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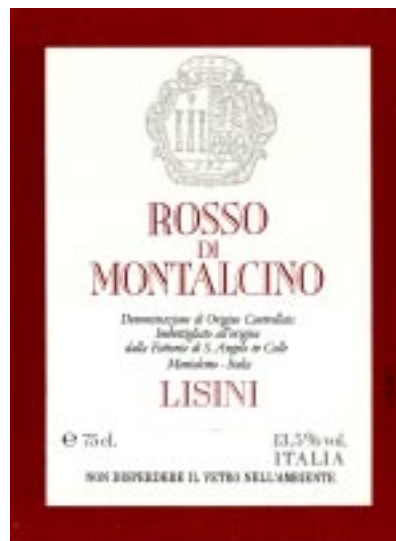
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With the consultation of Franco Bernabei, Lisini has been producing fine wines after a slump in quality during the late seventies and early eighties. Although I cannot recommend the tough-textured, austere, thin 1996 Brunello di Montalcino, Lisini has produced a **stunning 1999 Rosso di Montalcino**. Its deep ruby color is accompanied by terrific sweet black cherry and strawberry fruit notes intermixed with new saddle leather, balsam wood, spice box, and cedar. Sweet, with loads of glycerin, medium body, ripe tannin, and abundant spice, this Rosso will provide provocative as well as compelling drinking over the next 8-10 years. Also outstanding, the dark plum/ruby colored **1995 Brunello di Montalcino Ugolaia** (660 cases) was fashioned from a 30-year-old vineyard replanted with pre-phylloxera clones. It offers a seductive perfume of smoke, minerals, earth, jammy cherries and strawberries, Asian spices, and fruitcake. Once past the complex aromas, there is formidable fruit, full body, a sweet entry on the palate, and well-integrated tannin and acidity. It will drink beautifully for 10-12 years.