Montesecondo

Silvio Messana turned out a superb set of 2024s at Montesecondo. "It's a vintage that takes me back to my 20s, like turning the clock back 30 years," he told me. "We picked in mid-September and had to run a bit at the end, as rain was intensifying." The wines, both whites and reds, display uncommon purity and expression from top to bottom. It's an especially strong vintage here. As always, the focus is on low-intervention farming and minimalist winemaking, an approach that yields wines of notable transparency and individuality. These are wines shaped by a life lived on three continents, a career as a jazz musician and composer, and an avid passion for cooking, among other interests.

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2024 Rosso

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Color: **Red**

Drinking Window: **2026 - 2032**

Antonio Galloni, August 2026

The 2024 Rosso (Sangiovese) is a super-classic wine from proprietor Silvio Messana. Aromatic, bright and wonderfully nuanced, the 2024 is a delight. Aging in cement exalts freshness. The low-alcohol style is so refreshing. What a total delight.

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2024 Chianti Classico

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Release Price: **$37**

Color: **Red**

Drinking Window: **2027 - 2036**

Antonio Galloni, August 2026

The 2024 Chianti Classico (Vigna di Mezzo) is another gorgeous wine in this range from Silvio Messana. Aromatic and layered, the 2024 offers tons of vibrancy right out of the gate. Dried flowers, cedar, tobacco, mint and orange peel are some of the many notes that build over time. This is such a distinctive wine, especially within the context of the year. The fruit comes from two hectares in the central part of Cerbaia.

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2024 San Martino

94

Release Price: **$59**

Color: **Red**

Drinking Window: **2027 - 2039**

Antonio Galloni, August 2026

The 2024 San Martino is a deep, powerful wine. It emerges from Silvio Messana's highest-elevation vineyards in San Casciano's Vignano district. Soaring red-toned fruit, kirsch, macerated cherry, mint and white pepper build beautifully over time, revealing myriad shades of nuance through to the rich, enveloping

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2024 Tin (Sangiovese)

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Release Price: **$51**
Color: **Red**

Drinking Window: **2027 - 2036**
Antonio Galloni, August 2026

The 2024 Tin (Sangiovese) is a quirky, deeply personal wine, a wine that speaks mostly to the style of the producer. Lifted floral and pungent savory notes meld into a core of sweet red cherry fruit. There's a bit of high-toned volatile acidity. Most of this fruit is from Vignano. The 2024 was aged for six months in clay amphora.

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2024 Bianco

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Release Price: **$25**
Color: **White**

Drinking Window: **2027 - 2032**
Antonio Galloni, August 2026

The 2024 Bianco is another stunning wine from Silvio Messana. Apricot, chamomile, dried flowers and hazelnut are some of the many notes that take shape in the glass. Beautifully exotic, aromatic and polished, this is a wine of rare distinction and class. The Bianco is 100% Trebbiano that sees a brief period of two days on the skins. Fruit is picked a bit earlier than the Trebbiano for the Tin version. This is conceived as the estate's entry-level white, but it has plenty of pedigree.

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2022 Tin (Trebbiano)

95

Release Price: **$37**
Color: **White**

Drinking Window: **2027 - 2032**
Antonio Galloni, August 2026

The 2022 Tin is 100% Trebbiano done in amphora. Rich and structured, the 2022 delivers shades of lemon confit, white flowers, mint and marzipan. The precision is just unreal. The long, precise finish is a thing of tremendous beauty. All of this fruit is from Montesecondo's vineyards in San Casciano's Cerbaia district.

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