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93 **2011 Badia a Coltibuono**
Points ***Montebello Toscana IGT***

This is a new wine from Badia a Coltibuono. The 2011 Montebello is a blend of indigenous grapes from Tuscany and Central Italy including Mammolo, Ciliegiolo, Pugnitello, Colorino, Sanforte, Malvasia Nera, Canaiolo, Foglia Tonda and of course Sangiovese (all in equal parts). Each grape is vinified separately with natural yeast and manual pump overs. It is aged in oak casks for up to 16 months. The wine opens to a pretty garnet color that captures the ambient light. This is a gorgeous wine that takes advantage of high altitude, cool climate positioning to offset the effects of the warm vintage. There is sweet fruit here with rip cherry and raspberry at the front. The wine is otherwise soft, mellow and impeccably put together. Congratulations.

—Monica Larner