

# Wine Spectator

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## Exploring ITALY

### WINE

TUSCANY'S  
TOP REDS,  
BEST VALUES

### FOOD

A CALIFORNIA  
CHEF'S ITALIAN  
MENU

### TRAVEL

HIGH STYLE  
IN THE ALPS

**93 Tolaini Toscana Tenuta Montebello Picconero 2007 \$130** Full and velvety, offering loads of sweet berry, licorice and light toasty oak that shows a mineral undertone, with a very long finish. 65 percent Merlot, 30 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 5 percent Petit Verdot. Best after 2011. 415 cases made.—J.S.

**90 Tolaini Toscana Tenuta S. Giovanni Valdisanti 2007 \$40** A chewy and layered red, with blackberry and toasty oak. Though there's a little too much new oak, this is rich and impressive. Best after 2010. 9,165 cases made.—J.S.

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**88 Tolaini Toscana Al Passo 2007 \$30** This succulent young red exhibits loads of blackberry and vanilla character. Full and velvety, with a pretty texture. Drink now. 6,665 cases made.—J.S.