

A LITTLE BIT OF RUFINA

Il Pozzo, Riserva 2007 ★★★★★ (17.5/20)
Rich, oaky black cherry nose, with a trace of mint. Similar on the palate, which is concentrated, with ripe tannins, forthright fruit, and a long, fine-grained finish. Drink 2012–2020. **N/A UK;** www.pozzochianti.com

Marchesi de' Frescobaldi, Montesodi Riserva 2006 ★★★★★ (17.5)
Sweet oaky nose, very ripe, perfumed and intense. Ripe and juicy, this has power as well as breadth of flavour. Not overly concentrated but beautifully balanced, with a long fresh finish. Drink now–2020. **£36.75; Ave, Hax**



Selvapiana, Bucerchiale Riserva 2006 ★★★★★ (17.5)
A single-vineyard wine, with subdued yet perfumed sour cherry aromas. Although only medium-bodied, it's very concentrated and tannins soon hit the palate. The fruit is splendid, but resides within a firm structure, and the finish is spicy and long. Will repay cellaring. Drink 2012–2020. **£16.70–£18.95; AGW, CkO, Evy, FWW, Imb, N&P, P&S, SLP, Swg, ULT, WDI, WFM, WSo, WSt**



Basciano 2007 ★★★★★ (17)
Super-ripe black cherry nose. Rich yet fresh and lively, with plenty of sweet fruit. This is excellent basic Rufina with fine acidity and length. Good value. Drink now–2016. **£9–£12; Bib, GGr**

Castello del Trebbio, Lastricato Riserva 2006 ★★★★★ (17)
Spicy, chalky nose, with sour cherry aromas. Firm on the palate, with ample fruit and exuberance. The tannins are integrated, and the wine gains complexity from its spicy and chocolatey undertones. Good length. Drink now–2018. **N/A UK; +39 055 830 4900**



I Veroni, Riserva 2006 ★★★★★ (17)
Dense smoky tobacco nose, with black

fruits and a touch of tar. Full-bodied and concentrated, with firm tannins, this has black cherry fruit, and ample structure and grip without excessive extraction. Vigorous and long. Drink now–2018. **N/A UK; www.iveroni.it**

Lavacchio, Cedro Riserva 2007 ★★★★★ (17)
Dense, oaky nose, plum and chocolate. Rich, juicy and full-bodied with evidently ripe tannins; fine grip and structure, with delicious black fruits underpinned by good acidity. Long. Drink 2011–2018. **£15; Swg**

Marchese Gondi, Pian dei Sorbi Riserva 2006 ★★★★★ (16.5)
Fleshy cherry nose. Medium-bodied, quite concentrated, chewy but not hard tannins to give it structure. A traditional style, robust and spicy, with good acidity and length. Built to last. Drink now–2020. **N/A UK; www.gondi.com**



Colognole 2007 ★★★ (16)
Lean cherry and redcurrant nose. Sleek and slender, quite concentrated, with richness and weight. Firm tannins and pronounced acidity confirm this is still youthful and needs some more bottle age, but it's elegant and long. Drink 2011–2015. **N/A UK; www.colognole.it**

Selvapiana 2007 ★★★ (16)
Light fresh cherry aromas. Not a wine with great weight, but it's fresh, delicate, and has finesse. Fine acidity gives admirable length, but it's not showing much complexity now. Drink 2011–2015. **£10.73–£13; Cmb, Dsm, Eto, Hig, HvN, N&P, Pre, SeL, Smp, TWd, WDI, WSo, WSt, You, V&C**



Travignoli, Riserva 2006 ★★★ (15.5)
Sour plum and tobacco nose, quite savoury. Rounded and concentrated, with firm ripe tannins, yet rather one-dimensional. Slightly rustic now, with pronounced extract and acidity, this needs time. Drink 2012–2018. **N/A UK; www.travignoli.com**

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