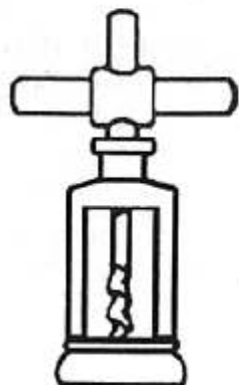


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The joint efforts of owner Simone Bilorsi and winemaker Paolo Caciorgna have substantially improved the wines of this small estate in recent years, and this is a professional, well made group of wines, starting with the **2002 Rosso di Montalcino**, fresh and fruity on the nose, poised and graceful, and with an attractively round finish. The **1999 Brunello di Montalcino** promises a high class Riserva next year, but few will find anything to fault in this sweet and spicy example of the vintage endowed with abundant notes of red fruit and tobacco, an

important dimension on the palate, notable length, and a very fresh and persistent finish. Drink: 2005-2016. The **1998 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva** is no better, but considerably different in personality, more backward in its development with a nose featuring tar, liquorice, and herbs, dense and chewy flavors, power in reserve, and a powerful, warm close. Rather introverted in character at the moment, it will need some time to show its potential. Drink: 2006-2017. No known American importer.