

Bertinga (Gaiole in Chianti)

This is a new estate, located high in the hills of Gaiole in Chianti. The wines range from examples of monovarietal Merlot and Sangiovese to two different Merlot/Sangiovese blends.

Sassi Chiusi 2016 (IGT Toscana)

A blend of 85% Sangiovese, 15% Merlot. Bright purple; aromas of malt chocolate, black cherry, black plum and a hint of clove. Medium-full with very good to excellent concentration, this has ripe fruit flavors on the palate with notes of stewed plums. There is very good acidity, medium-full, round tannins, ample wood notes and a powerful, fruit-driven finish. This is a very young wine that needs to be revisited in 2-3 years, with peak in 7-10 years. (90)

Bertinga 2016 (IGT Toscana)

A blend of 50% Sangiovese, 50% Merlot. Deep gamet/plum color; aromas of anise, black plum, morel cherry. Rich mid-palate, medium-full tannins, very good acidity; notes of oregano on the finish, very good persistence. Excellent complexity, but the wine needs to settle down for a few years; peak in 7-10 years. (92)

Punta di Adine 2016 (IGT Toscana)

100% Sangiovese. Bright gamet/purple; aromas of black plum and cassis. Medium-full with excellent concentration. Classic Sangiovese flavors, evident wood notes, but not overpowering, very good acidity; good persistence. This needs time to settle down and round out. Made in a modern style, but with very good varietal character. Peak in 7-10 years. (93)

Volta 2016 (IGT Toscana)

100% Merlot. Light purple; aromas of black plum, black cherry and a hint of anise. Medium-full with excellent concentration. Ample oak notes, very good acidity, good persistence. A ripe, extracted Merlot made in a modern style that offers excellent structure and plenty of stuffing for the long haul. Give time to let the wine offer greater complexities. Peak in 10-12 years. (93)