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RUFFOLI - GREVE IN CHIANTI

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2012 Chianti Classico (\$25) (100% sangiovese): Extremely deep ruby is atypical for a wine that is reportedly 100% sangiovese. Vibrant aromas of blackcurrant, violet and minerals. Fresh and juicy on the palate, with blackcurrant and mineral flavors carrying nicely on the lively, persistent finish. No oak. **88**

2011 Capogatto Alta Valle Della Greve (\$75) (a blend of 25% each merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and petit verdot): Inky ruby. Deep, penetrating aromas of blackberry, cassis, violet and aromatic herbs. Bright, dense and suave, with a hint of black pepper complicating flavors of balsamic vinegar and chocolate-covered black fruits. Finishes pure and long, with peppery acidity and a repeating floral quality. This outstanding wine is a dead ringer for some famous new-wave Saint-Emilions. **92**

2011 Alta Valle Della Greve Il Carbonaione (\$75) (100% sangiovese): Inky ruby. A perfumed violet nuance complicates dark plum and blueberry syrup on the enticing nose, with red fruit notes emerging with aeration. Dense, rich and suave, with harmonious acidity providing clarity and cut to the very deep red berry and cocoa flavors. Finishes pure and very long, with silky tannins. This develops more of a red berry profile with aeration. An outstanding wine, but I would have scored it even higher had it reminded me more of sangiovese. **91**

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