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94 Tolaini Toscana Tenuta Montebello Picconero 2006 \$125 A very serious, complex nose of rose petal, blueberry and mint. Full-bodied, with dusty, cedary tannins and a fruity, refined finish. This is really wonderful and polished. A producer that gets better and better. Best after 2011. 500 cases made.—J.S.

92 Tolaini Toscana Tenuta S. Giovanni Valdisanti 2006 \$37 Pretty aromas of crushed raspberry, cherry, vanilla and spice lead to a full body, with velvety tannins and a lot of toasty oak and currant. Long and rich. Very polished. Best after 2011. 5,000 cases made.—J.S.

91 Tolaini Toscana Al Passo 2006 \$27 Sweet, ripe strawberry and sliced plum, with hints of earth. Full-bodied, with soft, round tannins and a decadent and delicious finish. Turns chewy. Hard not to drink now. Best after 2012. 2,500 cases made.—J.S.

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