

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s

**The
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Monte Bernardi

TZINGANA IGT 1999: 90 pts
SA'ETTA IGT 1999: 91+ pts
CHIANTI CLASSICO PARIS 1999: 90 pts

These artisanal wines come at a high price, but they are interestingly packaged and, most importantly, impressive. The dazzling, dark ruby/purple-colored **1999 Chianti Classico Paris** offers a fabulous aromatic profile of sweet raspberry and currant fruit, new oak, and saddle leather. Ripe, textured, and intense, with super purity, and a long, medium to full-bodied, symmetrical finish, it is accessible, but promises to be even better with another 1-2 years of cellaring. It will last for 12-15 years.

The barrique-aged cuvée of 100% Sangiovese, the **1999 Sa'etta**, boasts an opaque purple color in addition to a sweet nose of black currants, blackberries, smoke and vanillin. The wine is full-bodied and ripe, with melted tannin, exceptional concentration, and a long finish. Initially, I thought it was internationally styled, but Sangiovese's distinctive character emerges as the wine sits in the glass. Anticipated maturity: 2002-2014.

The super-expensive, internationally-styled **1999 Tzingana** (a Bordeaux-like blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petit Verdot) is impeccably well made. There are copious quantities of new oak in its blackberry, currant, licorice, and smoke-scented bouquet, medium to full-bodied flavors and moderate tannin in the long finish. No trace of Tuscan typicity can be found in this exceptional offering. Drink it over the next 10-14 years.