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AS WINES TASTE MORE THE SAME, THERE ARE STILL SOME OF DISTINCTION

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There is an increasing danger in the global wine market that too many wines are being made to taste according to a template, rather than to the individuality of their terroir. I'll be writing about the high alcohol phenomenon soon and about how wines can be manipulated in order to increase intensity. For now, here are some good wines that express individuality, rather than taste just like their competitors' in their respective regions.

Cecchi Chianti Classico "Storia di Famiglia" 2017 (\$27)—A modern take on a classic Chianti style, not too big, not too high in alcohol, made with 90% Sangiovese, it is very easy to drink and to match with just about anything but a delicate fish dish, and is wonderful with pasta sauces of every kind. Cecchi also makes a \$48 Riserva and a \$65 "Valore," but I think the \$27 bottle is nearly as good.