

finesse. Superbly balanced.
2–10 years. **£25–28; Tam**

Azienda Agricola Enzo Boglietti, Brunate

Lovely nose, scented and revealing. Rich, spicy, fragrant fruit. A smoky, oaky, complex, powerful example of the best of Old and New Worlds. Up to 10 years. **£39; WSo**

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Azienda Agricola Fratelli Revello, Vigna Conca

(17.5pts/20)

Spicy oak dominates but there is concentrated black fruit, good acidity and firm tannins. Unashamedly modernist, but good. 5–10 years. **£21.65; F&R**

Gianfranco Alessandria, San Giovanni

(17.33)

Big, open, mineral. Ferrous, tannic. Great complexity, and huge character. 5–10 years. **N/A UK; +39 0173 785 76**

Terre Da Vino, Poderi Scarrone

(17.33)

Mmm, lovely. Floral, complex, meaty. Firm, with attractive juicy, ripe, plummy fruit. Balanced, utterly drinkable. Up to 10 years. **£17.99; Vin**

Azienda Agricola Brezza, Bricco Sarmassa

(17.25)

Roses, balsamic notes. Powered by acidity and tannin. Great energy and focus. Very young, with layers of perfume. 5–10 years. **£35; APV, Can, You**

Cascina Cucco, Vigna Cucco

(17.25)

Tar, flowers and spices. Rich truffley fruit – lots of it, the big tannins are almost obscured. Delicious, concentrated and impressive. 5–10 years. **N/A UK; +39 0173 232 235**

Azienda Agricola Giovanni Corino, Corino, Vigna Giachini

(17)

Very attractive now but the oak tone is matched by pretty impressive fruit. Real complexity – mineral, smoky, vanilla notes. Mulberry fruit, sweet tannins, excellent length. 5–10 years. **£31; J&B**

Cantine Giacomo Ascheri, Podere di Sorano

(17)

Subtle, floral elegant fruit. A winner. Richly fruity and tannic, with both fruit and structure hinting at future greatness. 3–10 years. **£45; EnW**

Seghesio, Vigneto la Villa

(17)

Forward, sweet nose with chocolate, butterscotch and spice. Full, ripe and round with flashes of floral spicy notes. Good length. 5–10 years. **N/A UK; +39 0173 78108**

Azienda Agricola Vigna Rionda, Massolino, Parafada

(16.8)

Sweet, juicy, primary fruit. Lovely freshness and vigour; firm but fine tannins, good length. 5–10 years. **N/A UK; Lib**

Azienda Agricola Virna, Preda Sarmassa

(16.8)

Attractively spicy with fair intensity of dark fruits. Hints of woodsmoke and earth. Lovely balance. 5–10 years. **N/A UK; +39 0173 56120**

Azienda Agricola Poderi Aldo Conterno, Cicala

(16.75)

Lovely, complex, evocative nose. Lush, juicy fruit, with fabulous sweet, rich tannins. 2–5 years. **£57.50; Lib, MoV**

Azienda Agricola Poderi Aldo Conterno, Bussia

(16.75)

Quite traditional with firm acidity and firm, dry tannins, but has class and persistence. Drink now. **£41.95; Lib, MoV**

Michele Chiaro, Cerequio

(16.75)

Spicy, ripe, some chocolate and integrated new oak. Quite modernist/internationalist but oak does not overwhelm, concentrated dark fruit, still fresh, with firm ripe tannins, very good. 2–6 years. **£39; Hal**

Scarzello, Vigna Merenda

(16.75)

Youthful, closed, bright, precisely spicy. Fine-grained texture, ripe fruit, complexity on beginning, middle and end. 2–10 years. **Tam**

DECANTER
dicembre '06

ITALY

BAROLO 2001
(May 2006)

DECANTER AWARD Boroli, Villero

Leathery, floral notes, heavy. Lovely bright, vibrant, ripe fruit. Firm, ripe tannins. Youthful – needs time to soften. 5–20 years. **N/A UK; +39 0173 365 477**

Azienda Agricola Luciano Sandrone, Cannubi Boschis

Big, closed, earthy, with vein of rose petal aromatics. Youthful, modern, brightly fruity, oak still dominant. Great depth of flavour. 2–10 years. **£75; BBR**

Scarzello

Appealing, pot pourri, spices, medicinal. Power, intensity and

DECANTER PROMOTION



Azienda Agricola Brovia, Ca'mia (16.66)

Sherbety, strawberry nose. Exotic violets and Pinot perfume. Lovely palate. A lot of power and tannin. 2–5 years. **£32–35; Bat, F&R**

Azienda Agricola Gabutti, Serralunga (16.66)

Subtle exotic spices, incense. Attractive fruit, tarry, medicinal, decent acidity, firm, ripe tannins. Persistent. Long. Drink now. **N/A UK; +39 0173 613 165**

Azienda Agricola Rivetto, Giulin (16.66)

Fairly expressive – dried tea, strawberry and rose petals. Ethereal style. Very intense, and a long graceful finish. **N/A UK; +39 0173 613 380**

Mauro Veglio, Castelletto (16.66)

Big, rich and aromatic. Young, plummy fruit. Ripe, alkaline, intense mid palate, big youthful tannins and finish. 3–10 years. **£29; HSW**

Andrea Oberto, Vigneto Albarella (16.6)

Earthy and smoky. Full, round, ripe and juicy. Attractive ripe berry fruits with notes of liquorice, tobacco and spice. 2–5 years. **£37; Ali**

Rocche Costamagna, Rocche dell'Annunziata, Bricco Francesco (16.6)

Rose petals, hint of tar and spice. Quite tightly structured but there's power and concentration and finesse too. 2–5 years. **£25; L&W**

Azienda Agricola Schiavenza (16.5)

Forward nose of dark fruits, and a hint of spice. Lurking power underneath. Rich and full with attractive fruit flavours. 2–5 years. **£19.50–21; FWI**

Cantine San Silvestro, Patres (16.5)

Pungent, some development. Lovely depth of fruit, crisp and fresh. Excellent balance. Up to 12 years. **£15.49–15.99; Ave, Csv, Evy, Hvl**

Mauro Veglio, Vigneto Arborina (16.5)

Perfumed, elegant. Modern but pretty compelling. Long and rich with elegance and power in lovely balance. Up to 15 years. **£32; HSW**

Poderi Luigi Einaudi, Nei Cannubi (16.5)

Lightly aromatic, plums. Good weight of bitter cherry, leathery fruit. Lovely depth of fruit. Promise of complexity. 4–15 years. **L&S**

RECOMMENDED

Poderi Luigi Einaudi (16.4pts/20) £26.95; L&S

Azienda Agricola Azelia, San Rocco (16.33) £35; J&B

Azienda Agricola Azelia, Bricco Fiasco (16.25) £35; J&B

Azienda Agricola Ceretto, Bricco Rocche, Prapò (16.25) £35.99 (2000); Bib

Azienda Agricola Josetta Saffirio (16.25) £45 (2000); F&R

Azienda Agricola Luciano Sandrone, Le Vigne (16.25) £70; BBR, M&V

Azienda Agricola Reverdito Michele, Bricco Cogni (16.25) £25; ThH

Icardi, Parej (16.25) N/A UK; +39 0141 855 159

Michele Chiarlo, Cannubi (16.25) £45; Hal

Parusso, Mariondino (16.25) £39.99; EnW, Wmb

Boroli (16.2) N/A UK; +39 0173 365477

Gianni Gagliardo, Preve (16.2) £38.25; CPy

Azienda Agricola Enzo Boglietti, Fossati (16) £35; WSO

Azienda Agricola Giribaldi (16) £18.99–20.99; Chh, Pri

Azienda Agricola San Biago, Sori del Rovere (16) N/A UK; +39 0173 50214

Azienda Agricola Vigna Rionda, Massolino, Margheria (16) £38.50; Lib

Ca'Rome, Romano Marengo, Rapel (16) N/A UK; +39 0173 635 126

Cordero di Montezemolo, Vigna Enrico VI (16) N/A UK; +39 0173 50344

Dezzani (16) £14.99; Euv

Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno, Cannubi (16) N/A UK; +39 0173 561 107

Pio Cesare (16) £32.26; L&W

Azienda Agricola Fratelli Revello, Vigna Giachini (15.8) £39; F&R

Azienda Agricola Giovanni Corino, Vigneto Arborina (15.8) £31; J&B

Cascina Adelaide, Cannubi (15.8) £28; Skb

Cascina Luisin, Leon (15.8) N/A UK

Cordero di Montezemolo, Vigna Bricco Gattera (15.8) N/A UK; +39 0173 50344

Gianfranco Alessandria (15.8) N/A UK; +39 0173 785 76

Oddero, Rivera di Castiglione (15.8) £18; Ali

Tenimenti Fontanafredda, Vigna La Rosa (15.8) £43.99 (2000); EnW

Azienda Agricola Cavalier Bartolomeo, Vigneti Solanotto Altinasso (15.75) N/A UK; +39 0173 628 66

Azienda Agricola Reverdito Michele, Moncucco (15.75) £18.50; ThH

Azienda Agricola Schiavenza, Vigneto Broglio (15.75) £25–26.50; FWI

Azienda Vitivinicola Principiano Ferdinando, Boscareto (15.75) N/A UK; +39 0173 787 158

Azienda Agricola Tenuta la Volta, Cabutto, Vigna la Volta (15.5) N/A UK; +39 0173 56168

Azienda Agricola Virna, Cannubi Boschis (15.5) N/A UK; +39 0173 56120

Lo Zoccolajo, Ravera (15.5) £11.99; D&D

Pio Cesare, Ornato (15.5) £45.75–46; Evy, Grr

Azienda Agricola Oberto Marco, Ciabot Berton, Roggeri (15.4) POA; Jer, Lay

Azienda Agricola Gabutti, Boasso (15.33) N/A UK; +39 0173 613 165

Azienda Agricola Monti, Bussia (15.25) N/A UK; +39 0173 78391

Balbi, Soprani (15.25) £13.99; Odd

Bersano, Badarina (15.25) £32; Ali

Ca'Rome, Romano Marengo, Vigna Cerretta (15.25) N/A UK

Andrea Oberto, Vigneto Rocche (15.2) £36; Ali

Azienda Agricola Ceretto, Bricco Rocche, Brunate (15.2) £35.99 (2000); Bib

Azienda Agricola Grimaldi

WINES OF THE YEAR

- Bruna, Vigna Regnola, Badarina** (15)
N/A UK; +39 0173 2620 94
- Azienda Agricola Rivetto, Leon Bava** (15) £33; FMV
- Fontanafredda** (15) £16; EnW
- Gemma, Giblin** (15) £23.25; Bls
- M Marengo, Brunate** (15)
£29; J&B
- Poderi Colla, Dardi Le Rose, Bussia** (15)
£25; Cks, Crk, DBy, JoV, Nob, Viv
- Tenuta l'Illuminata, Tebavio** (15) N/A UK; +39 02720 94585
- Terre Da Vino, Radcliffe's Regional Classics** (15)
£16.99; Thr, WRa
- Ca'Bianca** (14.8) £18; Bib
- Ciabot Berton** (14.8) POA; Jer, Lay
- Famiglia Anselma** (14.8)
£25.99; BoC
- Parusso, Bussia** (14.8)
£59.99; EnW
- Tenimenti Fontanafredda, Vigna la Villa** (14.8)
£41 (2000); EnW
- Alario Claudio, Riva** (14.75)
£20.79; Bib
- Azienda Agricola Brovia, Rocche** (14.75)
£34-35; Bat, MvF
- Cantine Giacomo Ascheri, Podere di Rivalta, Vigna dei Pola** (14.75) £35; EnW
- Cascina Cucco, Cerrati** (14.75)
N/A UK; +39 0173 232 235
- Azienda Agricola Gian Piero Marrone, Pichemej** (14.6)
N/A UK; +39 0173 509 288
- Azienda Agricola Gianfranco Bovio, Vigna Gattera** (14.6)
£35; Dec, Hnd, HvN
- Azienda Agricola Mascarello, Giuseppe e Figlio, Santo Stefano di Perno** (14.6) £35; Wtd
- Azienda Agricola San Biago** (14.6) N/A UK
- Bosco Agostino** (14.6)
N/A UK; +39 0173 509 466
- Rocche Costamagna, Rocche dell'Annunziata** (14.6)
£19.95; MiG
- Silvano Bolmida, Vigne dei Fantini** (14.6) RIW, VeW
- Tenuta Rocca, Vigna San Pietro** (14.6) £29.73; Vtl
- Azienda Agricola Cascina Ballarin, Tre Ciabòt** (14.5)
£29; GpT
- Azienda Agricola Cogno, Ravera** (14.5) £25; Pas
- Azienda Agricola Gianfranco Bovio, Vigna Arborina** (14.5)
£38; Dec, Hnd, HvN
- Azienda Vitivinicola Bel Colle, Monvigliero** (14.5)
N/A UK; +39 0172 470 196
- Oddero, Rocche di Castiglione** (14.5) £18; Ali
- Tenuta Rocca** (14.5) £27.48; Vtl