

QUINTODECIMO TAURASI VIGNA QUINTODECIMO RISERVA 2016, Score 95

Really dense, crushed, ripe red berries and red plums on the nose, together with a pestle and mortar melange of fresh herbs. The fruit concentration is quite something. But then the full-bodied palate disperses the heavily concentrated fruit into a superb balance of fluid fruit and tannin that offers great drinkability even now. This will only improve with some bottle age. Try from 2023.

QUINTODECIMO TAURASI VIGNA GRANDE CERZITO RISERVA 2016, Score 94

Oak against rich plum and currant fruit on the nose. Full-bodied with little in the way of fruit tannin, but a slight sense of heaviness from the oak. Super-long and delicious to taste, but give it plenty of time for the slight dry oak to subside. All the ingredients are there for a super Taurasi, but wait. Try from 2024.

AGLIANICO IRPINIA TERRA D'ECLANO 2018, Score 94

A full-bodied and finely wrought aglianico here, with loads of ripe plums, along with light tar and thick, almost chocolatey notes. Fully integrated tannins and a long, controlled finish. Lots of flavor. Top Aglianico. Drink or hold.

FIANO DI AVELLINO EXULTET 2020, Score 91

Very intense on the nose and palate, showing white peaches and savory herbs, such as thyme. Medium-bodied with good drive, persistent fruit and impressive focus at the finish, but it's all relatively short-lived. Very good and perfectly presentable, though not displaying much in the way of real complexity this year. Drink now.

GRECO DI TUFO GIALLO D'ARLES 2020, Score 92

Aromas of freshly sliced pear, together with the typical aniseed-like accompaniment, rounded off with some milder mineral and floral notes. Medium-bodied with sprightly fruit flavors and a crisp, lightly phenolic finish. Energetic Greco! Drink now.

FALANGHINA IRPINIA VIA DEL CAMPO 2020, Score 92

A very peasant Falanghina with bright peach and floral character. Medium-bodied with an intense yet balanced palate of fruit, fresh acidity and a clean streak of minerality that signs it off nicely. Drink now.