

vinous92_{pts}**Tenute Sella 2009 Lessona Omaggio a Quintino Sella****Villa Del Bosco, Lessona, Piedmont****Red wine from Italy****Drinking window: 2018 - 2027**

The 2009 Lessona Omaggio a Quintino Sella is powerful and deep for this bottling, and yet it retains the mid-weight structure that is typical of the appellation. Dried cherry, mint, licorice, dried flowers and earthy notes are some of the signatures. It will be interesting to see if the 2009 develops more nuance over time. Today, it is a bit rough around the edges and also not quite as delineated as some previous editions have been.

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Grape/Blend

85% Nebbiolo, 15% Vespolina

Release price

\$56.00

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The 2009 Lessona San Sebastiano allo Zoppo is powerful and also a touch rustic, but also pleasing in its own way. Now starting to show the first signs of aromatic and flavor development, the 2009 has quite a bit to offer. Firm, grippy tannins give the 2009 its shape and more than enough spine to support a mid-weight frame laced with hints of tobacco, smoke, leather, licorice, herbs and incense. Although not the last word in complexity, the 2009 will drink well for at least another handful of years.

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vinous**90** pts**Tenute Sella 2010 Bramaterra I Porfidi****Villa Del Bosco, Bramaterra, Piedmont****Red wine from Italy****Drinking window: 2017 - 2025**

The 2010 Bramaterra I Porfidi is understated and classy, with an airy, weightless personality to match. Savory herb, white pepper, cranberry and mint are some of the many nuances that give the 2010 its bright, aromatically intense feel. I Porfidi is 70% Nebbiolo, 20% Croatina and 10% Vespolina.

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Grape/Blend

70% Nebbiolo, 20% Croatina, 10% Vespolina

Release price

\$35.00

vinous**90** pts**Tenute Sella 2011 Lessona****Lessona, Piedmont****Red wine from Italy****Drinking window: 2017 - 2023**

The 2011 Lessona is another wine that offers considerable near and medium term appeal. Sweet tobacco, dried flowers, mint, white pepper and spice are nicely layered in this mid-weight, polished Lessona. There is lovely depth and textural resonance to the 2011. I would prefer to drink it over the next handful of years.

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Grape/Blend

80% Nebbiolo, 20% Vespolina

Release price

\$35.00

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Sella's 2011 Bramaterra is gorgeous. Dark, supple and inviting, the 2011 is an excellent choice for drinking now and over the next few years. Soft contours and mid-weight structure add to the wine's considerable appeal. The 2011 is not the last word in complexity, but it is supremely delicious.

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Grape/Blend

Nebbiolo, Croatina, Vespolina

Release price

\$28.00

vinous89_{pts}**Tenute Sella 2013 Coste della Sesia Casteltorto****Lessona, Villa Del Bosco, Piedmont****Red wine from Italy****Drinking window: 2017 - 2028**

The 2013 Coste della Sesia Casteltorto is a lovely Nebbiolo-based red. High-toned floral and savory notes add lift to a core of bright stone fruit. Dollops of Croatina and Vespolina round out this expressive, impeccably balanced wine from Sella.

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Grape/Blend

60% Nebbiolo, 35% Croatina, 5% Vespolina

Release price

\$28.00

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88+ pts

Tenute Sella 2014 Coste della Sesia Casteltorto**Coste Della Sesia, Piedmont****Red wine from Italy****Drinking window: 2018 - 2022**

The 2014 Coste della Sesia Casteltorto is bright to the point of being almost piercing, even by the standards of Northern Piedmont reds. There is good definition to the cherry, orange peel, mint and dried flower flavors, but the acidity remains elevated and ultimately gives the wine a slightly disjointed feel. I am not sure bottle age will help in a meaningful way.

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Grape/Blend

Nebbiolo, Croatina, Vespolina

Release price

\$21.00

vinous89_{pts}**Tenute Sella 2015 Coste della Sesia Orbello****Lessona, Villa Del Bosco, Coste Della Sesia, Piedmont****Red wine from Italy****Drinking window: 2017 - 2023**

The 2015 Orbello is a terrific entry-level wine from Sella. Bright red cherry fruit and crushed flowers give the 2015 lovely aromatic lift. The Orbello is a blend of 50% Nebbiolo, with dollops of Barbera, Croatina, Vespolina and Cabernet Sauvignon.

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Grape/Blend

50% Nebbiolo, 20% Barbera, 15% Croatina, 10% Vespolina, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

Release price

\$37.00