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2006 Boscarelli Nocio dei Boscarelli Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva

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Bright, moderately saturated red. Knockout nose combines raspberry, sour red cherry, minerals and sexy sweet spices. Supple on entry, then quite penetrating in the middle, with firm acids nicely lifting the bright red fruit and mineral flavors. Conveys a rare combination of power, grace and perfume. Finishes very long, with solid, ripe tannins and a captivating floral note. Great sangiovese: give this beauty a couple of years in the cellar and then enjoy it over the following 15 years.

2006 Boscarelli Vino Nobile di Montepulciano

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Dark, full red. Bright aromas and flavors of red cherry and berries are complicated by nuances of tar and tobacco. Juicy, pure and on the lean side, but with a subtle sweetness and good intensity. The sweet cherry/berry fruit holds nicely to the end, which features mounting tannins and good persistence. Stylish wine.

2007 Boscarelli Prugnolo Rosso di Montepulciano

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Good medium bright red. Primary aromas of wild strawberry, blueberry and cherry cola are nicely lifted by floral and mineral notes. Then sweet, ripe and expansive on the palate, with knockout red cherry, redcurrant and marzipan flavors of wonderful purity and intensity. This medium-bodied wine is quite tangy and penetrating today, finishing long and satisfying, with a luscious, refreshing quality. I found it hard to put down the glass. The best-ever Rosso di Montepulciano by Boscarelli, and one of the best I've ever tasted: if it lacks the complexity of a truly outstanding wine, it's so mouthwateringly delicious that it deserves 90 points anyway.

2005 Boscarelli Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva

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Dark ruby with purple highlights. Deeply pitched aromas of blackcurrant, cedar, licorice and minerals, plus a whiff of mocha. Dense but tightly wound, showing less flesh and sweetness than the other Nobiles, with rather dark fruit and cocoa flavors. The wine's mouthdusting tannins give it a youthfully austere impression.