

1990 Montevertine Le Pergole Torte Riserva

The 1990 Le Pergole Torte Riserva is a youngster even today. It bursts from the glass with extraordinary richness, power and depth. Dark cherries, plums, camphor, licorice and spices are woven together in this stunning, towering wine. The 1990 Riserva is a monument to Sangiovese. It is one of the truly great wines of this legendary vintage. Following the harvest, Sergio Manetti found one cask of his Pergole Torte was different from the others. It was the cask with the last fruit to be brought into the cellar. That cask ended up being bottled as the one and only Pergole Torte Riserva made at Montevertine. Readers lucky enough to own the 1990 Riserva are in for a real treat. At 22 years of age, it remains a youngster. The 1990 Pergole Torte Riserva is thrilling and captivating in every way. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025.

In a week during which I tasted most of the reference point Sangioveses and Sangiovese-based reds, one wine stuck out - Le Pergole Torte. Quite honestly, I had a hard time getting to sleep the night I tasted these wines. They were that viscerally thrilling. Le Pergole Torte isn't a great Tuscan or Italian wine. It is simply one of the world's elite wines. Montevertine is located in Radda, one of the coolest, ...

- Antonio Galloni (June, 2012)