

IL PALAZZINO

2018 Ratings



2012 Stagi

Vinous 94 pts – Antonio Galloni

The 2012 Stagi, Il Palazzino's 100% Colorino, is fabulous. The tannins that are so common in Colorino are nicely domesticated, while the ripe, racy fruit of the vintage comes through nicely. Super-ripe red cherry, plum, rose petal and exotic spice notes build into the flamboyant finish. Even with all of its intensity, the 2012 is a midweight wine with a lot of emphasis on structure. I loved it.

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2011 Bertinga

Vinous 91 pts – Antonio Galloni

Il Palazzino's 2011 Bertinga is rich and harmonious. Racy, ripe and intense in its expression of dark fruit, the Bertinga is quite bold in style, but it is also well balanced. Readers should expect Cabernet Sauvignon-based red that is quite Tuscan in its flavor profile and overall personality.

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2013 Bertinga

Vinous 88 pts – Antonio Galloni

The 2013 Bertinga, Il Palazzino's Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot blend, offers good up-front intensity and plenty of power, but it can't match the estate's Sangiovese for personality and character. Smoke, tobacco, game and wild herbs feature in the big, tannic finish. I would prefer to drink this sooner rather than later.

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2011 Chianti Classico Grosso Sanese

Vinous 92 pts – Antonio Galloni

Il Palazzino's 2011 Chianti Classico Grosso Sanese is a big, powerful wine. Black cherry, plum, smoke, tobacco and licorice make a strong opening statement. Already showing signs of aromatic development, the 2011 is probably not destined to be a long-term ager despite its considerable heft and tannic clout. Even so, there is much to like. The personality of the warm, dry season comes through in the slightly roasted fruit profile.

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2012 Chianti Classico Grosso Sanese

Vinous (91-93) pts – Antonio Galloni

Tasted from tank just prior to bottling, the 2012 Chianti Classico Grosso Sanese is rich, ample and creamy. Red cherry, plum, rose petal and exotic spice notes all flesh out in the glass. The 2012 is an especially racy, silky Grosso Sanese with midweight structure, silky tannins and fine balance. Best of all, the 2012 will drink well pretty much upon release.

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2013 Chianti Classico Argenina

Vinous 92 pts – Antonio Galloni

Il Palazzino's 2013 Chianti Classico Argenina offers striking depth and density, with plenty of Sangiovese character. Herbs, black olives, licorice, smoke and game create a striking aromatic presence. The masculine personality of Sangiovese from the southern reaches of Chianti Classico comes through loud and clear in this super-expressive wine.

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2014 Chianti Classico Argenina

Vinous 90 pts – Antonio Galloni

The 2014 Chianti Classico Argenina is gracious, light on its feet and very pretty. This is an especially slender vintage for the Argenina, and yet all the elements are nicely balanced. Bright red fruit and floral notes give the wine its signature aromatic lift and freshness. There is plenty to like.

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2015 Rosso del Palazzino

Vinous 88+ pts – Antonio Galloni

The 2015 Rosso del Palazzino is a solid, entry-level wine with good Sangiovese character in its red cherry, tobacco, licorice and dried herb nuances. Just bottled, the 2015 is a bit disjointed at this stage. It will almost certainly be better in another few months' time.

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2016 Toscana Azzero Edoardo Sderci

Vinous 90 pts – Antonio Galloni

The 2016 Azzero, Edoardo Sderci's 100% Sangiovese done with no SO2, is fabulous. Rich, pliant and forward in its expression of fruit, the 2016 will be nearly impossible to resist upon release. A rush of red cherry and plum fruit builds into the voluptuous, racy finish. Fermentation and aging in steel keeps the flavors bright in this very pretty, nuanced Sangiovese.