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## BEYOND SUPER TUSCAN

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### TUSCAN SANGIOVESE

**90** **Gualdo del Re 2003 Gualdo del Re (Val di Cornia Suvereto); \$30.** This is a modern, powerful wine with dense penetration and generous aromas of clove, spice, vanilla, black cherry and inky blackberry. Those pretty, sweet-tasting, wood-driven flavors last a long time on the palate. Imported by Dancing Bear Cellars. —M.L.

### TUSCAN CABERNET

**91** **Gualdo del Re 2004 Federico Primo (Val di Cornia Suvereto); \$40.** This Cabernet Sauvignon is a bold expression of Tuscany with generous layers of clove, Indian spice, crushed black pepper and black plum. The nose is distinguished by a lingering clove aroma. The tannins are thick but smooth and the mouthfeel is plush and rich. Imported by Dancing Bear Cellars. —M.L.

### TUSCAN MERLOT

**92** **Gualdo del Re 2004 l'Rennero (Val di Cornia Suvereto); \$45.** Winemaker Barbara Tamburini is a rising star, and her l'Rennero Merlot is outstandingly juicy and succulent. Notes of ripe fruit such as black cherry and blueberry are backed by sweet spice and a rich, plush mouthfeel. The wine is powerful and chewy but also elegant and balanced at the same time. Imported by Dancing Bear Cellars. —M.L.