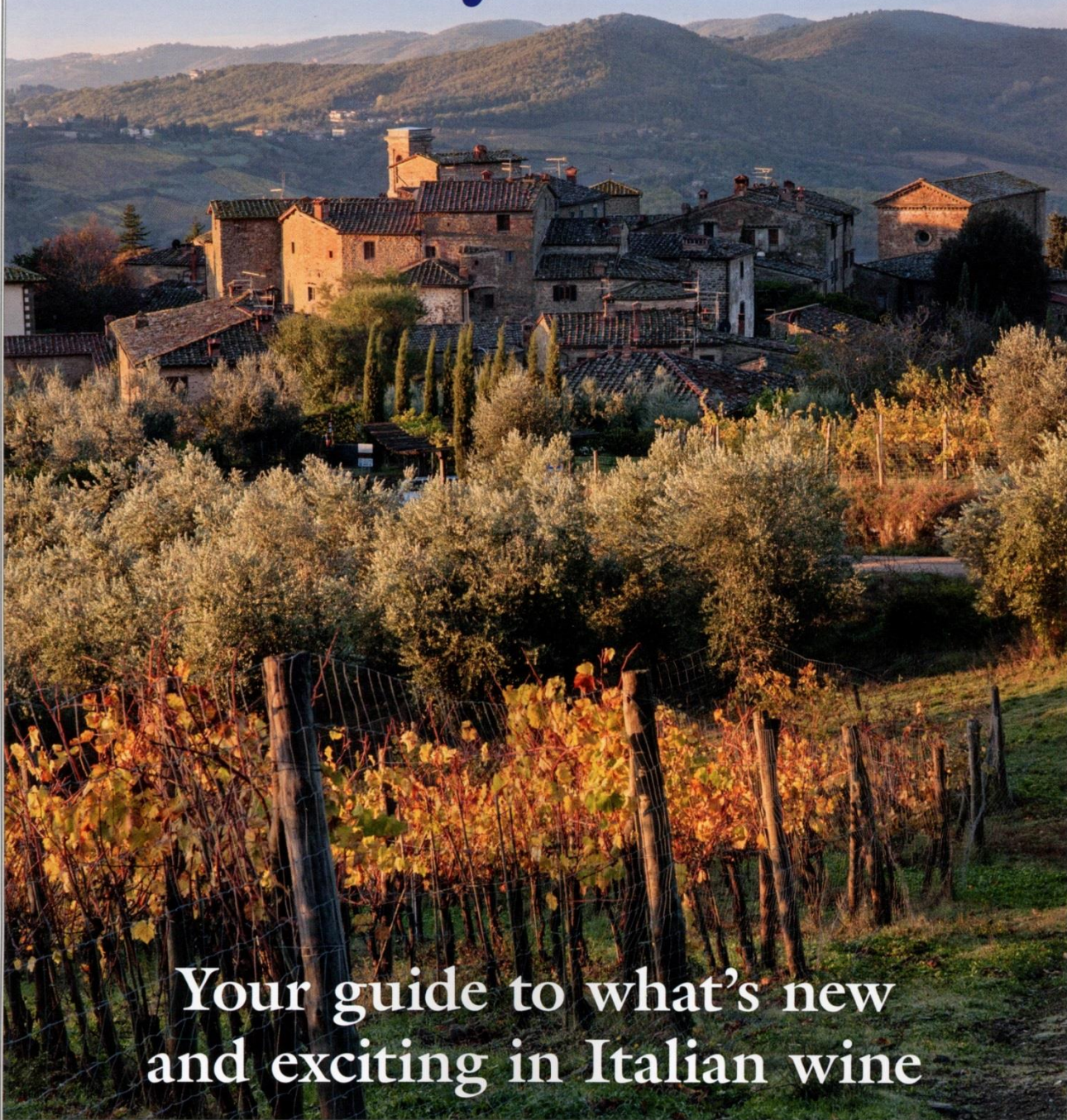


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Vintage report

Tuscan Coast 2015

In a region that offers much variety, a hot vintage was tempered by proximity to the Mediterranean, with early signs of the highest quality in the wines, especially the reds, reports Richard Baudains

Baudains' top 30: Tuscan Coast 2015

No alcohol levels are given, as nearly all the wines were sampled from barrel or vat – and most are therefore not yet available in the UK

Pisa province

In the past known – but not particularly widely – for light, everyday drinking wines, Pisa is emerging as one of the most interesting areas of the Tuscan Coast. Formerly a satellite Chianti zone, today international varieties predominate. Producers describe the 2015s as ‘powerful’ (Ginevra Venerosi Pesciolini from Tenuta di Ghizzano) and ‘concentrated and expressive’ (Luca D’Attoma from DueMani). There are characteristically tangy Cabernets and Merlots from the Montescudaio DOC and punchy wines for long keeping from the micro-zone around Riparbella. Again Syrah performed well. Most of the wines come out as generic Toscana IGTs, which makes it difficult to connect the label to the terroir, but the more identifiable Terre di Pisa DOC is gaining ground.

Tenuta di Ghizzano, Il Ghizzano, Costa Toscana 90

£15 (2014) **Butlers Wine Cellar, WoodWinters**
Irresistible wine with a lot more personality than you’d expect from an entry-level red. The estate does make flashier wines, but you can’t beat this for sheer drinking pleasure. Floral and berry aromas, soft but full of energy. **Drink** 2020-2030



Above: Ginevra Venerosi Pesciolini (right) from Tenuta di Ghizzano