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Ferrari

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2006 Ferrari Perle Trento Brut

(\$35; 100% chardonnay) Light yellow with a strong bead. Expansive, perfumed nose offers orange, lemon zest and green apple, plus a subtle whiff of fresh bread. Fresh yet gentle on entry, then nervy and taut in the middle palate, with pure citrus and floral flavors. Pure, precise Trento with a strong finish and good persistence.

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2006 Ferrari Perle Rose Trento Brut

(\$75) Orange-tinged pink, with plenty of energetic mousse. Fresh raspberry and red cherry aromas are accented by blood orange and white flowers. Sweet, creamy and pliant, offering bright red cherry and strawberry flavors and a floral touch. Very appealing rose, with a lingering spiciness and lively acidity delivering very good cut and clarity.

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2004 Ferrari Perle Nero Trento Extra Brut

(\$90; 100% pinot noir) Bright medium-gold. Expressive, mineral-laced aromas of orange, strawberry, apricot and almond, with notes of tarragon and smoky minerals gaining strength with air. Deeper and more powerful than the regular Perle, displaying citrus and orchard fruit flavors lifted by an herbal, spicy quality. The finish is broad, chewy and persistent, with a repeating herbal nuance.

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2001 Ferrari Brut Riserva del Fondatore Giulio Ferrari Trento

(\$100) Medium-bright gold, with a strong stream of energetic, small, bubbles. Highly scented nose of pear, tangerine, lemon pith, honeysuckle and floral honey is further complicated by a delicate smoky nuance. Mineral-laced orchard fruit and citrus flavors are joined by almond and candied ginger notes. Finishes long and spicy, with a hint of marzipan. The Giulio Ferrari Riserva is almost every year one of Italy's best sparkling wines, offering a unique blend of vivacity and power; it also ages extremely well (ten years plus, easily).

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