

# SPIRITO di VINO

Culture and Quality for a Luxury Wine-Style

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*Italian Style*  
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THE CEO OF TERRA MORETTI VINO EXPLAINS THE NEW DIRECTION OF THE GROUP WITH SIX WINERIES IN TUSCANY, LOMBARDY AND SARDINIA



**CHAMPAGNE**  
*Chardonnay sets a challenge*

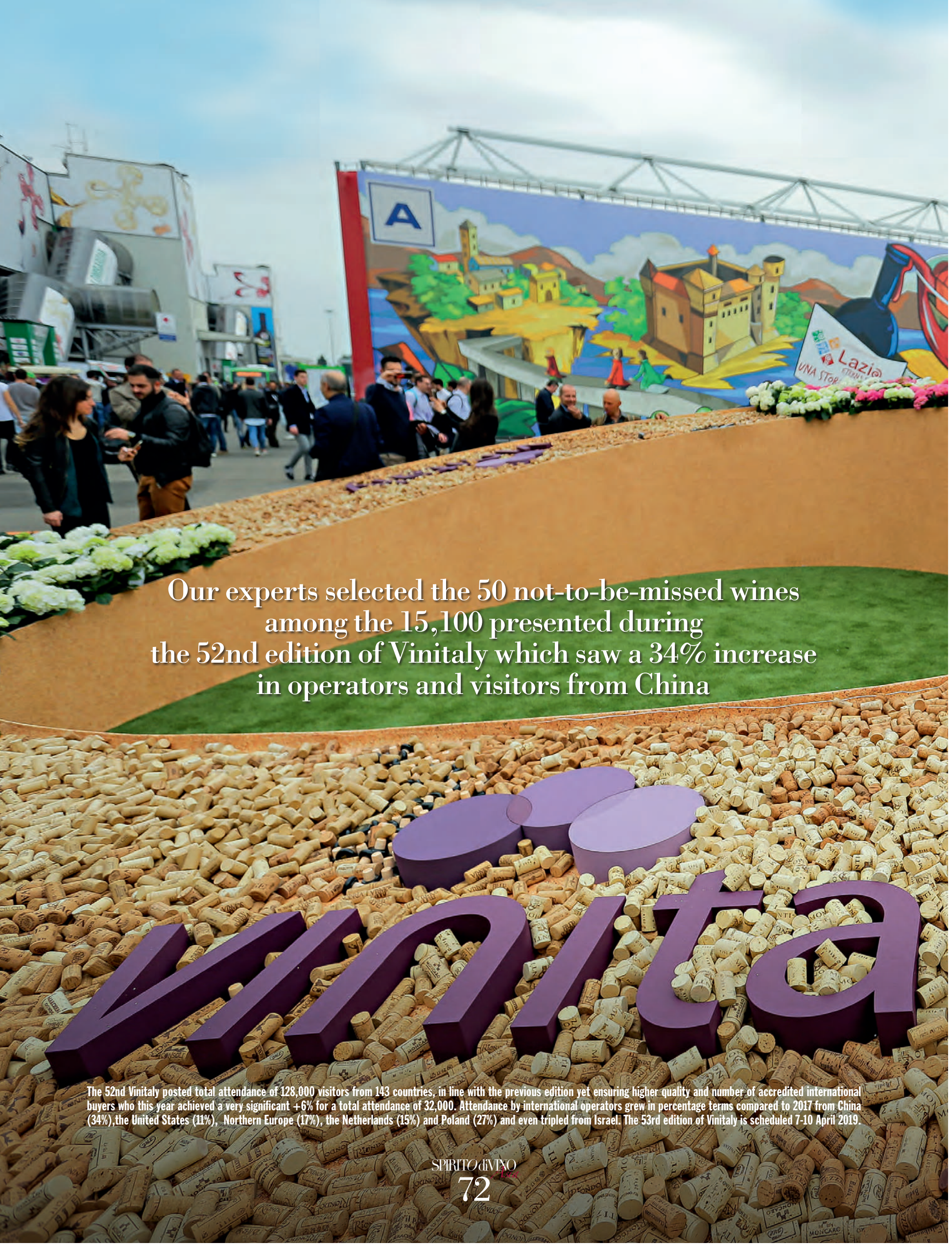
**TAIWAN**  
*The Italy the world loves*

**MÉDOC**  
*The grove of Elms of Pez*

**TUSCANY**  
*The vineyard motorcycle*







Our experts selected the 50 not-to-be-missed wines  
among the 15,100 presented during  
the 52nd edition of Vinitaly which saw a 34% increase  
in operators and visitors from China

The 52nd Vinitaly posted total attendance of 128,000 visitors from 143 countries, in line with the previous edition yet ensuring higher quality and number of accredited international buyers who this year achieved a very significant +6% for a total attendance of 32,000. Attendance by international operators grew in percentage terms compared to 2017 from China (34%), the United States (11%), Northern Europe (17%), the Netherlands (15%) and Poland (27%) and even tripled from Israel. The 53rd edition of Vinitaly is scheduled 7-10 April 2019.





# TOP 50

The 50 wines selected by the *Spirito diVino* experts are:

**LE VIGNE DI ALICE - Conegliano  
Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore  
Metodo Classico DOCG “.G.” 2013**

Founded in 2005, the winery is boldly managed by an all female team. With its 24 months sur-lie the Glera grape dominates the stage in search of a spot. Untiring, it divides and challenges itself among delicious and captivating notes like dried fruit and nectarine. A thick fruit is transported by a fresh and mineral bubble. [levignedialice.it](http://levignedialice.it)

**FRATELLI GANCIA - Alta Langa DOCG  
Metodo Classico 120 mesi**

Tip of the iceberg of the new range of the Spumanti company from Piedmont with brand new packaging. The wisteria and the dehydrated ginger are exempt from developing notes. The small and powerful bubble gathers an intense aroma of pear driven by a delightful freshness and mineral quality. [gancia.it](http://gancia.it)

**ANGELO NEGRO**

**Roero Arneis DOCG Riserva 7 anni 2011**  
Second release of the winery, the first to embark upon the ageing route with the white grape from

Roero. The fine white sands give way to a deep and elegant soul only in the best vintages after 7 years of ageing. Pain Doré and linden become a fresh and generous sphere of vanilla and saffron. [negroangelo.it](http://negroangelo.it)

**SOCRE - Langhe Chardonnay DOC 2015**

The latest wine of vigneron Marco Piacentino is born in the stratified marls of clay and silt. The skilful use of the wood takes us to the highland area of Borgognona. With a fine and sophisticated style the white flowers and dried apricot are supported by astounding freshness. There is the added charm of the wait before listening to a fatter warmer part which will reveal itself in time. [socre.it](http://socre.it)

**DIEGO PRESSENDA**

**Barolo DOCG San Pietro 2014**

This wine is the result of the unrelenting desire of the young couple, Diego and Silvia, to experiment. The Nebbiolo cultivated in the area of Manzoni is a luminous ruby red colour with the aroma of eucalyptus, currants and rosemary twigs. A charming and subtle tannic fibre with lively and vibrating freshness. [latorricella.eu](http://latorricella.eu)



# ANDREA FELICI

## Verdicchio dei castelli di Jesi DOC Classico Riserva Vigna il Cantico della Figura 2015

At Apiro, the fifty-year-old San Francesco vineyard on a single hectare is always airy and ventilated, the purest expression of Verdicchio Felici. The vitrified concrete enhances the ripeness and clean liness of the fruit (peach) which joined to the sweet almonds transforms into a wine full of character: penetrating and materic. [andreafelici.it](http://andreafelici.it)

# TENUTA SAN LEONARDO

## Trentino Riesling Renano DOC 2015

The vinification protocol continues to see the use of steel and tonneau by the Famiglia Guerrieri Gonzaga, in its third year of production. Fullness and concentration: yellow pulp and officinal herbs are bound by the salt which tightens and reinforces the structure of an elegant, persistent wine. [sanleonardo.it](http://sanleonardo.it)

## GROSJEAN - Valle d'Aosta Syrah DOC Echelette 2016

The first organic winery of the Aosta Valley produced this new wine in the 2016 vintage. The 20-year-old plants in the historical and well suited Vigna Rovettaz take on the colour of ink and the aroma is of pepper and cocoa. It is a fine and harmonious wine; all the signs of the cultivar are clean and clearly defined. [grosjean.vievini.it](http://grosjean.vievini.it)

# VILLA GUELPA

## Lessona DOC Longitudine 2016

Here we meet the charisma and taste of the terroir: man and vineyard blend in a very fine Nebbiolo which questions and strikes for its subtle and tannic nature with blue fruits, ash and a velvet-like mantle. This new vital energy inserted into the circuit of North Piedmont belongs to Daniele Dinoia. [villaguelpa.it](http://villaguelpa.it)

# MICHELE SATTA

## Bolgheri DOC Marianova 2015

Bolgheri's latest interpretation belongs to the new Satta generation and the Syrah and Sangiovese share the stage. Concrete and barriques are the tools used to "revolutionise" whilst the stylistic approach remains the same. You can breathe the spices and a creamy red fruit, still tight in the tannin. [michelesatta.com](http://michelesatta.com)

# LUIGI BOVERI

## Timorasso DOC Filari di Timorasso 2016

The determination of Germana is compensated by the gentleness of Luigi, both at the head of the winery in Costa Vescovato. Orange peel, tropical fruits and a cliff which is perennially lapped by the Ligurian Sea bathes the palate with persistence and harmony. Compact and decisive you never tire of listening to it. [boveriluigi.com](http://boveriluigi.com)

# FRANCO CONTERNO

## Langhe Freisa DOC 2016

In the epicentre of the mega Bussia in Cascina Sciulun the latest Freisa is traditionally produced using grapes from Castiglione Falletto. The unmistakable tannic matrix of the soil of origin embraces and captures, the compact and fibrous juice mobilises and facilitates the drink together with lively freshness. [francoconterno.it](http://francoconterno.it)

# CAMOSSI

## Franciacorta DOCG Zero Dosage 2015

The new product of the Winery is the result of an ancestral production system with the use of grape must comprising 70% Chardonnay and 30% Pinot Nero. A pure and

exquisitely balanced juice, a lordly wine even before being Franciacorta. Zero Dosage 2015 is the result of a perfect management of the energy and power of the raw material animated by a sapid and fresh veil. [camossifraciacorta.com](http://camossifraciacorta.com)

# LA SPINETTA

## Piemonte Chardonnay DOC Lidia 2015

The path of the Rivetti family is an ambitious one which shows no sign of halting, like this Chardonnay. An intense wine, born in two sandy hectares in Mango. Fermented directly in new barriques it has a great structure with a crescendo of salt and white currants to light up the mouthfeel in a tactile and citrus finale. [la-spinetta.com](http://la-spinetta.com)

# NALS MARGREID

## Anticus Riserva Baron Salvadori 2015

With 150 hectares spread over 13 different zones you can experience and listen to the earth. The ripeness and sweetness of the Merlot merge with the intensity and structure of the Cabernet. The fine sand and the granular nature of the gravel of the hills create a triumphant texture of red fruits driven by nourished tannins. [kellerei.it](http://kellerei.it)



**NOAH - Bramaterra DOC 2013**

Third year of production for a young winery with a view of Monte Rosa. 80% Nebbiolo born on volcanic porphyry of Brusnengo from old vines together with Croatina, Vespolina and rare Grapes. An evolving taste that passes from the sweetness of the red berries which is suddenly more bitter supported by fine tannins to lengthen the drink. [noah.wine](http://noah.wine)

**BEL COLLE****Barbaresco DOCG Pajorè 2014**

In one of the best suited south facing vineyards of Treiso you can appreciate all the energy and taste of the vine. Red orange, rose petals and mentholated breaths create a fine and charming taste for its juicy and velvety nature. The tannic solidity of the fruit is enchanting, driven by a delicate acidic vein. [belcolle.it](http://belcolle.it)

**LE MORE BIANCHE****Roero DOCG Vigna San Bernardo 2015**

The mulberry with its sweet white berries decorates Alessandro Bovio's courtyard, but it is also the name of the winery in Magliano Alfieri. Just two hectares, serenely pampered, in which to debut with clean and explosive grapes. The drink is meaty and emotional with tannins

perfectly inserted into a ripe and elegant pulp. [lemorebianche.com](http://lemorebianche.com)

**BELLAVISTA****Vendemmia Pas Operé 2011**

65% Chardonnay and 35% Pinot nero, it is the blending of at least 40 harvest selections. A pale, lively and intense mousse and a very fine, continuous and persistent perlage. The crystalline reflections, the purity and depth of colour leave one fascinated. The bouquet is intense and embracing, discreet yet persistent with nuances of wildflower honey, apples, camomile and a slight touch of vanilla, aniseed and mediterranean herbs. [bellavistawine.it](http://bellavistawine.it)

**BELLENDIA - Conegliano di Valdobbiadene DOCG Prosecco Superiore****Pas Dosé S.C. 1931 Metodo Classico**

The residues of glacial moraine of Carpesica produce a base of Glera grapes which are exquisitely compliant with an extreme Classic Method of production, not dosed, to blaze like a first ray of summer sunshine. A burst of fruits and white mountain flowers become assertive and clean the palate with an aromatic and persistent quality. [bellenda.it](http://bellenda.it)

**CASA VINICOLA NERA - Valtellina Superiore Docg Inferno Riserva Docg 2014**

A great ambassador of the Nebbiolo from Chiavenna produced in a heavenly and prestigious area, the smallest in terms of extension. Following the canonical 36 month-wait, the wine has an aroma of berries and dried violet. A clear and precise direction indicated by leaf thin tannins as fresh as though wet by mountain rain. [neravini.com](http://neravini.com)

**TENUTA SCERSCE****Rosso di Valtellina DOC Nettare 2016**

Non-invasive and fascinating wine production produces a docile and powerful wine which reflects the complexity of the woman at the helm of the young winery at 550-750 m a.s.l. in the municipality of Teglio. A clean red fruit with pulsating scents of mint and blue berries. The wood "used" yields the remaining tannin, it refines that of the grape and lengthens the mouthfeel with an acid tone. [tenutascersce.it](http://tenutascersce.it)

**CA' DEL BOSCO****Franciacorta DOCG Cuvée Prestige**

The new "Prestige" is a model of taste, 10%

of Pinot Bianco gives an unmeasured delightful elegance, given by a tactile consistency of ripe citron, of the peach and green apple of the different vines of origin. Thyme and wildflowers are relished in a fragrant and persistent texture which becomes the centre of the taste. [cadelbosco.com](http://cadelbosco.com)

**ENNIO OTTAVIANI - Romagna DOP****Sangiovese Superiore Caciara**

The 12 hectares excite for the passion in working at San Clemente of Rimini, under the influence of the Adriatic Sea and with the Apennines that take centre stage. You soak up the tastiness of a deep and darker sea, a salt "inside" the matter in which to savour a fresh fruit of the vine. Juicy mouthfeel, spherical on entry with an engaging length full of energy. [ennioottaviani.it](http://ennioottaviani.it)

**BENITO FAVARO - Nebbiolo Ros 2016**

Piverone, a land of moraines and granite, is home to a Nebbiolo with a big personality. Intriguing, with the freshness of Carema, the juice of Ghemme and the fineness of Lessona. A complex bundle of fine powerful tannins tighten the pulp and release a concentrate of ripe black mulberry refreshed and accelerated as if by blue quartz and a rapid trail in the finale. [cantinafavaro.it](http://cantinafavaro.it)

**BERLUCCHI - Berlucchi '61 Nature Rosé Franciacorta Millesimato 2011 DOCG**

The last cuvée in Palazzo Lana has a fragrance of modern art with bright colours and centric forms to confirm the details and quality. A zero dosage of Pinot Noir from the vineyards of Ragnoli, Quindi ciprò and Gaspa comes out after 5 years sur-lie. The wine is powerful and creamy, a constellation of minerals leaning on a tannic base suited to the involvement of contemporary palates. [berlucchi.it](http://berlucchi.it)

**MASARI****Bianco Veneto IGT Agnolobianco 2016**

Protected by the Dolomites, Valle d'Agno is the cradle in which the organic adventure in the volcanic soil of this young winery begins. A blend of Riesling, Durella and Garganega which merges flint, ripe white citrus fruits and herbaceous notes. On the palate it is snug and with a fresh and rapid rhythm with a full finale played on tropical and juicy fruits. [masari.it](http://masari.it)



**GUIDO MARSELLA**

**Fiano di Avellino DOCG 2009**

Complex nose, with almost hydrocarbon scents. The background is animated by a fresh citrus texture, from which slightly herbal and sulphureous notes emerge. It enters the mouth sinuous and silky, affirming itself on the taste with a peat note. The freshness is perfectly integrated to the mouthfeel, like the sapidity which persists at length.

[guidomarsella.com](http://guidomarsella.com)

**COLOSI - Malvasia "Secca del Capo" Salina IGP 2017**

Malvasia from the sunny Lipari islands, on the nose pineapple and citrus fruit notes surrounded by jasmine, aromatic herbs and a subtle recollection of lavender. Intense flavour in the mouth, supported by a good body where salinity and sugary residue balance out in a full mouthfeel.

[cantinecolosi.it](http://cantinecolosi.it)

**RIGOLOCCIO - Maremma Toscana Merlot "Abundantia" DOC 2012**

Marasca cherry, blackberry jam, chocolate and coffee give the aroma thickness and character, which is confirmed in the mouth. The body is full and soft, but the vivid freshness and the genuine tannin slim it down and foretell its long life. Interesting to see how it will evolve in a few years time...

[rigoloccio.it](http://rigoloccio.it)

**SIMCIC**

**Maryan Pinot Noir Selekcija 2015**

The fruit recalls the cherry and the raspberry, with a citrus trail of orange peel. The slightly earthy notes contribute to sculpting a remarkably fine aroma. The tannin makes its presence felt delicately in the mouth. It leaves a memory of itself in a mentholated slightly bitter finale.

[simcic.si/it/](http://simcic.si/it/)

**SANTA MARIA - La Nave Grecanico Dorato Metodo Classico "Tempesta" 2015**

Rare example of Grecanico Dorato re-fermented in a bottle. Its aroma confirms the original character, based on a vegetal trait, with tangy notes of brine, refined by a fruity touch of white peach. The mouthfeel is clearly sapid and citrusy, with a small delicate bubble.

[santamarianave.com](http://santamarianave.com)

**MARINA CVETIC - Syrah 2015**

Latest wine of casa Masciarelli, this Syrah was

born almost as a game. It is striking for its fine nose, in which the spicy varietal texture is integrated to perfection with the meaty red fruit and with the toasted note of coffee. The tannin, which is still young, shows the necessary qualities to ripen with elegance, accompanied by a lively freshness.

[masciarelli.it](http://masciarelli.it)

**PETRA - Petra 2014**

Ruby color with garnet highlights. Aroma of great aromatic richness, intense and powerful in the notes of wild berries, black cherries in jam, rosemary, burnt wood, tobacco and still balsamic mint and spicy cinnamon and pepper to wrap everything. Sumptuous taste, of body and elegance, structure and power. Velvety tannins and well integrated in a fresh plot and aristocratic sapid tract. Persistent, consistent aftertaste with spicy and balsamic finish.

[petrawine.it](http://petrawine.it)

**BOSCARELLI - Vino Nobile di Montepulciano "Il Nocio" 2004**

It has the complexity of its age: the fruit is dark and in jam, intertwined with spicy notes of cinnamon, leather, honey and a hint of balsamic. The freshness can still be felt in the mouth, in the cohesion of the multifaceted mouthfeel and full of suggestions. It confirms the articulated character in the nose and in the smooth tannin.

[poderiboscarelli.com](http://poderiboscarelli.com)

**LIVON - Manditocai Friulano DOC 2010**

On the nose it betrays the rocky, siliceous trace of its earth. The fruity profile veers toward citrus and passion fruit, while a herbaceous trail recalls the aroma of hay. It is a sapid wine, but this does not conceal its vivid and evolving freshness. All inserted inside the softness of the mouthfeel and in a structure of exquisite thickness.

[livon.it](http://livon.it)

**LUCE - Brunello di Montalcino 2013**

A single parcel of vineyard produces this young nectar. On the nose it is still announced by the crunchy red fruit, but gives a glimpse of a latent complexity. Chocolate, pepper and tobacco in the background in the development phase. In the mouth, the fresh-tannic interaction confirms an evolutionary path which remains to be completed.

[lucedellavite.com](http://lucedellavite.com)

**TENUTA I FAURI - Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC 2016 Ottobre Rosso**

Fermentative maceration in concrete, racking

and ageing for 9 months. Dark, intense, highly intriguing aroma with hints of rhubarb, cinchona and undergrowth and notes of sour cherry and raspberry. Fresh, smooth taste. Sapid tannins, juicy, little austerity. Elegant easy closure in the mouth, which recalls Alpine herbs.

[tenutaifauri.it](http://tenutaifauri.it)

**MASTROBERARDINO - Fiano di Avellino DOCG 2015 Stilema**

A Fiano which reflects its characteristics of authoritative "translator" of the terroir: it is a nectar which speaks of a place. Slightly smoky, but also floral (jasmine). On the palate it expresses fineness and subtlety. Saline and citrus on the finale, with a perception of low sugar residue.

[mastroberardino.com](http://mastroberardino.com)

**AZIENDA AGRICOLA LE TORRI - Xerò 2017**

It is born from the ancient technique of drying grapes handed down with the "government of Tuscany", joined to wine production in small wood. The tannic power is exuberant like the intensity of the colour, where the notes of cherries and fruits of the forest accurately integrate with a very long and moderately sweet finale. Worth waiting for, but not too long!

[letorri.net](http://letorri.net)





# VILLA RUSSIZ

## Sauvignon Blanc 2013 Casa Elvine

To celebrate 150 years of its foundation, a selection of Sauvignon grapes, followed by ageing in oak barrels, steel tanks and rest in bottles for approx. 8 months. Aromatic tangy load and appetizing sapidity, vegetal aromas and notes of lily of the valley and berga mot. Fresh, mineral, full-bodied, with a touch of figs and dried fruit. [villarussiz.it](http://villarussiz.it)

## IL BORRO - Polissena IGT Biologico 2015

Slight bleeding of 10-20% and a long maceration period of more than 3 weeks, produces an authoritative San Giovese for its expressive purity on the nose and for the elegance of its gustatory progression. It is centred on a ripe tonic fruit, supported by flavoured well proportioned tannins in the long finale. [ilborro.it](http://ilborro.it)

## VELENOSI - Colli Aprutini Pecorino IGT "Prope" 2017

A new entry to the Velenosi family. We are in Abruzzo, in Contro guerra, on clay soil rich in structure. Always close by, i.e. "prope", in the Teramo version of the vine. It has fresh and intense fruity aromas, with notes of aniseed and wild herbs. The structure is full and sup-

ported by good acidity. Luminous, contrasted, vibrant and tasty. [velenosivini.com](http://velenosivini.com)

## CAIAROSSA

### Toscana Rosso IGT Caiarossa 2013

In tonneau and in new, second and third passage barriques, it releases a nectar with a great olfactory and gustatory impact. Aromas open on scents of fruits of the forest, spices and hints of flowers: well focused and convincing. Harmonious, clear, tapered and soft in the palatal arch, very natural in its development with fine tannins and a persistent closure. [caiarossa.com](http://caiarossa.com)

## TENUTA PRIMA PIETRA (FERRAGAMO)

### Prima Pietra IGT Toscana 2015

From a hill that dominates the Tyrrhenian Sea, in Riparbella, comes a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot rich in personality and elegance. Clean, precise, spicy, it rests on a sturdy but balanced structure, with fresh tannins and balsamic closure. Intriguing, juicy, rhythmic, stunning depth and balance. [tenutaprimapietra.com](http://tenutaprimapietra.com)

## DUEMANI - Cifra 2016

A Cabernet Franc which demands respect and attention, a stylistic manifesto of its pro-

ducers. Fermentation and maceration in non vitrified concrete vats, without clarification and filtration. Notes of herbs, cassis, spices and earthy hints on the nose. Very compact on the palate, remarkable freshness and sapidity and exuberating energy. [demani.eu](http://demani.eu)

## BARONE PIZZINI

### Franciacorta DOCG Brut Animante

#### L. A. (Tirage 03/12 - Disgorgement 01/18)

It reproduces the soul of Barone Pizzini because it protects the living nature of all its vineyards and rises to crown the long and pioneering renewal process of its organic experience in Franciacorta. Brackish notes and lemony nuances with an excellent sapid-acid trail. A carbonic, fresh, incisive caress with a remarkable perseverance/persistence. [baronepizzini.it](http://baronepizzini.it)

## MARCO BOTTURA - Wine and dreams

### Barbera d'Alba Superiore

The Barbera you never expected! From a small parcel of land in the municipality of Sinio from a 30-year-old vineyard, Marco Bottura, brother of the multi starred chef Massimo Bottura, entrepreneur and mechanic with a great passion for wine produced a Barbera presented at Vinitaly in 2015. Dark ruby red colour, structured with "barolo like notes". [www.marcobottura.it](http://www.marcobottura.it)

## PODERI FIORINI

### Le Ghiarelle Lambrusco dell'Emilia IGP

A Lambrusco from Savignano sul Panaro produced from vineyards on soils of sand mixed with gravel which gives the wine its name. This characteristic has prevented these vines from being attacked by phylloxera which is associated to re-fermentation in bottles and has allowed to produce a Lambrusco with good acidity and notes of rustic elegance. [poderifiorini.com](http://poderifiorini.com)

## CANTINA ROVERÈ DELLA LUNA AICHOZ

### Chiaro di Luna

Suited to aperitifs and more, Chiaro di Luna rosé has been produced for the first year by the long standing winery Roverè della Luna in the Dolomite region from 100% Schiave grapes vinified as white wine with soft pressing and a short sur-lie ageing period. Fresh in the mouth and delightfully pétillant with notes of pear and melon. [csrovere1919.it](http://csrovere1919.it)

(Andrea Grignaffini, Erika Mantovan, Sofia Landoni, Stefano Reggiani, Emanuele Gobbi, Leila Salimbeni)

