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MONTALBERA Barbera d'Asti 'Lequilibrio' 2013

Score: **93**

Note: The 2013 'Lequilibrio' Barbera d'Asti spent about 12-15 months French oak barriques and 1 month in stainless steel tanks for softening prior to 6/8 months in bottle before release. This is an open style Barbera, which offers aromas of ripe cherries and dried dark plum along with pepper, spices, chocolate, and leather notes all taking shape. The medium-full body is supported by a round velvety texture, before heading into the finish where dark cherries, spices and peppery notes linger on. Overall, this is an accessible and delicious Barbera, which should continue to drink well over the next few years

MONTALBERA Ruchè di Castagnole 'Laccento' 2014

Score: **92**

Note: The 2014 Ruchè from Montalbera comes from vines 25+ years in age and opens with fresh, inviting aromas of candied cherries and sweet plums laced with sweet spices licorice, lavender all coming together in the glass. The palate offers sweet red fruits with a soft, round and polished texture, with a mouthful of juicy red fruits expanding onto to the finish. Think is showing well now and should continue to do so over the next few years.

MONTALBERA Ruchè di Castagnole 'La Tradizione' 2015

Score: **91**

Note: The 2015 'La Tradizione' Ruchè di Castagnole offers lovey fresh aromas of candied cherries and sweet plums along with licorice and lavender nuances. On the palate this is medium-bodied with a soft round texture which carries on through the finish.

MONTALBERA 'Calypsos' 2015

Score: **91**

Note: This is a delicious 100% Viognier which delivers inviting aromas of tropical notes along with vanilla blossom, almond, minerals and honeysuckle layered in. On the palate this offers a wonderful texture and layered mouth feel before finishing up with pretty vanilla and tropical notes. Look to approach this over the next 2-3 years.

MONTALBERA Piemonte Rosso 2014

Score: **90**

Note: The 2015 Piemonte Rosso opens with aromas of sweet cherries and fig woven together with tobacco, licorice and grilled herbs. On the palate this offers a lovely soft texture, with a mouthful of juicy red fruits expanding onto to the finish.

MONTALBERA Grignolino 2014

Score: **88**

Note: The 2014 Grignolino from Maontalbera opens with fresh aromas of cherries and plum woven together with pepper, exotic spice, dried floral and hints of licorice candy. On the palate this is light bodied red offers a silky texture with sweet fruits leading into the finish.