocolate and tealeaf. It offers deep penetration and succulence in the mouth and has a soft personality capped by fresh crispness on the close.



90 points

Lungarotti 'San Giorgio' 2001

Sangiovese, Canaiolo and Cabernet Sauvignon are blended to produce a thickly extracted and penetrating wine with ripe ruby cherry, root beer, almond, spice and a touch of blueberry cream. The fruit filling is plush and chewy and the wine has a velvety, rich mouthfeel and loads of bright fruit flavors on the finish. Drink now.



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Three Rivera wines reviewed by Antonio Galloni of
The Wine Advocate

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92 points

Rivera Castel del Monte Riserva 'Il Falcone' 2003

The estate's 2003 Il Falcone Riserva is a blend of 70% Nero di Troia and 30% Montepulciano that spent 12 months in French oak. It is a terrific wine loaded with character, vibrancy and elegance. Spices, red cherries, flowers, star anise, menthol, licorice and sweet toasted oak emerge as this pure wine opens in the glass, revealing its considerable appeal.



90 points

90 points

Rivera Castel del Monte 'Puer Apuliae' 2004

The 2004 Nero di Troia Puer Apuliae is a rich, opulent wine bursting with dark cherries, herbs, chocolate and sweet toasted oak. This full-bodied, dense and appealing wine will benefit from another year or two of bottle age which should allow the firm tannins to soften. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2016



88 points

Rivera Aglianico 'Cappellaccio' 2003

Rivera's 2003 Aglianico Cappellaccio reveals a powerful, rustic expression of Aglianico from Apulia in its dark fruit, menthol, toasted oak and full-bodied personality. It offers excellent length, but comes across as rough around the edges, as tannins could use a little more polish. Still, it delivers good value for the money. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2015



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Wine Spectator ratings on Torre Rosazza (Feb-March 2008)

Torre Rosazza Tocai Friulano 2006
91 points

Displays rich aromas of peach, pineapple and light mineral. Full-bodied, with lots of peach stone notes and a flavorful aftertaste. Drink now.

Torre Rosazza Sauvignon 2006
89 points

Displays rich aromas of fresh pear and lemon, with hints of mineral. Full-bodied, with good fruit and a minerally aftertaste of green apple and honey. Concentrated yet balanced. Drink now.

More ratings...

Wine Enthusiast March-April 2008

90 points

Colle Massari Montecucco Riserva 2004

90 points

**Vignamaggio Chianti Classico Riserva
'Castello di Monna Lisa' 2001**

90 points

Vignamaggio Cabernet Franc 2004

89 points

Palazzo Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2001

Decanter 2007 Wine Awards

Regional Trophy

Umani Ronchi Conero Riserva DOCG 'Cumaro' 2004

Best Italian Sweet Wine

Riccardo Falchini Vin Santo del Chianti 'Casale' 2001

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Eunice Fried features Lungarotti in the 'Fine Wines' column of [Global Traveler USA](#)

Also many wine-writers and bloggers visited the Bedford tables at the 2008 Tre Bicchieri tasting in NYC...

Here's [Charles Scicolone's Blog](#) on Lungarotti 2003 '[Vigna Monticchio](#)'

[Gabe Sasso](#) on Umani Ronchi Castelli di Jesi Classico Riserva '[Plenio](#)', a 4-consecutive-times-tre-bicchieri-winner !!!