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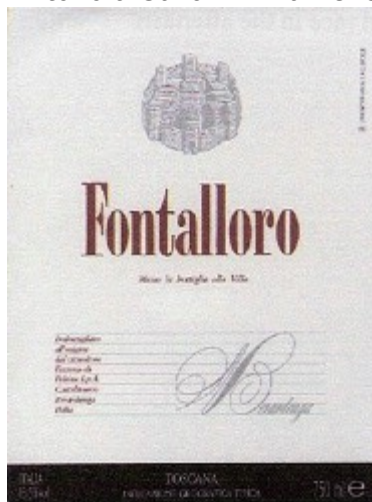
Notes From The Cellar "NFTC" Newsletter

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**A super buy from the great 2006 vintage in Tuscani
95 points & #13 in WS top 100, & 94 points in WA**

"Not only are Felsina's wines magnificent, they also remain exceedingly fairly priced in relative terms. Mazzocolin deserves much credit and support from readers for his consumer-friendly approach, especially in these challenging times." Antonio Galloni in Parker's Wine Advocate Aug 2009



For the last three years we have featured the Tuscan wines of **Felsina** in our **Collector's Corner** section. These have been very popular wines. Simply put, these have been some of the the lowest cost/ highest quality wines we can find from anywhere. So when Wine Spectator magazine declared the Felsina Fontalloro 2006 to be it's no. 13 of the top 100 wines of the year. I never questioned the quality. The problem was going to be- can we get them at a good price?

Well we had to play the waiting game, which finally paid off. I am thrilled to finally offer their top wine of this fabulous vintage at what I believe to be the lowest prices in the country. Secure your bottles while we can.

For those of you who may appreciate a refresher here is an excerpt from last year's offer (when

we sold the 2005) : "The Fontalloro is a blend; made from fruit of vineyards located in both the Chianti Classico and Colli Senesi appellations. The soils in the Coli Senesi have a larger amount of sand. This gives this wine a personality that has been described as "more open" The wine tends to be a touch more International in style. A little more approachable for immediate consumption than the Rancia (though make no mistake; this will also age very well). The style may explain its popularity.....

"There is not too much more I can say about the wines of Felsina and proprietor Giuseppe Mazzocolin, except that they are reference point wines for anyone who wants to discover the essence of contemporary Sangiovese from Chianti Classico. This is a compelling set of new releases from Mazzocolin and long-time consulting oenologist Franco Bernabei, one of the giants of modern Tuscan oenology. Even better, the wines remain very fairly priced. I was amused when another producer complained to me recently about Felsina's prices. They were far too low, he insisted." - A. Galloni writing in the Wine Advocate

\$\$\$ Today's Wine Deal \$\$\$

Collector's Corner :

FELSINA Fontalloro Chianti Reserva 2006

Special pricing \$40/bottle, or \$38-/ bottle- with our cash discount
(checks are ok)

Wine Spectator Issue: Oct 31, 2009, **95 points** Top 100: 2009, Rank: 13
Release Price: \$52 Designation: Highly Recommended:

Chocolate, blackberry and black cherry aromas lead to a full-bodied palate, with velvety tannins and a deep concentration of fruit. Powerfully rich and polished. Big and structured. A blockbuster Sangiovese. Best after 2012. 3,300 cases made. -JS

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate # 184 Aug 2009 Antonio Galloni **94 points** Drink: 2010 - 2018 *"The 2006 Fontalloro is much more sweet and open than the firmer Rancia. Enticing, expressive aromatics lead to an expansive core of fruit. Round, finessed tannins give the wine an additional level of polish. Today the Fontalloro is fleshier and more ready than the Rancia. There is superb purity to the fruit and wonderful overall balance. Tar, smoke, licorice, and grilled herbs come to life on the finish. Fontalloro is made from vineyards in both the Chianti Classico and Chianti Colli Senesi appellations. Simply put, this is a great, majestic Fontalloro. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2018."*

"If you were to cut proprietor Giuseppe Mazzocolin's veins the man would bleed Sangiovese, such is his passion for Tuscany's most important native grape. Mazzocolin has a terrific set of new releases on his hands. The 2006s are glorious and benefit from a warm growing season that also saw good alternation of day and evening temperatures before the grapes got a final kick of heat that informs the wines."

The Fontalloro is the highest rated wine from Felsina in 2006! One of the best ever -a wine which belongs in every serious Italian wine collector's cellar and an easy call at this price.

**Thanks for all your support and referrals.
Tell your friends, share the wine, & spread the good vibe. Cheers!**

Paul David, Chief Fermented Grape Taster.

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