

2018 Mazzei Siepi

I tasted this wine in a preview capacity a few months back and am coming back now with a final review. The lovely 2018 Siepi, from old vines of Sangiovese and Merlot, comes out roaring. I have long been a fan of this historic wine that so carefully blends the fruity freshness and bright flavors of the Tuscan grape with the soft and succulent background tones of the French counterpart. These two sides achieve elegance and balance in this classic vintage. To the palate, the wine is fleshed out and texturally rich. I'm happily settling on the higher part of the range of scores I had previously published. The wine has come together in seamless fashion with that extra bottle aging.

- Monica Lerner (March, 2021)



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2016 Mazzei Philip

A reasonably priced IGT Toscana worthy of a filet mignon, the Mazzei 2016 Philip is Cabernet Sauvignon (with a tiny bit of Cabernet Franc). It shows terrific balance and intensity in this classic vintage. Dark fruit, blackberry, cassis, spice, tar and leather build intensity as the wine warms in the glass. It demonstrates impeccable balance and beautifully polished length, making this a wine that offers elegance and power in equal measure.

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2017 Mazzei Concerto di Fonterutoli

This is a blend of 80% Sangiovese and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon that has been produced since 1981. The fruit is sourced from both the Mazzei family's celebrated Siepi vineyard (located at 260 meters above sea level) and the Fonterutoli site at 500 meters in elevation. The 2017 Concerto di Fonterutoli is dark and saturated with thick layers of blackberry and dark currants, all followed by cured spice, tobacco and a touch of tar or burnt ember. This vintage shows thick darkness and concentrated fruit.

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