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Tenuta Le Calcinaie

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2013 Tenuta Le Calcinaie Vernaccia di San Gimignano

(\$17) Bright straw. Lovely citrus lift to the apple and pear aromas. Fresh and very clean, with vibrant white stone fruit flavors that linger nicely on the back end. Offers excellent verve and precision.

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2011 Tenuta Le Calcinaie Vernaccia di San Gimignano Riserva Vigna Ai Sassi

(\$24) (95% vernaccia di San Gimignano and 5% chardonnay): Bright straw. Delicate aromas of fresh citrus fruits and white flowers show sneaky depth. Enters the mouth fresh and lively, then turns richer and deeper in the middle, with crisp flavors of white stone fruit and citrus lingering nicely on the bright finish.

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2013 Tenuta Le Calcinaie Chianti Colli Senesi

(\$17) (90% sangiovese, the rest 10% colorino and canaiolo nero): Bright red. Lovely floral nuances to the red cherry and raspberry aromas. Bright and fresh, with flavors of candied red cherry and flinty red berries. The clean, long finish offers hints of underbrush and herbs. Lovely Chianti for the money.

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2010 Tenuta Le Calcinaie Chianti Colli Senesi Riserva Santa Maria

(\$40) (90% sangiovese and 10% canaiolo nero): Dark red. Deep red cherry and smoky red plum on the enticing nose; a hint of varnish blows off with aeration. Fresh and juicy on the palate, showing saline nuances to the deep, rich strawberry and dark red cherry flavors. This is a single-vineyard wine made mainly from very old sangiovese vines now pushing 60 to 70 years of age. The vines have been organically farmed since 1995. This is yet another wine that showcases the marvelous quality of the 2010 vintage for the warmer sections of Chianti.

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2010 Tenuta Le Calcinaie Merlot Gabriele Toscano

(\$40) (100% merlot): Dark ruby-red. Intense aromas of cassis, cocoa, caramel and vanilla. Juicy flavors of dark berries and spicy oak linger nicely on the crisp finish. Sneaky concentration here. This lively wine shows Tuscan merlot notes of underbrush and tobacco.

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