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Dear Friends,

We are proud to share with you the reviews of our wines released by Robert Parker's "The Wine Advocate" in its-April 28 n.182 issue, introduced by the following statement:

"I was thrilled with these new releases from Rivera, one of Puglia's top estates. The wines are made in a style that captures plenty of varietal character in a modern interpretation."

IL FALCONE, Castel del Monte Riserva 2004

93 points

"The estate's top-of-the-line 2004 Il Falcone Riserva is 70% Nero di Troia and 30% Montepulciano that spent 12 months in French oak. In this vintage, the Falcone Riserva is awesome. Layers of earthiness, new leather, plums, black cherries and herbs emerge in stunning style as this full-bodied, richly-textured wine shows off its qualities. The wine possesses more than enough density to balance the tannins all the way through to the long finish, where a blast of melted road tar provides the final exclamation point. Simply put, this is a compelling wine from Rivera and certainly among the handful of truly important wines being made today in Puglia. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2019."

CAPPELLACCIO, Castel del Monte Aglianico Riserva 2004

92 points

"The 2004 Aglianico Cappellaccio is simply superb as dense layers of perfumed, jammy dark fruit flow from the glass in convincing style. Aglianico in Puglia tends to favor a more overtly fruit-driven expression of the variety, something this wine has in abundance. Suggestions of violets, minerals, menthol and earthiness linger on the powerful yet refined finish. The wine is incredibly delicious today but also appears to have the pedigree to continue to drink well for at least another few years. The Cappellaccio spent two years in wood, one of which was in small French oak barrels. It is a great effort from Rivera. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2016."

PUER APULIAE, Castel del Monte Nero di Troia 2005

90 points

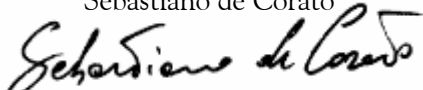
"The French oak-aged 2005 Nero di Troia Puer Apuliae is a dark, dense offering imbued with jammy dark fruit, earthiness, sweet herbs and licorice. This remains a stern, brooding wine with powerful tannins that will require some bottle age or, even better, similarly hearty foods. Despite its decidedly rustic character I loved this wine's unique personality. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2015."

The previous vintages of the above mentioned wines have been rated by the same magazine in February 2008 as follows: **Il Falcone 2003: 92 pts - Puer Apuliae 2004: 90 pts - Cappellaccio 2003: 88 pts**

We are very proud of such recognition of quality and consistency for our wines and are sure you will transfer this information to your colleagues and customers.

Best regards

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