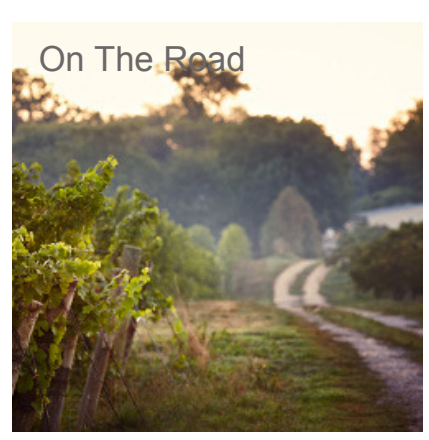


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### ▼ VERNACCIA SAN GIMIGNANO 2017: GOOD BETTER BEST

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**(February 15, 2017) ... SAN GIMIGNANO** - Continuing on with my “rule” unfinished wines (aka: barrel samples), I present to you my impression of Vernaccia di San Gimignano:

Here in the hilltop town of San Gimignano everything is up, even when you go down like you are going up (now I know what my parents meant about when they were going to school uphill, both ways). The grape is Vernaccia and it is white wine region of the “Anteprima Toscana” trip and it is a region that has the potential, especially in the 2016 vintage: the wines were fresher and livelier than seen in any past years and there were even some excellent already finished wines that really made me stand up and take notice from the likes of **Il Lebbio & Poggio** (click on winery name to see full review) - if this is the wave of the future for Vernaccia, good things coming. I can also add that producers are pretty jazzed about 2017 and that is not just hype, it really shows in many of the 2016 wines I tried.

LCBO Vintages

As mentioned above, I do not score unfinished wines, too much can go wrong between tank/barrel and bottle that can compromise or otherwise change the wine that I have I tried as a “sample” ... At Anteprema Vernaccia I was in the same boat as I was at the [Chianti Lovers tasting](#) in Tuscany: I got to taste a lot of unfinished wines to rate for their potential for the future (there were also a number of wines that were finished and ready, or already on the market) ... below I will be rating the wines on future potential on a scale of Good – Better – Best ... plus at the very bottom of the page are some fully scored finished wines. If you have read any of my takes on Vernaccia in the past you will notice the scores of the best wines this year are creeping up, and that is a good sign for this region.

#### Good Potential

*Cantine Guidi 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano*  
*Fattorie Melini 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano*  
*Il Palagione 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano “Hydra”*  
*La Lastra 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano*  
*San Benedetto 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano*

#### Better Potential

*Il Colombaio di Santa Chiara 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano*  
*Lucii Libanio – Casa Lucii 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano*  
*Mormoraia 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano*  
*Palagetto 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano*  
*Tenuta La Vigne 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano*

#### Best Potential

*Cappella Sant’Andrea 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano*

#### Scored (Finished) Wines ...

**Casa alle Vacche 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano ... (\*\*\*)**  
**Casa alle Vacche 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano “I Macchioni” ... (\*\* ½+)**  
**Cesani 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano ... (\*\*\*\*)**  
**Fattoria di Pancole 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano ... (\*\* ½+)**  
**Fattoria Poggio Alloro 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano “Il Nicchiaio” ... (\*\* ½+)**  
**Il Lebbio 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano ... (\*\*\*\*+)**  
**Podere Le Volute 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano ... (\*\*\*\*+)**  
**Podere del Paradiso 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano ... (\*\* ½+)**  
**Tenuta Le Calcinaie 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano ... (\*\* ½+)**  
**Tollena 2016 Vernaccia di San Gimignano “Lunario” ... (\*\*\*\*+)**

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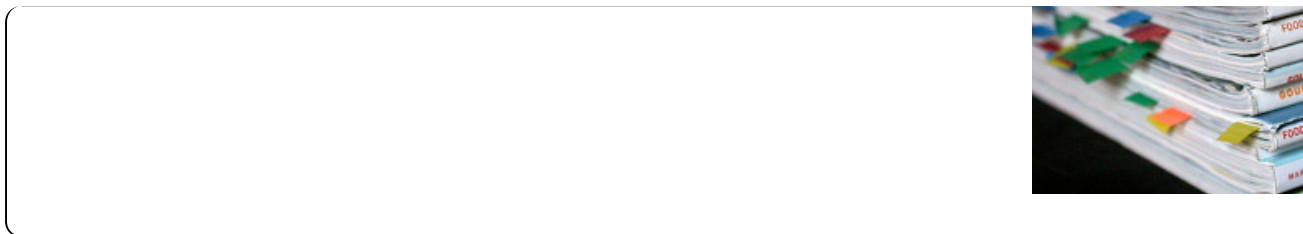
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