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## Taurasi - the tasting notes

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See also [Taurasi - ahead of the pack on subzones](#), and this [Mastroberardino vertical back to 1952](#).

The first part of my blind tasting in [Campania](#) earlier in the year was dedicated to the Aglianico of Taurasi producers released either as IGT Campania, DOC Irpinia Campi Taurasini (a zone immediately adjacent to Taurasi and considered similar in style although the area is slightly warmer), or as the very large DOC Irpinia.

This was followed by the recently released 2009s from the DOCG Taurasi. Before we tasted the wines, one of the producers, Luigi Tecce, explained the vintage to us and began by saying it had been an *'annata capricciosa'*, a bizarre year in which a cold and snowy winter lasted well into March. As soon as May came temperatures immediately shot up to almost 40 °C with hardly any rain. June proved much more normal, but with July the almost tropical heat returned. August was less out of kilter, while mid September was characterised by high temperatures and rain.

Nadia Romano, oenologist at Il Cancelliere, added to his explanation. Although Tecce had good concentration in his fruit, hers on the contrary was in part diluted. The harvest took an extremely long time because they had to go through the same vineyard parcels three times to pick the grapes at optimum ripeness while discarding any that were unripe or diluted, and she took the brave step of not producing a Taurasi at all in 2009.

Comparing both Tecce's and Romano's accounts, 2009 can be said to be extremely irregular between sub zones and producers, which was reflected by the wines.

The following flights of 2009s and some other relatively youthful vintages was followed by a retrospective tasting called Dieci Anni Dopo – of 2003 Taurasi 10 years on (see far below).

### AGLIANICO IGT AND DOC 2008-2011

**[Antichi Coloni, Nau Maior Aglianico 2008 Irpinia](#)** 14.5 Drink 2013-2016  
Dark ruby with orange-tinged rim. A little bit stalky and very sweet but it is not fruit, perhaps the alcohol? Not entirely clean. The more you stick your nose in the glass the more it looks stewed. Palate has lively, sweet cherry and clinging tannins, and lots of tart acidity on the finish. (WS)

**[Antico Castello, Magis 2008 Irpinia](#)** 16+ Drink 2014-2020  
Very dark, impenetrable ruby with orange rim. Quite classic Aglianico nose with hints of blood orange, kirsch and liquorice. A little earthy too. Lovely austerity and depth of fruit with muscular tannins. Keep. (WS)

**[Bambinuto, Matertera Aglianico 2009 Irpinia](#)** 15 Drink 2013-2016  
Deep ruby with orange-tinged rim. Sweet oak and heady cherry. Lively, bright cherry flavours and bold tannins. (WS)

**[Il Cancelliere, Gioviano 2009 Irpinia](#)** 15.5 Drink 2013-2018  
Dark, impenetrable violet ruby. Savoury and notes of raw meat and sweet fruit. With aeration, sweet forest fruit. A little wild! Very solid sweet fruit that could do with additional bottle age. (WS)

**[I Capitani, Jumara 2009 Irpinia Campi Taurasini](#)** 14.5 Drink 2013-2015  
Dark ruby with just the beginning of orange. Sweet liquorice and oak nose. Becoming resinous. A little candied too. Fruit begins to look mature. Acidity seems a little tart, and it all ends quite dry. Not a long lifespan. (WS)

**[Cavalier Pepe, Terra del Varo Aglianico 2009 Irpinia](#)** 15 Drink 2014-2018  
Mid ruby with broad rim. So different from the deeply coloured purple ones. Distinct note of cumin, and, with air, full blown oak. Same oaky fruit impression on the palate. Not very original. (WS)

**[Antonio Caggiano, Salae Domini 2009 Irpinia Campi Taurasini](#)** 15 Drink 2013-2016  
Deep, youthful ruby. Sweet candied fruit and fruitcake nose. Seems very ripe and a little stewed. Not bad, just a little banal. Drink now. (WS)

**[Donnachiara Aglianico 2009 Irpinia](#)** 15 Drink 2013-2016  
Impenetrable deep ruby. Tobacco and at first a little vegetal. Very sweet and with a slightly bitter tannic finish. (WS)

**[Fonzone Caccese 2010 Irpinia Campi Taurasini](#)** 15 Drink 2013-2017

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Very, very dark purple ruby. Oak! And lots of it combined with sweet ripe fruit. Competently made but could come from anywhere. A little dull, because of that. Rather dry tannic finish. (WS)

**Fonzone Caccese Aglianico 2010 IGT Campania** 15 Drink 2013-2018

Very dark purple ruby. Very closed on the nose. Sweet, rich fruit and muscular tannins. Quite ripe fruit and lots of concentration. Perhaps even too much. (WS)

**Di Marzo Aglianico 2011 Irpinia** 14.5 Drink 2013-2015

Impenetrable dark ruby. Perfumed dark ripe fruit and hint of tomato leaf. Perhaps a little green even. Mid-palate weight fruit, struggling with the dry tannic structure. (WS)

**Luigi Tecce, Satyricon Aglianico 2010 Irpinia Campi Taurasini** 15 Drink 2013-2015

Very dark, youthful ruby. A little vegetal, beef-stock notes and not entirely fresh. Second sample is better, but shows green bell-pepper notes. Sweet, very youthful fruit underlined by grainy tannin. A little bit vegetal on the finish. (WS)

**Mastroberardino, Re di More Aglianico 2011 Irpinia** 15 Drink 2013-2015

Very dark violet ruby. Spicy, open-knit, sweet balsamic fruit. Not uninteresting, but a little sweet on the finish. An additional year in bottle would help. (WS)

**Salvatore Molettieri, Cinque Querce Aglianico 2009 Irpinia** 15.5 Drink 2013-2016

Deep ruby with orange tinges on a broad rim. Savoury more than fruity and hint of what looks like sweet oak. Sweet concentration on the palate. Quite full-on. (WS)

**Sanpaolo Aglianico 2009 Irpinia** 16 Drink 2013-2018

Very dark impenetrable ruby. Sweet oak and hint of tobacco leaf. Supple cherry palate and great tactile, multi-layered, almost rich, tannic finish. A little bit too oaky perhaps. (WS)

**Villa Raiano Aglianico 2011 IGT Campania** 15.5 Drink 2013-2017

Impenetrably dark purple ruby. Rich and sweet dark forest fruit and completely absorbed oak. Very modernist with lots of extract. A little rustic in its tannic structure and a touch alcoholic. Well made, but could be less full-on. (WS)

## TAURASI 2009

### TAURASI FROM MORE THAN ONE COMMUNE

**Feudi di San Gregorio 2009 Taurasi** 16+ Drink 2013-2018

Dark impenetrable ruby with the beginning of orange on the rim. A little bit cliché-like nose of oak and perfumed fruit, but this formula works well on the palate. Quite compact, but will open up. (WS)

**Mastroberardino, Radici 2009 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2013-2018

Almost pitch-black violet. Sweet fruit macerated in oak. And hint of exotic spice. Sweet and with lots of extract. Technically sound, but a little oaky and lacks a little acidity. In need of additional ageing. (WS).

**Di Prisco 2009 Taurasi** 15 Drink 2013-2018

Impenetrable, almost black ruby. Sample looks a little oxidized? Second sample is better but also seems a little oxidative and unwilling to open up to fruit. Sweet, oaky, earthy fruit. A little monolithic, really solid and sweet and without enormous complexity. (WS)

**Rocca del Principe, Mater Domini 2009 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2013-2017

Impenetrable dark ruby. A little raisiny and hints of dry oak. Quite accessible and no huge complexity. Livelier on the palate than on the nose. There is a notable contrast between the very ripe fruit and high acidity, but it works. Stalky finish. (WS)

### QUADRANTE NORD – RIVA SINISTRA E VERSANTE OVEST – LE TERRE DEL FIANO

**Donnachiara 2009 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2013-2020

Almost pitch black ruby. At first stalky, with aeration sweetly perfumed with a dollop of posh oak and a hint of tar. Just a little bit sweet on the palate and with a modern, oaky twist. (WS)

**Di Marzo, Albertus 2009 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2013-2022

Very deep ruby with violet tinges. Sweet-sour fruit nose. Perhaps a little harsh on the finish for the moment, but good aromatic finish. Ends a little dry. (WS)

**Pietracupa 2009 Taurasi** 17.5 Drink 2013-2020

Very dark ruby. Sweet, lively cherry compote and hints of damson and spice. Ripe and youthful and supple. Gripping finale. Well made and in need of ageing. (WS)

### VALLE CENTRALE – RIVA DESTRA

**Cavalier Pepe 2009 Taurasi** 15 Drink 2013-2018

Almost black ruby. Full-blown sweet oak and huge concentration of fruit. No holding back on the palate either. Little origin or originality, and the variety disappears behind the wood treatment. Just a little acidity gives a hint it might be Aglianico. Less is more. (WS)

**La Molara, Santa Vara 2009 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2013-2020

Blackish ruby. Somewhat grubby, meaty nose and just a little sweet with hints of vanilla. Quite full bodied and concentrated, but lacks freshness and definition of fruit. A little chunky, but might open up more. Drying oak finish (WS)

### VERSANTE SUD – ALTA VALLE

**Amarano, Principe Lagonesse 2009 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2013-2020

Very dark, opaque purple ruby. Leafy cherry and violets. Juicy, crunchy fruit, supple and not heavy at all. Modern and accessible. (WS)

**Bambinuto 2009 Taurasi** 13.5 Drink 2013-2017

Very dark ruby. Full-throttle oak and vanilla. Red fruit and pudding palate. Very retro style. (WS)

**Colli di Castelfranci, Alta Valle 2009 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2013-2020

Very dark, impenetrable ruby. Perfumed, sour cherry with a hint of leather. Lively acidity structuring the sweet fruit. Fragrant finish. The tannins are just a little dry, but it is all easy to enjoy. (WS)

**Masseria Murata, Passione 2009 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2013-2022

Practically black ruby. Compact, sweet and just a little jammy. Generous fruit on the palate with just enough acidity and good tannic grip. (WS)

**Luigi Tecce, Poliphemo 2009 Taurasi** 16.5 Drink 2014-2022

Black violet. Edgy lifted sweet cherry, almost explosive – natural winemaking? Oxidises in the glass and becomes savoury. Succulent palate with firm but well-built tannic structure. An enigma of a wine – love it or hate it category. Three bottles tasted – three different wines. (WS)

**Urciuolo 2009 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2014-2022

Practically black ruby. Just a touch vegetal on the nose. Savoury. Damson and violets on the palate, the highish acidity fits the bill, Very clever oak handling. A little dry for the moment on the finish but will come round, no doubt. (WS)

**Villa Raiano 2009 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2013-2020

Very dark, impenetrable ruby. A little stinky, savoury and stony. Sweet fruit and already approachable in spite of the firm tannins. Food! (WS)

### TAURASI AND TAURASI RISERVA 2008

#### WINES FROM MORE THAN ONE COMMUNE

**I Favati, Terzotratto Etichetta Bianca 2008 Taurasi** 14.5 Drink 2013-2017

Very dark, opaque ruby. Quite overpowering oak nose. There is some good fruit on the palate but it cannot stand up to this overzealous oak treatment. (WS)

**Villa Matilde 2008 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2013-2020

Dark ruby. Herbal and stony. Quite sweet without enormous definition yet. A little chocolatey on the finish. Wait. (WS)

#### QUADRANTE NORD – RIVA SINISTRA

**D'Antiche Terre 2008 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2013-2020

Deep ruby with the beginning of orange on the rim. Soft fruit nose with evident oak. Lots of acidity and dark fruit with a hint of fruit cake. Straightforward and ready now. (WS)

**Terradora, Pago dei Fusi 2008 Taurasi** 15 Drink 2013-2017

Dark, maturing ruby with orange rim. Savoury and hints of herb liqueur and quite minty. Quite sweet and with the beginning of oxidation. Dried fruit finish with big, drying tannins. Too long in (new) oak? (WS)

#### VERSANTE OVEST – LE TERRE DEL FIANO

**Antico Castello 2008 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2014-2022

Impenetrable dark ruby with orange tinges. Sweet vanilla and kirsch liqueur. Very compact fruit shot through by acidity. Tension and lift on the finish with brooding ripe fruit and firm tannin. Quite tactile finish. (WS)

**Montesole, Vigna Vinieri 2008 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2013-2017

Almost pitch-black ruby. Almost opulent kirsch and sour cherry supported by oak. Pretty easy going, full-bodied, sweet and not too demanding. (WS)

**Terradora, Fatica Contadina 2008 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2013-2017

Dark maturing ruby with orange rim. Quite herbal and balsamic at first. Sweet fruitcake notes on the palate. Rich, sweet and mellow except for the tannic charge. Seems ready. (WS)

#### VALLE CENTRALE – RIVA DESTRA

**Borgodangelo 2008 Taurasi** 14.5 Drink 2013-2016

Dark ruby with the beginning of orange. Candied fruit nose, and just a little simple perhaps. Exotic spice and vanilla. So much oak it leaves the fruit hardly any space to express itself or its origin. Too much winemaking and too little terroir, and overripe fruit. (WS)

**Antonio Caggiano, Macchia dei Goti 2008 Taurasi** 17+ Drink 2013-2022

Youthful, deep ruby. Minerally, subdued nose. Classic notes of orange, cranberry, cherry and tamarind. Refreshing acidity and crunchy tannins on the finish. Well made, and already delicious. (WS)

**Contrade di Taurasi 2008 Taurasi** 17 Drink 2013-2020

Blackish ruby. Balsamic with hint of blood orange and dried fruit and liquorice. Rich and sweet but with depth on the palate, and in need of bottle age. (WS)

**Contrade di Taurasi, Vigne Alto 2008 Taurasi** 17+ Drink 2014-2020

Impenetrable dark ruby. Very reined-in fruit with notes of raw meat. Lots of sweet concentration. Quite a big mouthful. Lots of potential. (WS)

**Feudi di San Gregorio, Piano di Montevergine Riserva 2008 Taurasi** 16.5 Drink 2013-2018

Impenetrable, almost black ruby. Lifted oak nose and fine sweet fruit, but the oak takes

the upper hand at the moment. Very sweet fruit and vanilla finish followed by a dose of zippy acidity. Will improve. (WS)

**Urciuolo, Riserva 2008 Taurasi** 15 Drink 2013-2016

Almost black ruby with orange rim. Very spicy and ripe, but with little fruit lift. Huge extract of super-ripe fruit on the palate. Little complexity and quite rich. Black-olive notes on the finish, but misses the hallmark Aglianico acidity. (WS)

**Vinanda, Dicusus 2008 Taurasi** 14 Drink 2013-2015

Very, very dark ruby. Allspice, sweet oak and hugely sweet fruit. You can almost cut this with a knife. (WS)

**VERSANTE SUD ALTA VALLE**

**Antichi Coloni, Centaurus 2008 Taurasi** 15 Drink 2013-2017

Very dark ruby with orange rim. Sweet, soft liquorice nose. Quite round ripe, and sweet and immediate on the palate. Tannic grip is there. (WS)

**Boccella, Sant'Eustachio 2008 Taurasi** 15 Drink 2013-2015

Impenetrable dark, almost black ruby. Spicy and very little fruit on the nose, savoury beef stock. Seems a little stewed on the palate. Rich yet not that accessible and with the beginning of oxidation. (WS)

**Il Cancelliere, Nero Ne 2008 Taurasi** 17 Drink 2014-2020

Pitch black with purple tinges. Opulent cherry jam. Embryonic sweet fruit. A little bombastic for the moment but not without focus. Persistent ripe powdery tannin and great tactile finish. Big, big wine. (WS)

**Colli di Castelfranci, Riserva 2008 Taurasi** 17 Drink 2015-2022

Very dark, impenetrable purple. Fine, sweetly spicy nose. Rich and ripe with the right dose of acidity. Quite brash this, but not without style. Needs a little bit more time in the bottle to lose some of that immense fruit. (WS)

**Donnachiara, Riserva 2008 Taurasi** 17 Drink 2015-2022

Blackish purple. Sweet alluring oak nose with hints of black olive and kirsch. Rich extract on the palate with ripe powdery tannin. Quite intense. Better to age this a little. (WS)

**La Marca, Issara 2008 Taurasi** 17 Drink 2013-2020

Very, very dark ruby with the beginning of orange tinges on the rim. Minerally and spicy on the nose. Ripe fruit palate hinting at fig but not open by a long way. Very compact and tight finish with real vibrancy and concentration. Wait. (WS)

**Salvatore Molettieri, Renonno 2008 Taurasi** 17.5 Drink 2014-2022

Deep ruby with the beginning of orange on the rim. Herbal and hints of tobacco leaf and liquorice. Intense ripeness on the palate but not heavy, and matched by a perfect dose of acidity. Great tannic grip on the sweet fruit, and very young. (WS)

**Perillo di Romano Anna Maria 2008 Taurasi** 18 Drink 2015-2026

Very dark with orange rim. Fine, sweet herbal nose with hints of kirsch. Very understated and supple. Great tannic crunch, with perfect acidic structure. Very appealing but still too young to drink now. (WS)

**Sanpaolo, Riserva 2008 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2014-2020

Almost black ruby. Sweet vanilla and subdued rich fruit. A hint of tobacco. Palate shows more tension with sweet sour cherry. Quite full-bodied and not the most refined, but will gain with age. (WS)

**TAURASI AND TAURASI RISERVA 2006-2007  
(not arranged by commune)**

**TAURASI**

**I Capitani, Bosco Faiano 2007 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2013-2024

Impenetrably dark ruby and still quite youthful. Really backward and cool on the nose. Hints of black tea and cigar box. Soft fruit with spicy notes. powerful tannic finish. (WS)

**TAURASI RISERVA**

**D'Antiche Terre, Il Vicario Riserva Riserva 2007 Taurasi** 15 Drink 2013-2018

Dark ruby with orange tinges on the rim. hints of cumin and oak. Earthy, sweet and a little bit jammy. Quite bitter stinky tannin. A little bit unbalanced and crude. (WS)

**Cavalier Pepe, La Loggia del Cavaliere Riserva 2007 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2012-2016

Impenetrable dark almost black ruby with orange tinges. Hints of earth, tar and liquorice and leather. Quite soft and round. Drink now. (WS)

**Guastaferrò, Primum Riserva 2007 Taurasi** 16.5 Drink 2014-2022

Impenetrably dark ruby with the beginning of orange on the rim. Very ripe and heady almost a little spirity. Full on ripe sweet extract. Powerful, and with a proper tannic structure to carry it. (WS)

**Masseria Murata, Passione 2007 Taurasi** 17 Drink 2013-2022

Dark, dark ruby. Sweet fresh fruit with perfectly handled oak. Youthful grainy tannins on a long elegant, perfumed finish. Very young and full of promise. (WS)

**Mastroberardino, Naturalis Historia 2007 Taurasi** 18 Drink 2013-2018

Very dark, blackish ruby. Dusty earthy sweet nose fruit. Intense and ripe. Elegant palate weight and perfect balancing acidity framing the fruit. (WS)

**Mastroberardino, Radici Riserva 2007 Taurasi** 17.5 Drink 2013-2017

Almost black ruby with orange tinges. Black tea leaves and tar and very ripe spicy fruit. Rich and open-knit palate of ripe fruit with a good dose acidity that keeps it going. (WS)

**Di Meo, Riserva 2006 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2013-2018

Very dark ruby with orange. Balsamic concentrated nose. Lots of extract, but lacks a little bit of acidity to make it more supple. (WS)

**TAURASI 2003 (10 years on)**

Although generally considered a hot and dry vintage in large parts of Italy, Taurasi seemed to have fared better than others. The year began with a warm February triggering early budbreak and flowering was 15 days earlier than is considered normal. Early May to the end of summer saw high temperatures, but which rarely reached over 35° C. Although generally speaking it was a dry summer, it was not without rain, which became more abundant at the beginning of October. As Aglianico is a late ripener, it benefitted from these rains, while the remainder of the month was characterised by hot, dry days and cool nights. Only a few cases of water stress and burnt grapes were reported, while acidity on the whole was lower than normal. The 2003 harvest turned out to be the biggest in volume of the previous five years.

**Antonio Caggiano, Macchia dei Goti 2003 Taurasi** 16.5 Drink 2008-2020

Deep ruby with orange tinge. Maturing and slightly peppery nose with hints of leather tobacco. Balsamic and a hint of oak. A little broad on the palate but with good acidity. (WS) 14%

**I Capitani, Bosco Faiano 2003 Taurasi** 16.5 Drink 2010-2022

Dark ruby with a lighter, orange-tinged rim. Softly spicy and hints of fig, cherry and meat. Black tea leaves. A little nutty too. Still quite youthful on the palate. Elegant and transparent fruit, and muscular tannins. Not ready yet, but lots of potential. (WS)

**Colli di Castelfranci, Alta Valle 2003 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2008-2018

Very dark impenetrable ruby with orange rim. Nose is not yet open, but does show signs of tar and tobacco leaf. Rather oaky too. Quite elegant and succulent on the palate but tannins are not to me dismissed. Ends quite dry. (WS) 14%

**Guastafarro, Primum Riserva 2003 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2014-2024

Very, very dark ruby with orange tinges on the rim. Very ripe and a little lifted and sweet on the nose. Quite enthusiastic oak treatment but it works. Just. On the palate it is more exciting with juicy dark fruit and well sculpted but powerful tannin. Modernist and for the ones who like oak. (WS) 15%

**Di Meo, Riserva 2003 Taurasi** 16+ Drink 2016-2022

Almost pitch black ruby and with only the beginning of orange on the rim. Just a little bit jammy on the nose but otherwise pretty much closed. Embryonic on the palate with the right dose of acidity. Quite tannic, but this still needs to open up more. Slow burner with future. (WS) 13.5%

**La Molarata 2003 Taurasi** 17 Drink 2008-2018

Very dark mature ruby with orange rim. Pretty nose of cherry and undergrowth. Has aged quite gracefully. Juicy and with firm tannins with elegant fruit to back it up. (WS) 14%

**Mastroberardino, Radici Riserva 2003 Taurasi** 16.5 Drink 2010-2022

Dark ruby with orange rim. Mature, spicy, savoury oak nose with hints of kirsch and tar. A little nutty. Elegant and lively palate with very good length, but a fiercely tannic finish. (WS)

**Molettieri, Cinque Querce Riserva 2003 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2012-2022

Almost black ruby and still surprisingly youthful looking. Full-throttle chocolatey oak nose with hints of tar and black tea. Bright, sweet cherry fruit and with good acidity, but although the fruit deals admirably with the oak, the latter adds quite a load of drying tannins to the finish. (WS) 15%

**Montesole 2003 Taurasi** 14 Drink 2005-2009

Mature, dark ruby with brickstone rim. Oxidised and looking tired on the nose. Rich fruit and with the right amount of acidity, but rapidly progressing in an oxidised state. (WS) 13.5%

**Perillo di Romano Anna Maria, Riserva 2003 Taurasi** 17 Drink 2010-2014

Very very dark, almost black ruby with the beginning of orange tinges. A little tarry and mature on the nose. Savoury, cured-meat notes, but they disappear with aeration. Good spread of supple fruit on the palate and waves of grainy tannins. Long. Old school and convincing. (WS) 14%

**Pietracupa 2003 Taurasi** 17.5+ Drink 2010-2024

Deep dark ruby with narrow orange rim. Minerally and tarry and still somewhat tight on the nose. Needs more air and at least decanting. Elegant cherry fruit running across the palate with a good dose of acidity. Has real energy and bite, depth and length. (WS)

**Di Prisco 2003 Taurasi** 15.5 Drink 2006-2016

Very dark and impenetrable with orange-tinged rim. Quite nutty and savoury nose with notes of raw meat and grainy dry tannins on the palate. The elegant fruit vanishes a little behind the big structure. (WS) 14%

**Terradora, Campore 2003 Taurasi** 16 Drink 2008-2020

Deep ruby with brickstone rim. Nutty, sweet, dried fig and cherry nose and just a little bit leathery. With air this opens up. Generous fruit without being heavy on the palate, followed by a good dose of drying tannins. (WS)

**Urciuolo 2003 Taurasi** 14.5 Drink 2006-2012

Very dark brownish ruby with narrow orange rim. Firmly in the dried fruit corner. There is a conflict between dried fruit and rather dry tannins on the palate. Quite high acidity which cannot save it either. (WS) 14%

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