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News



115k Euros to Dynamo Camp

Ca' del Bosco and Cuvée Prestige celebrated 10 years of success with a 10 year vertical of the wine symbol of the winery led by Maurizio Zanella and an auction of sculptures by the artists Bertozzi & Casoni of 10 unique pieces, focusing on the land and created with the company. They were the stars of one of the most successful charity auctions linked to wine in Italy, which reached 115.000 euros in donations to Dynamo Camp, the first centre for recreational therapy in Italy. An encounter written in the stars, one could say, because Dynamo Camp was also 10 years old in 2017, like Cuvée Prestige. And for enthusiasts, there was a 2015 limited edition signed by Bertozzi & Casoni.



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"Australian Prosecco"

"Prosecco" is not just the name of wine, but also of the vine, for Australians, so wine producers in Australia want to continue to produce their bubbles and call them by the name of the most famous of Italian sparkling wines, which is produced in Italy with Glera grapes. Therefore, the biggest sparkling producers in the land of kangaroos, in view of negotiations on bilateral free trade agreements between Australia and Europe, have asked the National Parliament to defend the name on their labels, worried about Italian claims for a European voice. As already happened in the USA, Canada and China, Europe defends the source of origin linking the wine to the location (in this case Prosecco, a fraction of the City of Trieste), but non-EU countries must acknowledge it each time... (<https://goo.gl/BZ2ptH>)

Report

Alba = UNESCO

Alba is a city that literally revolves around its culinary wealth, from the most precious truffles to the most beloved of chocolate creams, and, obviously for the great wines in its territory, the Langhe (which together with Roero and Monferrato is already UNESCO heritage for its vineyards), and is symbolically and indelibly, the capital. And now, it has just been designated "UNESCO Creative City for Gastronomy", joining Parma as one of the 19 cities in the world that have made gastronomy their distinctive trait.



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WE, "Top 100 Cellar Selections 2017", Italy n. 1

The international rankings season has started out very well for Italy. Number 1 on the US magazine Wine Enthusiast's "Top 100 Cellar Selections 2017" is Conti Costanti's Brunello di Montalcino 2012, heading the 19 Italian wines, almost all from Tuscany and Piedmont (and "children" of Sangiovese and Nebbiolo). Every year, for their ranking "Wine Enthusiast" (the Italian Editor is Kerin O'Keefe, ed.) selects the 100 wines, among more than 22.000 reviewed from around the world, to be kept in cellars to express their great longevity. At spot number 6, Barolo Garblèt Suè 2013 of Brovia, followed by Brunello di Montalcino Madonna delle Grazie 2012 Il Marroneto at number 12. Barolo Cannubi 2013 Brezza has taken number 16, ahead of Tenuta San Guido's Sassicaia 2013 at number 19, and Barolo Bussia 2013 by Giacomo Fenocchio at spot number 21. Continuing on, the Barolo Parafada 2013 by Massolino is at number 25, ahead of Brunello di Montalcino 2012 de Le Chiuse, which comes in at number 29, and Barolo Monvigliero 2013 by Comm. G. B. Burlotto at 32. Brunello 2012 by Baricci is at spot number 34, Barbaresco Ronchi 2013 of Albino Rocca, at number 38, Barbaresco 2013 by Gaja at spot 42, and Sforzato di Valtellina 5 Stelle 2013 by Nino Negri (Italian Wine Group) at number 45. Closing the group of Italian wines and the general ranking, D'Alceo 2012 of Castello dei Rampolla (61), Barbaresco Rio Sordo 2014 of Cascina della Rose (68), Taurasi 2011 by Fratelli Urciuolo (number 77), Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Vigna del Sorbo 2012 by Fontodi (number 82), Tignanello 2013 by Marchesi Antinori (number 88) and Amarone of the Valpolicella Riserva 2010 of Musella (100). "The Italian wines in the Top 100 are worthy of entering the wine cellars of fine wines, but there were many others", commented Kerin O'Keefe, "that have demonstrated the level Italian wine has reached. Of the over 3.000 wines I reviewed in the last year, I designated 110 bottles as Cellar Selection for their high quality and longevity prospect". And, it is a confirmed primacy: in 2016 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2010 by Biondi Santi Tenuta Greppo was number one (<https://goo.gl/MLFutw>).

Focus

"Four of a kind" for Italian wine guides

The most important wine guides and relative writings on Italian wines unanimously agree on four wines, in their 2018 editions: the Tuscan Bolgheri Sassicaia 2014 of Tenuta San Guido, San Leonardo 2013 of Tenuta San Leonardo and Giulio Ferrari Riserva del Fondatore of the Lunelli family, from Trentino, and Amarone Veneto of Valpolicella Classico 2009 by Bertani. These are the results of the WineNews cross check, looking at the highest awards given in the 2018 edition of the 6 most important national guides, which have comparable lists and methods of evaluation (Gambero Rosso, Veronelli, Bibenda, Slow Wine's "The Great Wines", Vitae of Associazione Italiana Sommelier and Cernilli, ed.). If one looks at the total number of this type of guide (9) available to wine enthusiasts, including those with very special judgment criteria and those that consider other peculiarities, in addition to the absolute quality (Maroni, Touring Club and, starting from this edition, L'Espresso, with its various "Top 100"), just like in 2016, 2015 and 2012, there is no wine that could get all the Italian wine critics to agree (<https://goo.gl/j2PFFY>).



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Viticoltore in Montefalco

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Wine & Food

Fine Italian wines for the UN Security Council

The signature wines selected by Lucio Caputo, head of the Italian Wine & Food Institute, to give as gifts to the leaders of the world, from China to France, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom, the USA, on a truly solemn occasion, the return of Italy to the presidency of the UN Security Council, in New York, are: Argiolas, Bertani, Jacopo Biondi Santi, Querceto Castle, Col d'Orcia, Donnafugata, Fontanafredda, Gaja, Lungarotti, Antinori, Mastroberardino, Planeta, Rocca delle Macie, Sella & Mosca, Tasca d'Almerita, Travaglini, Vespa Vignaioli (<https://goo.gl/CvWtNtY>).

For the record

Pinot Grigio Boom

Pinot Grigio DOC delle Venezie has started out booming: has already received orders for 230.000 hectolitres, meaning a free cellar value of 75 € million, from the main

US market players (Constellation Brands, E. & J. Gallo and The Wine Group). "It is an encouraging start", commented the Consortium Chairman, Albino Armani.

