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Tuscany / Chianti Classico

92 Barone Ricasoli Chianti Classico Castello di Brolio 2005 \$54 Dense and rich, with plum, berry and well-integrated oak character. Full-bodied, round and silky, with good balance and a long, tarry mineral finish. A pleasure to drink. Layered and structured. Best after 2010. 6,170 cases made.—*J.S.*

91 Le Corti Chianti Classico Don Tommaso 2005 \$36 Aromas of plum, berries and oak follow through to a medium body, with clean fruit on a firm texture, turning a little chewy just now. All there, but this needs time to even out. Best after 2009. 2,000 cases made.—*J.S.*

91 Querciabella Chianti Classico 2006 \$32 A rich, round wine, with plum and berry character and soft tannins. Full-bodied, with berry and dark chocolate character and a long finish. Juicy. Outstanding value. Drink now through 2012. 12,000 cases made.—*J.S.*

90 Fontodi Chianti Classico 2006 \$35 Beautiful aromas of rich plum and black cherry follow through to a full body, with velvety tannins and a long, rich finish. Drink now. 14,000 cases made.—*J.S.*

90 Castelli del Grevepesa Chianti Classico Panzano 2006 \$27 Offers blackberry and tobacco, with a mahogany undertone. Full-bodied, with firm tannins and a long, silky finish. Balanced and very pretty. From the best area of Chianti Classico. Drink now. 1,500 cases made.—*J.S.*

90 Montecalvi Chianti Classico 2006 \$25 Good and fruity, with lots of black cherry, fresh herb and mineral character on the nose and palate. Full-bodied, with soft, velvety tannins and a clean finish of fruit and mineral, leaving a hint of chocolate. This is nice now, but should also improve. Best after 2009. 200 cases made.—*J.S.*

90 Nittardi Chianti Classico Riserva 2005 \$34 Displays ripe fruit on the nose, with spice and tobacco undertones. Full-bodied, soft and round, with silky tannins and a rich finish. Big and juicy for a Chianti Classico. Drink now. 450 cases made.—*J.S.*

90 Fattoria di Petroio Chianti Classico Riserva mineral and cigar box aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and lots of fruit and character. Long and rich. Drink now. 835 cases made.—*J.S.*

90 Poggio Bonelli Chianti Classico Riserva 2005 \$43 This has a nice nose, with a mixture of ripe plum, clean oak and fresh earth aromas that follow through to a silky, medium body, with a balanced finish. Layered and chewy. Best after 2009. 1,100 cases made.—*J.S.*

90 Tenuta di Riseccoli Chianti Classico 2006 \$32 Exhibits blackberry and licorice aromas, with hints of vanilla. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins. There's lots of new wood, but also impressive concentration of fruit. Should settle down a bit with bottle age. Needs time. Best after 2010. 1,600 cases made.—*J.S.*

90 San Felice Chianti Classico Il Grigio Riserva 2005 \$25 Shows very attractive plum and berry aromas, with vanilla bean undertones. Full-bodied, rich and velvety, with a long, fresh finish. A beautiful wine. Drink now. 23,600 cases made.—*J.S.*

88 Castello di Ama Chianti Classico 2005 \$68 Round and fruity, with pretty chocolate, berry and plum aromas and flavors. Medium- to full-bodied, with soft tannins and a long, clean finish. Balanced and delicious. Drink now. 10,000 cases made.—*J.S.*