

DISCOVERING ITALY'S FINEST WINE VALUES

(619 selections available for \$25 or less)

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CASTELLO DI FONTERUTOLI	2006	POGGIO ALLA BADIOLA	TUSCANY	(\$16.00)	RED	87
Proprietor Filippo Mazzei and consulting oenologist Carlo Ferrini share a modern interpretation of Chianti Classico when it comes to the wines of Fonterutoli. The entry-level 2006 Poggio alla Badiola (70% Sangiovese, 30% Merlot) is a pleasing soft-textured wine			loaded with ripe dark fruit. The heat of the vintage has filled this wine out nicely, giving it a level of richness that is sometimes missing. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2010. Importer: Palm Bay International, Boca Raton, FL; tel. (561) 362-9642			
TENUTA BELGUARDO	2005	SERRATA	TUSCANY	(\$20.00)	RED	88
Tenuta Belguardo's 2005 Serrata is 80% Sangiovese and 20% Alicante aged in French oak. This plump, juicy wine is loaded with dark red fruit intermingled with sweet toasted oak. It offers lovely			balance and an engaging personality. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2010. Importer: Palm Bay International, Boca Raton, FL; tel. (561) 362-9642			