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RATING SYSTEM

Robert Parker's rating system employs a 50-100 point quality scale. It is my belief that the various twenty (20) point rating systems do not provide enough flexibility and often result in compressed and inflated wine ratings. THE WINE ADVOCATE takes a hard, very critical look at wine, since I would prefer to underestimate the wine's quality than to overestimate it. The numerical ratings are utilized only to enhance and complement the thorough tasting notes, which are my primary means of communicating my judgments to you.

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST WINE VALUES

PERRINI	2006 SALENTO	APULIA	(\$19.00)	RED	88
PERRINI	2006 PRIMITIVO	APULIA	(\$21.00)	RED	89

I was delighted to discover the wines of Perrini, a small family-owned estate in Apulia. Perrini pursues organic farming. The wines offer notable purity of expression. The **2006 Salento** (Negroamaro, Primitivo) is an incredibly appealing red loaded with dark wild cherries, raspberries, sweet herbs and spices. Made in a soft-textured, generous style, it offers incredible quality for the money. It is perhaps a little rounder than the estate's Primitivo. Anticipated

maturity: 2008-2010. The **2006 Primitivo** has more varietal character, if not quite the textural richness of the Salento. This is another delicious red from Perrini. The wine possesses terrific clarity and precision, with pretty notes of tobacco, smoke, sweet herbs and wild cherries. Silky, refined tannins round out the elegant, satisfying finish. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2011. Importer: Louis/Dressner Selections, New York, NY; tel. (212) 334-8191