

## ITALY

### Tuscany

**97 Castello dei Rampolla Toscana d'Alceo 2012 \$242** See Collectibles, page 175.

**95 Mazzei Maremma Toscana Tenuta Belguardo 2013 \$55** See Highly Recommended, page 175.

**94 Le Macchiole Toscana Scio 2013 \$180** This is meaty, exhibiting iron, blackberry, cracked pepper and sanguine aromas and flavors shaded by spicy oak notes. Powerful and dense, this could still benefit from aging but would be approachable with something like a juicy, grilled steak. Syrah. Best from 2019 through 2029. 44 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Selvapiana Toscana Fornace 2012 \$35** This is settling in nicely, showing fine texture and balance, with black currant, cedar, mineral and spice flavors taking on the character of a maturing Bordeaux, yet this remains slightly wild and earthy, offering hints of licorice and tar on the long aftertaste. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2027. 400 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Argiano Toscana Solengo 2014 \$85** This is elegant, with well-integrated structure framing black currant, black cherry, violet, leather and tobacco flavors. Stays long and resonant on the finish, where a touch of oak spice shines through. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot and Petit Verdot. Best from 2018 through 2030. 2,083 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Castello di Monsanto Toscana Monrosso 2015 \$15** See Best Values, page 177.

**92 Capezzana Toscana Ghiaie della Furba 2013 \$60** Fresh and elegant, with cherry and plum flavors

picking up spice, earth and tobacco notes as this develops on the palate. Soft and open enough to enjoy now, but has the firmness to keep for another five to seven years. Shows fine balance and length. Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Merlot. Drink now through 2025. 870 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Rocca di Montegrossi Toscana Geremia 2013 \$48** A concentrated and complex version, this reveals black cherry, blackberry, thyme and oak spice flavors. Firmly structured and long, with a vibrant structure lending support. Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2019 through 2032. 1,250 cases made.—B.S.

**92 San Felice Toscana Vigorello 2013 \$59** An untamed expression of plum, black cherry, iron, underbrush and spice flavors, this red is powerful and dense. The lingering spice and olive notes end with a firm grip. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pugnitello and Petit Verdot. Drink now through 2024. 3,300 cases made.—B.S.

**89 Mazzei Toscana Philip 2014 \$50** Rich and full of cherry, raspberry, tobacco and leather flavors. The tannins are mouthcoating on the finish, but this shows balance overall. Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2023. 5,000 cases made.—B.S.

**89 Santa Cristina Toscana 2015 \$13** A light, juicy red, boasting black cherry, blackberry and herb flavors. More fruity than complex, with moderate grip. Merlot, Syrah, Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now. 7,200 cases imported.—B.S.

**88 Aia Vecchia Toscana Lagone 2015 \$15** Black currant, violet and cedar flavors are expressive, while the fluid profile keeps this red lively. Picks up earth, herb and coffee accents on the finish. Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Drink now through 2020. 18,000 cases made.—B.S.

