



GAMBERO ROSSO

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2,350 producers

20,000 wines

402 three glasses

32 editor's three glasses plus

83 three green glasses

52 three glasses under €15

TUSCANY

Tolaini

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CELLAR SALES
PRE-BOOKED VISITS

WINE TALK
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ANNUAL PRODUCTION 250,000 bottles
HECTARES UNDER VINE 50
VITICULTURE METHOD Conventional

Pierluigi Tolaini's estate performed very well this year, with its flagship wine Picconero, a blend of merlot and cabernet sauvignon with a small amount of petit verdot, reaching our finals. Pierluigi is a singular character who emigrated to Canada as a young man and, after having done a plethora of humble jobs, founded the country's largest private transport company. In 1998, his love for Italy prompted him home to purchase land in Castelnuovo Beradenga, where he established the estate that bears his name. Pierluigi's philosophy foregrounds local varieties, flanked by international grapes, which are well suited to the Chianti zone.

Picconero '07 has a complex nose, with toasty notes interweaving with coffee, liquorice and attractive crisp fruit. The broad palate has a smooth, velvety attack with subtle, well-balanced tannins accompanying a very long, relaxed finish. Al Passo '07, from mainly sangiovese, is also pleasant, with a close-focused nose of cherries, cinnamon and cloves. The plush palate has good attack, with prominent fresh acidity, ensuring a nicely lingering finish.

● Picconero '07	8
● Al Passo '07	5
● Valdisanti '07	6
● Al Passo '06	5
● Picconero '06	8
● Picconero '05	8
● Picconero '04	8
● Valdisanti '06	6
● Valdisanti '05	6
● Valdisanti '04	6