

January's top ten value wines

La Fralluca Sangiovese Ciparisso 2009

Val di Cornia, Tuscany, Italy, Dry Red (Cork) 13.5% abv

With Brunello di Montalcino becoming more expensive by the day, here's a fabulous alternative Sangiovese from the lesser known DOC of Val di Cornia. A waft of tobacco leaf and oregano, tangy sour cherry and plum, deliciously textured tannins, a touch of green olive and a wisp of smoky spice.

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Goes with: Boeuf BourguignonBraised lamb shanksTomato-based pasta or ratatouille