Celebrating the 4th of July with 260 magnums It's tradition that JamesSuckling.com spends the 4th of July holiday in Tuscany and throws, what we like to call, a Magnum Party. Winemakers from all over Italy come to hangout and drink great wines, and this year was no exception. More than 260 vintners, each with a magnum of their own, came to Osteria dell'Acquolina, a beautiful restaurant in Tuscany near James' house with a wide-open backyard perfect for grilling. But unlike in previous years, we had something a little extra to celebrate this time. Last month in Hong Kong, the Italian government honored James at the Central Plaza with a knighthood as a Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia . The award was bestowed to him for the decades he spent promoting Italy and its wines across the world (especially Asia). This party was the first time he truly was able to

Sidhu, who flew all the way from Australia, kept the party going well until 1 a.m. Surahn is currently with the rock band FlightFacilities and was formerly a guitarist with Empire of the Sun. By about 2 a.m., we had finished the magnums and moved on to a few bottles of 2006 Taittinger Comte de Champagne. What a night.
Attendees included Agricola San Felice, Allegrini, Altesino e Caparzo, Amantis, Antinori, Arceno, Argiano, Banfi, Barberani, Barolo Bosco, Bellaria, Bellavista, Bersano, Bibi Graetz, Bosco Agostino, Buon Tempo, Ca' Romè di Romano Marengo, Ca' Rugate, Camigliano, Canalicchio di Sopra, Capanna, Caparzo, Capezzana, Casa Emma, Casaloste, Casanova di Neri, Casanuova delle Cerbaie, Casisano, Castello del Terriccio, Castello di Gabbiano, Castello di Meleto, Castello di Monsanto, Castello di Querceto, Castelvecchio, Castiglion del Bosco, Cava d'Onice