

## 2004 Lonardo-Contrade di Taurasi - Taurasi DOCG

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from Taurasi, Campania, Italy

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Wine Advocate # 182 Apr 2009	Antonio Galloni	<a href="#">92</a>	Drink: 2010 - 2024	\$45 (45)

Readers who want to know why Taurasi is often referred to as the “Barolo of the South” need to check out Lonardo’s 2004 Taurasi. This powerful, vibrant wine explodes from the glass with masses of dark red fruits, cured meats, earthiness, spices, melted road tar, violets and minerals. Despite its sheer size, the wine also possesses remarkable clarity and transparency. Today, this is an exuberant and massively tannic wine, so a minimum of another year or two of cellaring seems prudent. Simply put, this traditionally-styled, old-school Taurasi rocks. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2024.

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## 2001 Lonardo-Contrade di Taurasi Taurasi Riserva DOCG

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Wine Advocate # 182 Apr 2009	Antonio Galloni	<a href="#">94</a>	Drink: 2010 - 2021	\$65 (65)

The 2001 Taurasi Riserva is off the charts. This dense, sumptuous Taurasi almost has enough sheer extract to cover the tannins. Almost. The fruit here is dark, jammy and super-ripe, but also perfectly balanced with the wine’s structural components. With some time in the glass, signature notes of tar, smoke, licorice, leather and minerals appear, rounding out this massively constituted Taurasi. Here, too, patience is the key, but readers will not be disappointed. This is striking juice. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2021.

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