

# Tenute Sella

## Ratings



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### 2008 Lessona Omaggio Quintino Sella

#### James Suckling 92 pts

At a decade of age, this Lessona still has some healthy, dry tannins and bright acidity, married nicely with mature fruit. Long, rather mineral finish. Drink or hold.

#### Wine Spectator 89 pts

A fragrant, mature red, this exudes hints of mushroom, autumn woods, incense and dried cherry, with a woody, tar-tinged palate. Finishes slightly dry. Think osso buco or risotto with wild mushrooms. Drink now.

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### 2009 Lessona Omaggio a Quintino Sella

#### Vinous 92 pts – Antonio Galloni

The 2009 Lessona Omaggio a Quintino Sella is powerful and deep for this bottling, and yet it retains the mid-weight structure that is typical of the appellation. Dried cherry, mint, licorice, dried flowers and earthy notes are some of the signatures. It will be interesting to see if the 2009 develops more nuance over time. Today, it is a bit rough around the edges and also not quite as delineated as some previous editions have been.

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### 2011 Lessona

#### James Suckling 90 pts

Quite a challenging, earthy and mature Lessona. Serious with elegant tannins on the medium-to full-bodied palate, but then a slightly tart finish. Much better drunk with food than by itself. Drink now.

#### Vinous 90 pts – Antonio Galloni

The 2011 Lessona is another wine that offers considerable near and medium term appeal. Sweet tobacco, dried flowers, mint, white pepper and spice are nicely layered in this mid-weight, polished Lessona. There is lovely depth and textural resonance to the 2011. I would prefer to drink it over the next handful of years.

#### Wine Spectator 88 pts

This is savory, with a complex mix of licorice, leather, tobacco and iron flavors surrounding a core of sweet, fading cherry. Firm tannins uphold the finish. Nebbiolo and Vespolina. Drink now through 2021.

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### 2012 Lessona

#### Wine Spectator 87 pts

This is ready to drink, showing fading cherry, floral, leather and underbrush notes meshed with the light matrix of tannins. Tips to the dry side, finishing long. Drink now.

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### 2009 Lessona San Sebastiano alla Zoppo

**Vinous 92 pts – Antonio Galloni**

The 2009 Lessona San Sebastiano allo Zoppo is powerful and also a touch rustic, but also pleasing in its own way. Now starting to show the first signs of aromatic and flavor development, the 2009 has quite a bit to offer. Firm, grippy tannins give the 2009 its shape and more than enough spine to support a mid-weight frame laced with hints of tobacco, smoke, leather, licorice, herbs and incense. Although not the last word in complexity, the 2009 will drink well for at least another handful of years.

**James Suckling 90 pts**

Although it's now coming up for nine years of age and there's a hint of Amontillado-sherry-type character in here, this has both nice richness and rather silky tannins. Drink now.

**Wine Spectator 89 pts – Bruce Sanderson**

Ample cherry and berry fruit is enhanced by underbrush and tar elements in this red. Bracing acidity keeps this focused. The finish evokes mineral and leafy accents. Nebbiolo and Vespolina. Drink now through 2021. 200 cases made.

**2010 Bramaterra I Porfidi**

**Vinous 90 pts – Antonio Galloni**

The 2010 Bramaterra I Porfidi is understated and classy, with an airy, weightless personality to match. Savory herb, white pepper, cranberry and mint are some of the many nuances that give the 2010 its bright, aromatically intense feel. I Porfidi is 70% Nebbiolo, 20% Croatina and 10% Vespolina.

**Wine Spectator 90 pts – Bruce Sanderson**

Cherry, rose, mineral and wild herb aromas and flavors mark this intense, linear red. Tight and firm, yet remains long. Nebbiolo, Croatina and Vespolina. Drink now through 2024. 275 cases made.

**James Suckling 91 pts**

Plenty of soy sauce and balsamic vinegar on the nose with some maturing blackberries. Bold and rather tannic, this packs quite a punch at the mineral finish. Drink now.

**Wine Enthusiast 90 pts**

This opens with subtle aromas of underbrush, dark culinary spice, pressed rose, a whiff of tar and mature berry. The smooth if rather evolved palate shows dried cherry, licorice, mint and a hint of iron alongside polished tannins. Drink soon to capture the fruit sensations.

**2011 Bramaterra**

**James Suckling 89 pts**

A full, mature, generous red with lots of ripe-plum character. Quite silky now, the tannins having almost fully evolved. Drink now.

**Vinous 91 pts – Antonio Galloni**

Sella's 2011 Bramaterra is gorgeous. Dark, supple and inviting, the 2011 is an excellent choice for drinking now and over the next few years. Soft contours and mid-weight structure add to the wine's considerable appeal. The 2011 is not the last word in complexity, but it is supremely delicious.

**2012 Bramaterra**

**Wine Spectator 90 pts**

Offers earth and game aromas, with sour cherry and mineral notes lurking beneath. The structure is firm yet lacy, staying balanced through the dense finish. Drink now through 2024.

**2013 Coste della Sesia Casteltorto**

**Vinous 89 pts – Antonio Galloni**

The 2013 Coste della Sesia Casteltorto is a lovely Nebbiolo-based red. High-toned floral and savory notes add lift to a core of bright stone fruit. Dollops of Croatina and Vespolina round out this expressive, impeccably balanced wine from Sella.

**2014 Coste della Sesia Casteltorto**

**James Suckling 89 pts**

Quite a successful 2014 with some healthy tannins that nicely balance the red-fruit and floral character. Quite supple finish. Drink now.

**Vinous 88+ pts – Antonio Galloni**

The 2014 Coste della Sesia Casteltorto is bright to the point of being almost piercing, even by the standards of Northern Piedmont reds. There is good definition to the cherry, orange peel, mint and dried flower flavors, but the acidity remains elevated and ultimately gives the wine a slightly disjointed feel. I am not sure bottle age will help in a meaningful way.

**Wine Spectator 86 pts**

Cherry, currant, rose and earth flavors are supported by dusty tannins. Comes together, but remains slightly sharp and tannic in the balance. Light-weight. Drink now through 2020.

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**2015 Coste della Sesia Orbello**

**James Suckling 89 pts**

A bold and ripe Piedmont red with some serious dry tannins. Rather simple and not that much fruit showing, but this should do well with hearty, autumn and winter dishes. Drink now.

**Vinous 89 pts – Antonio Galloni**

The 2015 Orbello is a terrific entry-level wine from Sella. Bright red cherry fruit and crushed flowers give the 2015 lovely aromatic lift. The Orbello is a blend of 50% Nebbiolo, with dollops of Barbera, Croatina, Vespolina and Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Wine Spectator 89 pts – Bruce Sanderson**

Offering a mix of cherry, raspberry, leather and earth aromas and flavors, this red is supple and lively, with a lightly chewy finish. Fine length. Drink now through 2021. 1,000 cases made.

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**2016 Coste della Sesia Orbello**

**Wine Spectator 88 pts**

A vibrant, elegant red, featuring cherry, currant, earth and graphite flavors. Firm tannins lend support that should allow this to develop over the next several years. Drink now through 2023.

**Wine Enthusiast 88 pts**

A blend of Nebbiolo, Barbera, Croatina, Vespolina and a drop of Cabernet Sauvignon, this bright red has aromas of wild berry, baking spice, aromatic herb and a whiff of scorched earth. The taut medium-bodied palate offers dried cherry, ground pepper and a hint of star anise alongside polished tannins and bright acidity. Drink through 2021.

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**2017 Rosato Majoli (Coste della Sesia)**

**Vinous 91 pts – Ian D’Agata**

Luminous orange-pink. Yellow orchard fruit, chalk, and puff pastry on the nose. Then bright and well-delineated, with a full-bodied, tactile and fresh mouthfeel. Finishes long and complex.

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**2018 Rosato Majoli (Coste della Sesia)**

**Vinous 91 pts – Ian D’Agata**

Bright, medium orange-tinged pink. Delicate aromas of white flowers, coriander and strawberry. Then much richer and riper in the mouth, with flavors of lush strawberry, herbs and peach. Bright acidity keeps this rather dense Rosato lively and fresh. The finish is long and savory. Lots of flavor here.

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