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88+ 2016 Aia Vecchia Vermentino

Points Maremma Toscana IGT

From the Magliano area of Coastal Tuscany, the Aia Vecchia 2016 Vermentino (with 5% Viognier) is a terrific wine and one of the expressions I most enjoyed drinking in this tasting of Italian whites under \$25. The wine shows a bright level of crispness and tonic energy, with green notes of lime, honeydew melon and lemon mousse. It's a simple wine, for sure, but the Vermentino grape is really on a roll right now, so I highly suggest this wine if you haven't already tasted this crisp Italian varietal from sun-drenched Coastal Tuscany.

You just can't beat this great value.

—Monica Larner