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2015 Felsina Chianti Classico - \$39.99

"Stunning and beautifully expansive, the 2015 Chianti Classico Berardenga is a wine to buy by the case and savor over the next 20 or so years. All the natural richness of the 2015 vintage comes through in a creamy, voluptuous Chianti Classico that hits all the right notes. This is quite frankly a remarkable level of quality for Fèlsina's entry-level offering."

92/100 Antonio Galloni

2015 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva - \$54.99

"The 2015 Chianti Classico Riserva is just beginning to show the first signs of opening in its bouquet, but it is much less giving on the palate. Readers should plan on cellaring it for at least another few years. The 2015 is a terrific example of the wild, feral Chianti Classicos that are typical of Castelnuovo Berardenga and Fèlsina." 92+/100 Antonio Galloni

2015 Felsina Chianti Classico Riserva Rancia - \$84.99

"The 2015 Chianti Classico Rancia is one of the most finessed young Rancias I have ever tasted. Silky, aromatically precise and nuanced to the core, the 2015 is shaping up to be a jewel of a wine. This is an impressive showing."

94-97/100 Antonio Galloni

2015 Felsina Fontalloro - \$84.99

"Another impressive 2015, the Fontalloro is a wine of breadth, power and persistence. Today, the oak is still not fully integrated, but there is more than enough depth and resonance in the fruit to make me think that will happen. I can't wait to taste the 2015 from bottle." 92-95/100 Antonio Galloni

2006 Felsina Vin Santo (375ml) - \$59.99

"Dried figs, mint, licorice, crème brulée, herbs and candied orange peel soar from the glass in Fèlsina 2006 Vin Santo del Chianti Classico. Aromatically expressive and a bit richer than is often the case, the 2006 offers gorgeous depth, with plenty of acidity to back things up." 94/100 Antonio Galloni

2014 Fontodi Vigna Del Sorbo - \$110

"A powerful, structured wine, the 2014 Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Vigna del Sorbo won't be ready to drink for a number of years, much less be at its best. In recent years, the Sorbo has been much more forward, but the 2014 is decidedly austere and ungiving. Graphite, smoke, black cherry, plum and licorice notes infuse the dark, mysterious finish."

95+/100 Vinous

2014 Fontodi Flaccianello-\$140

"The 2014 Flaccianello della Pieve will probably drink well a bit earlier than the Vigna del Sorbo, as it has more midpalate creaminess, softer contours and a slightly more immediate personality. Even so, the translucent finesse of the vintage is very much in evidence. A rush of black cherry, plum, tobacco, licorice, chocolate and spice infuses the sweet, creamy finish. The 2014 spent 18 months in oak" 96/100 Vinous

2015 Poliziano Vino Nobile Di Montepulciano - \$44.99

"The 2015 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is a truly generous Tuscan red with a bright and cherry-driven bouquet. Some 250,000 bottles were produced, and this is the average for this wine. The blend is 85% Sangiovese with 15% Canaiolo and Merlot. Blending is executed in cement tanks, and the oak influences are downplayed. This is a deep, plush, soft and rich expression overall." 92/100 Parkers Wine Advocate

2015 Poliziano Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Asinone - \$74.99

"The 2015 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Asinone is a bright and energetic red wine. This Sangiovese-based red offers volume and richness spread over dark fruit, cherry and blackberry flavors. This was a warm vintage, and you get extra softness, fruitiness and succulence as a result. In the mouth, it shows depth and persistence. The tannins still need a year or two to find optimal integration, so it's worth waiting just a bit longer: "94/100 Parkers Wine Advocate

2016 Il Poggione Rosso di Montalcino - \$31.99

"The 2016 Rosso di Montalcino is packed tight with bold cherry fruit and blueberry. The wine's color is dark, almost purple, and the aromas are vinous and raw. The bouquet here offers a very direct and immediate quality of fruit, and you can absolutely taste the skins, pulp and seeds of the grape. That taste profile brings you straight inside the Sangiovese berry. All that tonic freshness and fruitiness just calls out for a steaming plate of fettuccine with wild porcini mushrooms piled high on top." 88/100 Parkers Wine Advocate

2013 Il Poggione Brunello di Montalcino - \$64.99

"Maturing concentrated ruby with orange tinges. Youthful and herbal on the nose. Still compact and with gorgeous juicy cherry fruit and muscular tannins. Delicious now but will improve. Has plenty of structure and fruit for that."

17+/20 Walter Speller, Jancis Robinson.com

"The 2013 Brunello di Montalcino lives up to the impeccable reputation garnered by this estate over the years. This is a profound and beautifully rendered Sangiovese that delivers bold and luscious fruit quality with black cherry and spicy plum at the start. The bouquet follows through with mild oak notes of smoke, tar and toasted nut. There is another aromatic component that includes crushed stone and dried herb or mint. This Brunello shows elegant evolution in the glass and promises a very long aging future ahead. Some 200,000 bottles were made, so it should be easy to locate this excellent wine." 96/100 Parkers Wine Advocate

2012 Il Poggione Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Paganelli - \$100

"Deep ruby. Spicy and a little savoury/reductive at first. Concentrated while perfectly balanced and richly tannic. Very youthful" 17.5/20 Walter Speller, Jancis Robinson.com

"Here's a beautifully rich and succulent Brunello that drinks very nicely straight out of the gate. The 2012 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva Vigna Paganelli delivers a warm, inviting and velvety presentation. This bold wine is redolent of black cherry and dried blackberry with sweet almond, toasted spice and balsam herb on the long finish. What stands out most, however, is the wine's rich texture that floods the mouth from front to back. That richness is fueled by the warmth of the vintage but also by the magnificent oak integration. This Riserva is aged in botti grandi for four long years. Bottle production is 45,000 strong." 95/100 Parkers Wine Advocate

2016 Canalicchio di Sopra Rosso di Montalcino - \$39.99

"This is a terrific new release from Canalicchio di Sopra that arrived just as we were going to print. The 2016 Rosso di Montalcino opens to an extraordinary nose that is tart and sweet, fruity and spicy all at once. The wine is so full and generous, it almost comes out of left field. I guarantee that you would not recognize it as a Rosso in a blind tasting. The mouthfeel is tight, compact and slightly sour or bitter, but the energy generated from all the volume on the bouquet is enough to win your heart and mind. This is one of the best Rossos I have ever tried. It's a super deal (some 22,300 were made) so grab a bottle before it disappears." 93/100 Parkers Wine Advocate

2013 Canalicchio di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino - \$89.99

"Still a little closed on the nose and with compact fruit that is slow to unfurl on the palate. Impressive balance and concentration. Spicy cherry fruit on the finish and powerful tannins. Put this away for a couple of years."

17.5/20 Walter Speller, Jancis Robinson.com

"Canalicchio di Sopra's 2013 Brunello di Montalcino is tight and firm at its core, with qualities that bode very well for its aging potential. That compact core is surrounded by many thick layers of dark fruit and spice that are expressive and expansive. Those outer layers give the wine softness and some immediate accessibility, even at this early stage in its life. All summed up, this is a very complete and characteristic Brunello that offers stunning quality for medium or long-term drinking." 96/100 Parkers Wine Advocate

2012 Canalicchio di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino Riserva - \$175

"Fine oatmeal and cherry nose. Powerful, fruit-driven palate that is fantastically balanced. Very intense right now but possesses lots of depth and energy and beautifully polished tannins." I 8/20 Walter Speller, Jancis Robinson.com

"The 2012 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva is a beautifully saturated expression, with gorgeous density and presence. The bouquet is carefully considered in terms of its power and intensity (remember, this was a hot and dry vintage, and ripening was accelerated as a result). It shows lots of varietal character and definition without ever going overboard or feeling too soft or ripe. In fact, this Riserva is surprisingly tonic and firm deep down. It sweeps over the palate with sweet, plush and softly velvety waves of fruity flavors." 95/100 Parkers Wine Advocate

2013 Monteti Caburnio - \$29.99

"A blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 10% Alicante Bouschet, 5% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc, the 2013 Caburnio is a dark and compelling expression from the Tuscan Coast. The bouquet is vertical and bright with nicely delineated tones of candied cherry, kirsch or crème de cassis. The wine shows distictive elegance, and that comes through very nicely in this balanced vintage. This is an excellent value option." 91/100 Parkers Wine Advocate