

RESTAURANT WINE

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Wines & Wineries to Watch

.....ITALY—Hard to find better medium priced classic method sparkling wines than Rotari's 2013 Brut and 2013 Rose Brut . . . Carpena Malvolti is a top Prosecco producer . . . **Excellent Italian whites** to seek out include Sartori's 2015 Ferdi and **Marotti Campi's 2013 Salmariano Verdicchio Riserva** . . . Piedmont's Filippo Gallino is producing wonderful Barbera d'Alba and Langhe Nebbiolo at very modest prices . . . Carla Benini's Sassotondo Ciliegolo from Maremma is an outstanding wine and a great value . . . I Saltari's 2012 Valpolicella Superiore is a remarkable wine . . . Lungarotti's 2010 Rubesco Riserva, Vigna Monticchio is one of Italy's best Sangiovese-based wines . . . Outstanding 2011 Chianti Classico Riservas include those from Casaloste, Il Molino di Grace, Rietine, Setriolo, and Vignavecchia . . . Le Fonti di Panzano's 2013 Chianti Classico is exceptional . . . As are the 2014 Chianti Classicos from Poggio Scalette and Savignola Paolina, both in Greve in Chianti.

**AZ. AGR. MAROTTI CAMPI, 2013 SALMARIANO, ★★★★★
CASTELLI DI JESI VERDICCHIO CLASSICO**

RISERVA, \$176 (\$22)

Outstanding Verdicchio: full bodied, intensely flavored, crisp, and well balanced; a wine with excellent depth, and apple, lime, pineapple, and toast aromas/flavors. Very long, vibrant finish. First rate. Aged 12 months, largely in stainless steel vats; a small portion in oak barrels. 13.5% [2017-2019]

Villa Italia, S. San Francisco, CA 650.873.6060

**AZ. AGR. MAROTTI CAMPI, BRUT ROSE, ★★★★★+
MARCHE, \$166 (\$20.75)**

Round, medium full bodied, and ripely flavored, this is a floral and fruity sparkler, with rose petal, strawberry, plum, and lemon aromas/flavors, and a medium length finish. From the indigenous Lacrima variety. 1% R.S. Excellent 12% [2017-2018]

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**AZ. AGR. MAROTTI CAMPI, 2015 LUZANO, ★★★★★
VERDICCHIO DEI CASTELLI DI JESI CLASSICO**

SUPERIORE, \$128 (\$16)

An excellent wine and a fine value. It is medium bodied, supple in texture, balanced, and crisp on the finish, tasting of apple, honey, lemon grass, and lime. 13.5% [2017-2018]

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