

WINE

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The Results

1987 Vigneti Casterna Valpolicella Classico, Veneto (It)
Fratelli Pasqua, Veneto (It)
Silky texture with good length. Silky texture with good length. Silky texture with good length.

1988 Dolcetto d'Alba, Conterno, Piedmont (It)
Beautiful wine with delicate, cherry and raspberry fruit and a long finish. Ripe and quaffable.
£6.99 OD, HAS

1990 Dolcetto D'Alba Sori Paytin, Pasquero Elia, Piedmont (It)
Serious wine with light raspberry and violet nose. Clean, juicy fruit, tart acidity and gentle tannins.
£6.85 WCE, CWI, H

Franciacorta Il Mosnel, Lombardy (It)
Enjoyable wine, with light, redcurrant fruit and soft tannins. Pleasant acidity and attractive, clean, fresh fruit.
£4.69 TO

9 Molinara, Quintarelli, Verona (It)
Crisp, black cherry fruit with a slight almond tang and a bit of spritz on the tongue. Clean and very drinkable.
£16.50 ADN, BI

1988 Otto Santi Chianti, Marchesi de Frescobaldi, Tuscany (It)
Juicy and fruity, drinking nicely now. Tasty nose with mouthwatering cherry fruit and lovely almond finish.
£4.89 CWS

1989 Pais, Colle Manora, Piedmont (It)
Sweet, spicy wine with a lovely redcurrant and strawberry finish.
£8.95 LEA

1988 Refosco Grave del Friuli, Collavini, Friuli-Venezia-Giulia (It)
Fresh and grapefruit. Ripe fruit with excellent length and depth and a fine clean finish.
£5.20 LUV, MIT, CLF, WGA, V&C, BOO

1988 Teroldego, Casa Girelli, Trentino-Alto Adige (It)
Lightweight cherry-flavoured wine with tart acidity. Really rather nice.
£3.50 EUR, AVE, EOO, WBM

1988 Teroldego Rotaliano, Ca Donini, Trentino-Alto Adige (It)
Pleasing, tart nose of apples and citrus fruits. Lightweight, fine fruit, slightly fizzy with a clean finish.
£3.75 VW, V&C, VLW, BH, AB, WE, A, WOC, UBC

1988 Teroldego Rotaliano Vigneto Pini, Ag R Zeni, Trentino-Alto Adige (It)
Dark and chocolatey, reminiscent of a young Bordeaux. Good depth of juicy fruit, crisp acidity and low tannins.
£7.50 TAN, LUV, V&C, LAV, SAN, BOO

1988 Vigneti Mara, Cantine Gerardo Cesari, Veneto (It)
Light, ripe, cherry fruit and refreshing acidity. Lovely almond flavours on finish.
£4.30 AFI

COMMENDED

1986 Barbaresco, Castello di Neive, Piedmont (It)
Silky texture with rich, ripe, cherry fruit and a slight 'tanniness'. Should keep.
£6.49 OD

1988 Barbera d'Alba, Clerico Domenico, Piedmont (It)
Lots of good, ripe, tangy, black cherry fruit makes this an attractive, drinkable wine. Good acidity too.
£7.75 BI

1988 Barbera D'Alba, Terre del Barolo, Piedmont (It)
Attractive wine which smells of figs and fruitcake. Dense and up-front with good, sappy fruit.
£3.79 VW

1989 Barbera D'Asti, Araldica, Piedmont (It)
Fresh and clean with good, young fruit. Well-balanced and slightly minty.
£3.99 RT

1990 Barbera d'Asti, Viticoltori dell'Acquese, Piedmont (It)
Round, juicy and full of damson fruit with a lovely, nutty, almond and toffee flavour. Ripe and tangy.
£3.75 WCE, V&C, TGB, CWI, LEA, OD, SPR, H, HVW, L&W, MFW, SAS, VLW, WES, CPL, GHL, NRW, HPD, GI, DAL

1989 Barbera D'Asti Collina Croja, Araldica, Piedmont (It)
Smells of ripe, fresh raspberries and toffee. Full of appetising raspberry and cherry fruit with some creamy new oak. Soft and long. 'Lovely stuff' (Simon Loftus)
£5.49 RT

ITALIAN REDS

TROPHY

1988 Maurizio Zanella, Ca' del Bosco, Lombardy (It)
Lovely, toasty oak with great length and complexity of mouthfilling blackcurrant and berry fruit and mellow tannins. A brilliant wine with finesse and elegance.
£27.50 MF, WCE, V&C, OD, LEA

1988 Barbera d'Alba Pian Romanello, Alfredo Prunotto, Piedmont (It)
Fresh and slightly almond with refreshing bitter-sweet fruit. Nicely integrated oak and excellent depth.
£7.35 SV, LEA

1989 Barbera d'Alba Vignola, Cantina Fantino Conterno, Piedmont (It)
Fascinating nose of truffles and herbs. Mouthfilling, creamy, ripe fruit with great warmth and body and good balancing acidity. Very attractive wine.
£5.79 OD

1986 Cabreo Il Borgo, Ruffino, Tuscany (It)
'Loads of everything.' Chunky, ripe Sangiovese with bilberries and oak. A quality wine with a firm, positive character and a long, violet finish. 'An Italian senorita in French stockings!' (Debbie Lush).
£17.90 LPC, LU, V&C, DID, CD, BLW, RD

1986 Capitel Valpolicella dei Nicalo, Tedeschi, Veneto (It)
Gorgeous wine with great morello cherry fruit. Very classy and well-made with tart fruit and a long, clean finish.
£5.99 MIL, WE, WGA, L&W, BOO

1988 Chianti Classico, Fattoria San Leonino, Tuscany (It)
Lovely scented, creamy, berry nose with soft, spicy, herby fruit and subtle tannins. Ripe, lush fruit and a lasting, chewy finish.
£6.20 ROD

1988 Chianti Classico, Isole e Olena, Tuscany (It)
Lots of character with a mint and rhubarb nose, rich, pleasant fruit and balanced tannins and acidity.
£7.65 WCE, V&C, TGB, JFD, WSH, HOP, LEA, GON, CWI, H&H, HVW, RTW, GI, EBA, HHC, HOT, HAS

1986 Le Pergole Torte, Monte Vertine, Tuscany (It)
Upfront flavours with a nice balance of rich, lively, sappy fruit and bitter chocolate tangs. Beautifully balanced, with good acidity, this wine has a long and exciting finish.
£19.50 W, J&B, C&B, RD, CC, V&C

1988 Recioto della Valpolicella Classico, Allegrini, Veneto (It)
Explosive! Sweet and violet, well-structured, rounded fruit. Lush, sweet, concentrated flavours with ripe, soft, berry fruit and great length.
£10.50 V&C, ADN, THP, WCE

1989 Rosso di Montalcino, Poggio Antico, Tuscany (It)
Rich and elegant with ripe currant fruit. Stylish, peppery and rich, with an attractive green edge of spice too. Soft tannins and lots of fruit.
£8.99 LEA, AHC, SV, HEM

1988 Tesco Chianti Classico, Tuscany (It)
Great fruit concentration.
£4.99 WCE, L&W, DAL, V&C, TO, VLW, HFW

1987 Bonarda, G Fugazza, Lombardy (It)
Long and savoury with big fruity flavours. Dry and with a firm tannic backbone.
£5.50 OD, V&C, WOC, WGA, WCE, WRK, RAV

1988 Brenton Breganze Rosso, Maculan, Veneto (It)
Nice, full, berry fruit with green pepper freshness.
£7.00 MF, ABY, CPW, V&C

1986 Campo Fiorin Valpolicella, Masi, Veneto (It)
Good, rich cherry fruit and a pleasant bitter twist on the finish. Very firm tannins and best kept for a few years.
£7.00 ABY, CPW, MF, SEL, V&C, AB, TMW, TW, MM, MAW

1988 Carantan, Marco Felluga, Friuli-Venezia-Giulia (It)
'Plenty of guts' with lots of black pepper, spice and wood. Positive berry fruit with strong tannins. Needs time.
£13.50 SV

1989 Centine Rosso di Montalcino, Banfi, Tuscany (It)
'Smoky bonfire nose with ripe fruit' (Maggie McNie MW). Good structure with luscious cherry fruit and excellent length.
£7.29 AB, CPW, ABY, MF, SEL

1987 Chianti Classico Contessa di Radda, Geografico, Tuscany (It)
Floury and tarry with some baked fruit on the nose. Lovely roundness of fruit with a dark chocolate twist on the finish.
£5.75 AFI, CIW

1986 Chianti Classico Lamole, Castelli del Grevepesa, Tuscany (It)
Lots of soft fruit in this lovely, rounded, mature wine. Very delicate fruit and good acidity. A very attractive wine, for drinking now.
£6.36 A, BU

1987 Chianti Classico 'Villa Cafaggio', Basilica Cafaggio Ponzano, Tuscany (It)
Classic Chianti with hints of violets, plenty of wild fruit and tannins and grippy acidity. Stylish.
£6.51 CWM

1989 Chianti Remole Rufina, Marchesi de Frescobaldi, Tuscany (It)
Aromatic, with hints of incense and cherries. Interesting flavours of tobacco, cloves and spice.
£5.00 LAV, WIN, V&C, AFI, BEN, BH, JEH, JFR, GI, CVR, MG, CAC, WOC, HOT, BAT, UBC

1988 Chianti Rufina, Fattoria Selvapiana, Tuscany (It)
Hints of bonfires, pleasant and light with subtle, juicy fruit. Very smooth and attractive.
£4.99 WCE, L&W, DAL, V&C, TO, VLW, HFW

