

### THE STARS

The section of the Guide set aside for Stars, awarded to cellars that have won Three Glass at least ten times, is expanding steadily. We have now reached a total of 59 winners and among the names listed below you will see the "super Stars" of Italian oenology. This year's newcomers to the Star club include Roberto Anselmi's winery in Veneto, Barone Ricasoli, Giampaolo Motta's La Motta and Tenuta del Terriccio in Tuscany, Giorgio Badin's Ronco del Gelso in Friuli, Sardinia's Argiolas, Piedmont's Michele Chiarlo and Rocca dei Manzoni, Cantina Produttori di Termeno in Alto Adige and the Guerrieri Gonzaga family's Trentino-based San Leonardo. These prestigious, well-known names have ascended to the Olympus of Italian winemaking for the superb quality and reliability over time of their products. Some of the most encouraging performances this year are the quantum leap in quality by Ca' del Bosco and Castello di Ama, both of which claimed three Three Glass trophies, and the double top scores of Gaja, La Spinetta, Marchesi Antinori, Girolamo Dorigo, Feudi di San Gregorio, Planeta and Argiolas. A hat-trick of Three Glass scores went to Bolgheri-based Le Macchiole, now on nine. We sincerely hope that a well-deserved Star will be forthcoming next year.

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GAJA (Piedmont)

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CA' DEL BOSCO (Lombardy)

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LA SPINETTA (Piedmont)

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ELIO ALTARE - CASCINA NUOVA  
(Piedmont)

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ALLEGRINI (Veneto)

**CASTELLO DI FONTERUTOLI (Tuscany)**

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FATTORIA DI FELSINA (Tuscany)

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MARCHESI ANTINORI (Tuscany)  
DOMENICO CLERICO (Piedmont)  
VINNAIOLI JERMANN  
(Friuli Venezia Giulia)

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CASTELLO DI AMA (Tuscany)  
GIROLAMO DORIGO (Friuli Venezia Giulia)  
POLIZIANO (Tuscany)

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CANTINA PRODUTTORI  
SAN MICHELE APPIANO (Alto Adige)  
CASTELLO DELLA SALA (Umbria)  
TENIMENTI RUFFINO (Tuscany)  
PAOLO SCAVINO (Piedmont)  
SCHIOPETTO (Friuli Venezia Giulia)  
EDOARDO VALENTINI (Abruzzo)  
VIE DI ROMANS (Friuli Venezia Giulia)  
VILLA RUSSIZ (Friuli Venezia Giulia)

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CASTELLO BANFI (Tuscany)  
BELLAVISTA (Lombardy)  
LIVIO FELLUGA (Friuli Venezia Giulia)

FERRARI (Trentino)

CASCINA LA BARBATELLA (Piedmont)  
TENUTA SAN GUIDO (Tuscany)  
ROBERTO VOERZIO (Piedmont)

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GIACOMO CONTERNO (Piedmont)  
MATTEO CORREGGIA  
(Piedmont)

ROMANO DAL FORNO (Veneto)  
FEUDI DI SAN GREGORIO  
(Campania)

TENUTA FONTODI (Tuscany)  
IOSKO GRAVNER (Friuli Venezia Giulia)  
ISOLE E OLENA (Tuscany)  
PLANETA (Sicily)  
TENUTA DELL'ORNELLAIA (Tuscany)

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CANTINA PRODUTTORI COLTERENZIO  
(Alto Adige)  
ALDO CONTERNO (Piedmont)  
CONTERNO FANTINO (Piedmont)  
GIANNI MASCIARELLI (Abruzzo)  
MIANI (Friuli Venezia Giulia)  
PIEROPAN (Veneto)  
QUERCIBELLA (Tuscany)  
TASCA D'ALMERITA (Sicily)

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ANTONIO ARGIOLAS (Sardegna)  
BRICCO ROCHE - BRICCO ASILI  
(Piedmont)  
LE VIGNE DI ZAMÒ (Friuli Venezia Giulia)  
MACULAN (Veneto)

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ANSELMI (Veneto)  
BARONE RICASOLI (TUSCANY)  
CANTINA PRODUTTORI DI TERMENO  
(Alto Adige)  
MICHELE CHIARLO (PIEDMONT)  
LA MASSA (Tuscany)  
PRUNOTTO (Piedmont)  
PODERE ROCHE DEI MANZONI  
(Piedmont)  
RONCO DEL GELSO (Friuli Venezia Giulia)  
SAN LEONARDO (Trentino)  
CASTELLO DEL TERRICCIO (Tuscany)



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To understand just how reliable the wine from the Mazzei family's Castello di Fonterutoli estate have become, try a glass of their standard-label Chianti Classico. Make the test a hard one by sampling a lesser vintage, such as the 2002. It is simply delicious. The fragrant aromas of black cherries and other red berries, the concentrated palate and marvellous balance are sure to win you over. Making a wine as good as this in a growing year as poor as 2002 shows skill and professionalism. Obviously, the flagship Chianti Classico Castello di Fonterutoli '01 is fantastic. In fact, it's one of the finest wines from that vintage. As powerful and concentrated on the nose as it is on the palate, it still manages to be elegant. Tight-knit, but not dusty, tannins contribute to a dense, aristocratic mouthfeel. The complexity of the aromas is particularly striking. Black cherry mingles with tobacco, leather and spice, promising great things for the future. The merlot and sangiovese '02 Siepi is nice, albeit less opulent than in previous editions, something that we can safely put down to the growing year. Despite the 2002 vintage, it still went through to the finals, showing just how good the range is overall. Poggio alla Badiola '03, a monovarietal Sangiovese, is good but no more. An easy drinker, it shows very distinct, if unexciting, aromas on the nose. All in all, this was a very good performance from one of Chianti's most prestigious estates.

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● Siepi '00	8
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● Siepi '96	8
● Siepi '97	8
● Siepi '98	8
● Chianti Cl.	8
● Castello di Fonterutoli '99	8
● Siepi '99	8

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Tenuta Belguardo, the Mazzei family home in the Maremma countryside, has earned much praise in short order, confirming the long-established excellence of one of the most prestigious names on the national winemaking scene. The all south-facing exposure, the quality of the arid, stony land and a site climate tempered by the moderating influence of the sea, together with great skill in vineyard and cellar, are the fundamental ingredients of this winning formula. The Tenuta Belguardo '02, from a blend of sangiovese, merlot and cabernet sauvignon, is particularly outstanding. This impeccably crafted wine shows intense sensations of black berry fruit and toasty chocolate and coffee notes, then juicy, elegant structure on the palate. The finish brings back juicy fruit, which is slightly masked by tart notes, and a pleasant coffee aftertaste. Serrata di Belguardo '02, also a blend of sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and merlot is almost as good. Less complex, it is slow to open on the nose, but then pleasant floral notes and lovely spice emerge. It shows average concentration on the palate, well-crafted tannins and an intense finale, though slightly mouth-drying. Also good, the Morellino Poggio Bronzone '02 has simple but clean sensations on the nose of red fruits and toast, then enters nicely, thinning a shade in mid palate, but recovering to sign off with a full, very enjoyable finish.

● Tenuta Belguardo '02	8
● Serrata di Belguardo '02	5
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● Tenuta Belguardo '00	6
● Serrata di Belguardo '01	5
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