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Some great value Italian wines coming to your wine shop soon

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At a trade tasting at [the Wine House](#) on Saturday for [Dalla Terra](#), an importer of Italian wines, there was less emphasis on high-end Barolo or Barbaresco (though I did taste a stunning 2008 Marchesi di Gresy Barbaresco "Martinenga") and more on some really delicious wines that represent good value.

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I loved two wines from [Masseria Li Veli](#) estate in Puglia, a lively Salice Salentino at \$18.99 retail and an Askos Susumaniello made from an ancient Apulian grape at \$19.99, both reds. The Vino Nobile di Montepulciano producer [Poliziano](#) had a juicy, delicious Morellino di Scansano "Lohsa" at \$14.99, and I would certainly spend \$13 above that for the rich, exciting 2008 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. Same goes for [Russiz Superiore](#)'s bright, peppery Cabernet Franc Collio at \$25.99.

[Vietti](#)'s Barbera d'Asti "Tre Vigne" is always a good bargain, one of my go-to wines for salumi or *pasta fagioli* at \$16.99. And for a Chianti, you can never go wrong with the consistently excellent estate [Selvapiana](#)'s basic Chianti Rufina at \$15.99.

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