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91 points **VIGNAMAGGIO CABERNET FRANC 2001**

"My favorite Vignamaggio wine has long been its Bordeaux offering and the 2001 Cabernet Franc is unquestionably the finest since the two memorable vintages of 1990 and 1991, the era when Franco Bernabei was in charge of the winemaking. These are old vines, planted in the mid-1950s, and not even in rows – a vine here, a vine there amidst Sangiovese, Canaiolo and other Tuscan grapes. Fortunately, Cabernet Franc has a very distinctive leaf both in terms of shape and color, otherwise the harvest would be a true nightmare. The 2001 version of the wine shows that when Cabernet Franc ripens well in Tuscany, it gives a wine of formidable character, penetrating and charecterful in aroma with fragrant scents of black pepper, mint, black currants, and blackberries, much length, classy tannins, and a shapely strength which impresses for its finesse as much as for its strength. This wine will provide superior drinking satisfaction for another dozen years.

91 points **VIGNAMAGGIO "OBSESSION" 2001**

"The 2001 Obsession is not dissimilar in character (from the Chianti Classico), but boasts a larger volume, more velvety tannins, greater richness and depth, and much sweetness on its lingering finish. It should be good for another 10 years."

89 points **VIGNAMAGGIO CHIANTI CLASSICO "600" 2001**

"The 2001 Chianti Classico 600 –the last figure refers to the number of years that the property has been making wine, and the documents to prove it do indeed exist- is textured with pleasurable vanilla notes to accompany the round flavors of ripe red berry fruit. Drink 2006-12."

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