

2009 Tenuta di Valgiano Palistorti

The 2009 Palistorti di Valgiano is a beautiful, radiant wine graced with exquisite finesse in its dark red fruit. It shows compelling inner palate sweetness, with more than enough minerality to balance some of the vintage's riper qualities. Vintage 2009 was characterized by warm, hot weather until a big storm hit in mid-September. Still, this entry-level bottling shows terrific harmony and bodes quite well for the flagship 2009 Tenuta. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2019.

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The 2008 Tenuta di Valgiano emerges from the glass with layers of dark red fruit, smoke, minerals, herbs and leather, all of which come together in an articulated, medium-bodied style. The 2008 possesses notable intensity and depth, while retaining significant freshness. Darker hints of blueberries, blackberries and herbs inform the finish. This is just about as good as it gets in 2008, a year marked by a cold spring that reduced yields significantly followed by a warm and very dry summer that reduced yields again. The 2008 Tenuta is 70% Sangiovese, 20% Syrah and 10% Merlot. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023.

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