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90 Castello Banfi 2005 Brunello di Montalcino; \$55. Dark ruby red in appearance, this bright Brunello opens with vibrant fruit tones that fall harmoniously in step with spicy, oak-driven aromas. Although the wine drinks young now, it has the natural acidity and tannic structure for aging another five years or more. Imported by Banfi Vintners. —M.L.



93 Castello Banfi 2005 Poggio alle Mura (Brunello di Montalcino); \$85. Castello Banfi's cru expression of Brunello, Poggio alle Mura, is a dark and delicious Brunello with a vertical aromatic delivery of blackberry, currants, plums, cola, mesquite and spice. Sweet oak flavors of vanilla spread over the palate and the wine has impressive consistency and persistency. Imported by Banfi Vintners.

95 Castello Banfi 2004 Poggio all'Oro Riserva (Brunello di Montalcino); \$150. The last time this special Riserva was produced was in 1999. Only produced in excellent vintages, the 2004 expression shows amazing concentration, balance, complexity, depth and personality. Aromas include black cherry, cola, light smoke, graphite and moist tobacco. The mouthfeel is deep, penetrating and long lasting with tight but polished tannins. Drink after 2015. Imported by Banfi Vintners. *Cellar Selection.* —M.L.