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Wines Of The Week: Rosé In Autumn, An Age-Worthy Super Tuscan, And A Noteworthy New Irish Whiskey

My red Wine of the Week is the Castello del Terrico Lupicaia 2016, the flagship wine from the highly regarded producer in Tuscany. The vineyards account for just 160 acres of the 3,700-plus acre property, which is located in the agriculturally fertile lands of the Maremma. There are also nearly 100 acres of olive groves, a range of flora, and Limousin cattle. The remains of the castle, which is found on the tallest hill of the property, date back to the Middle Ages.

As for the wine, it's a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon that's supplemented with Petit Verdot. It boasts a rich, deeply savory nose, the dried oregano, saddle leather, cherry pits, and plums leading the way to a palate of serious structure and even deeper savoriness, though here it's all shot through with an energetic core of minerality that serves as an excellent counterpoint to black cherries and their pits, purple plums, maduro tobacco, and more of that dried oregano and thyme from the nose. It's a wonderfully symmetrical wine, a bit quiet now—give it a good hour of decanting if you open it in the next few years—but full of serious promise for the future. This will continue evolving for another 20 with ease.



Two summers ago, I spent some time in the Maremma, and came away very impressed with the wines—and not just the highly regarded reds. This is a part of Tuscany that excels with whites and rosés, too. It may not have the same widespread name recognition of some of Tuscany's other more famous parts, but the wines produced there absolutely deserve the attention of collectors and casual consumers alike: The breadth and depth to be found in the Maremma should not be missed.



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Two summers ago I spent time in the Maremma and came out very impressed with the wines, not just the popular reds. It is a part of Tuscany which also excels with whites and rosés. It may not have the same widespread notoriety as some of Tuscany's other most famous regions, but the wines produced there absolutely deserve the attention of collectors and casual consumers: the breadth and depth that found in the Maremma should not be missed.

