

DiWINEtaste

Wine Culture and Information

 International Edition

www.DiWineTaste.com

Volume 21 - Issue 222, November 2022

Beautiful Fairy Tales Do Not Make Good Wine

I have said and written this many times now, not only because it is a normal evolution of things and times, but because it is absolutely unavoidable: everything changes. This is a principle in which I have always believed and to which I have continually adapted, convinced that being immovable and to stubbornly believe things should not change, is a huge mistake, as well as a vain illusion. Especially when avoiding the change by arguing that “everything was better in the past”, while forgetting the only certainty we all have now is the present – today – and the prospect of the future. Everything changes, inevitably everything changes. Habits change, tastes change, needs change, we ourselves are the result of a continuous change beginning at the exact moment we are conceived. Wine also changes, of course. The story is there to tell us and, without a shadow of a doubt, the wine produced in archaic times would today be considered simply undrinkable by the majority of us “modern humans”. The opposite is also and certainly true: our wine would have been decidedly considered as bad by those who preceded us a few centuries ago. We – modern humans of our times – like it and a lot, too. Everything changes, after all.

The way wineries and producers tell their wine and, in particular, to visitors, has also changed. Over the years – let’s say, at least thirty – I have been able to see how much the relationship between producers and visitors has changed, who are obviously also customers or in any case potential buyers. Everything changes, as I have already stressed several times, and it is normal this aspect too has changed and, without a doubt, will change in the future. In modern wineries, there clearly is a certain attention from producers in the creation of specific structures destined to welcoming visitors, isolating them, more or less clearly, from the parts dedicated to production. Not least, this is a trend which has developed in recent years with the aim of giving the visitor the impression of being in a wine shop or a wine bar, last but not least, in a restaurant. Sometimes I have the impression the intent of the winery is to create a sort of “recreation room” for visitors in order to allow them

to chat with friends, sipping a glass of wine, accompanied by “various appetizers”. A showcase depicting a golden, friendly and happy, almost perfect world.

All theatrically supported by someone – often, the producer himself or herself – who tries to entertain the guests with captivating fairy tales, taking care to promptly supply the guests with “appetizers” and by refilling the glasses. The subject of the fairy tales is always the same, a story which is regularly heard over and over everywhere, with small variations adapted to the size and identity of the winery. Among the most loved subjects, the tradition and the identity of the place, proud defenders of the long stories and family traditions, when there is one. Or the perpetuation of the glories of grapes, territories, habits and strict adherence to the past, necessarily better than anything else because it is about the glorious past. When you then smell the glass, not only it is clear that wine is not exactly what their ancestors would have produced, but it is also rather modest. Most of the time, at least by observing the smiling and enraptured faces of the “audience”, nobody cares about it that much, as it is the story told at that moment to make up for the possible mediocrity of the wine that expresses a supposed tradition and pride of centuries. It is the fairy tale to become the protagonist and cheer the amazement of the listener, between a breadstick and a slice of salami. The wine plays a modest side-role.

Wineries have become a sort of “welcome center” for casual or bored visitors – yes, of course, even genuinely interested ones – confident of spending a few happy hours, superficially sipping a wine in company of friends and accompanied by something to eat, listening in raptures to the exciting story that exudes a strenuous defense of the pride of a tradition or supposed one. Even paying a price, rightly so. After all, when you go to the cinema or the theater, you pay the entrance fee, as well as when you go to the restaurant, you then pay the bill. An unquestionable principle, given that, by now, the “hospitality” activity is becoming a significant cost for wineries as well as a means of communication and promotion. Each winery, without a shadow of a doubt, despite the strong commitment

DiWINEtaste OnLine

- ▷ Home Page - www.DiWineTaste.com
- ▷ Wine Guide ▷ Aquavita ▷ EnoForum ▷ Polls
- ▷ EnoGames (EnoQuiz - EnoGlass - EnoTemp) ▷ Events
- ▷ Serving Wine ▷ Back Issues ▷ Wine Place Guide
- ▷ MailBox ▷ Wine Parade ▷ Mailing List
- ▷ Tell a friend about DiWineTaste ▷ Alcohol Test

Contents

Beautiful Fairy Tales Do Not Make Good Wine	1
WINE TASTING	
Contrasts of Moscato di Trani and Trentino Vino Santo . . .	2
Wines of the Month	5
EVENTS	
News	9
NOT JUST WINE	
Aquavita	9
Wine Guide Parade	10

to the preservation of family traditions and the perpetuation of the production of a wine that has been handed down for generations, is also a company which must necessarily evaluate its balance sheet and pursue a profit. Unquestionable, understandable, legitimate and, above all, indispensable.

Everything changes and probably today it would not make sense – or rather, it would no longer be understood – the way in which wineries were visited decades ago and the way in which one was “welcomed”. I certainly speak of it not with a spirit of nostalgia – everything changes, in fact – but as a simple reason for comparison. There were no rooms and structures dedicated to wine tasting, there were no dishes full of various appetizers: the only subjects were wine, vineyards, grapes, differences between the various vintages, especially from a viticultural point of view. The welcome, most of the time, was made either in the cellar – with the strong smell of mold and damp – or under a pergola near the manufacturer’s house because, in most cases, the same building was both the winery and the home. At other times, the welcome was made directly in the middle of the vineyards because – after all – it is precisely there that the wine poured into the glass is born. I am clearly not nostalgic for those times just for the fact that everything changes and probably that way was suitable and coherent with those times: there were not the usual fairy tales to listen to because it was the wine to mainly speak.

The producer was frequently telling how he had managed to obtain that wine, despite the not always benevolent conditions of the vintage. And it was precisely at that moment that you could see in his eyes the profound pride in sharing with you the fruit of his or her land and work. They would also talk about family stories because, undeniably, what they were at that time was also the result of the contribution and teaching of those who preceded them. Today, however, when you visit a winery, you are promptly welcomed in an area specifically destined to this activity, it is not always possible to see the production facilities, not to mention the vineyards. When this is possible, one often gets the impression of being part of a group of “tourists on vacation” accompanied by a guide who scrupulously follows the same routes and always tells the same fairy tales. The reception in the winery, therefore, has become a promotional and communication activity, in my opinion not always carried out in an effective and profitable way.

I am aware this is also the result of changing times and, most likely, today is what people expect when they visit a win-

ery, that is to find a vaguely recreational activity enlivened by a glass of wine and food, while enjoying the show of the fairy tale to listen to. After all, I find it hard to imagine the majority of visitors walking through the vineyards, even when the soil is damp or wet, and leaving with their shoes full of mud, often even their own clothes. Or breathing in the smell of humidity and mold which is sometimes found in certain cellars, especially in those buried in the deep of the earth or in a cave. It is a bit like to what happens for restaurants: everyone wants to see the beautiful tale of elegant rooms, made up of charming and beautiful chefs, in their impeccable and immaculate uniforms, rulers of an easy and perfect world of sublime dishes. They do not imagine that, beyond those walls, in the rooms of the kitchen you live very different efforts, you work hard and get dirty, in what is an absolutely different world and far from the fairy tales painted by the television shows about cooking.

The same has been happening for some time in the world of wine and in wineries: the real effort required for the production of the wine we are enjoying from the glass must be, in some way, hidden and made almost non-existent, so to speak, “cleaned up”. Yet the vineyard requires hard work, and even a lot, you get dirty and the same happens when the grapes arrive in the winery, starting the production of wine. This should not be seen and should not even be imagined, replaced by the usual beautiful tale, always the same and for all wineries. It is told only the effort made to the indisputable fidelity to tradition – despite they use wine making methods and techniques, grapes and cultivation practices very distant from those of the ones who preceded them – respect for the territory, integrity of their wines, so strongly sons of the nature of their lands. Always the same story told in any winery while sipping a wine that sometimes – if you dare to distract yourself from the beautiful fairy tale and listen only to the voice of the wine screaming from the glass – is decidedly modest and even with some faults, sometimes embarrassing as well. Because, after all, dear producers, fairy tales are beautiful, engaging, compelling and exciting to listen to, but they do not make good wine.

Antonello Biancalana

WINE TASTING

Contrasts of Moscato di Trani and Trentino Vino Santo

Muscat Blanc and Nosiola compared in the glasses of this month’s tasting by contrast, in a rich and special style, with wines produced from dried grapes.

The world of wine is so varied and surprising that in case we change some factors in the environmental, viticultural and enological conditions, we obtain different results, often unpredictably. Changes and results leading to the creation of wines with very different personalities and characters, especially from a sensorial point of view, despite being produced

DiWINEtaste

Independent periodical of wine culture and information

Founded in 2002

Volume 21 - Issue 222, November 2022

Published by
Antonello Biancalana

Address

WEB: www.DiWineTaste.com E-Mail: Editorial@DiWineTaste.com

Copyright © 2022 Antonello Biancalana, DiWineTaste

All rights reserved under international copyright conventions. No part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, without permission in writing from DiWineTaste. Inquiries must be sent to Editorial@DiWineTaste.com

❖ Typeset with L^AT_EX 2_ε since 2002 ❖

with the same grape. Let's think, for example, of a wine produced with grapes harvested in the same vineyard and after a few weeks or even a month. This not so superficial viticultural factor, therefore productive, is to be considered *crucial* as those grapes – the same but with different level of ripeness – not only require specific enological practices, above all they lead to the creation of completely different wines. In other words, if it is true that grapes not yet perfectly ripe are suitable for the creation of sparkling wines, they are totally unsuitable for the production of a sweet wine.

Sweet wines, in particular those produced with dried grapes, often express very different characters compared to the “dry table styles” produced with the same grapes. These wines share common sensorial characteristics, especially olfactory ones, when they are produced with the so-called *aromatic* varieties, as this exuberant quality is preserved regardless of the style of wine. Italy is certainly among the wine-making countries in the world having the greatest wealth and variety of sweet wines from dried grapes, virtually every region has the full right to identify itself in at least one sweet wine produced with dried grapes. Furthermore, many of these wines take on enological and historical importance such as to be recognized in the Italian wine quality system, both in the context of territories and disciplinary made of different wines, as well as in dedicated enological areas. The two wines we are examining in this month's tasting by contrast belong, in fact, to both types of territories. The first of them – Moscato di Trani – is defined in a disciplinary exclusively created for this wine, whereas the second one – Trentino Vino Santo – is included in an appellation also providing for the production of other wines and styles.

Moscato di Trani

Apulia is among the main regions of Italy in terms of wine production. In this large Italian region, in fact, the production of wine represents on average and in quantitative terms, about one fifth of the entire country. Among the sunniest regions of Italy, here the grapes reach full ripeness and with important sugar contents which translate, not least, into alcoholic wines and often of considerable structure. It is no coincidence, in fact, that Apulia is historically one of the main regions where *wines for blending* are produced and used to “reinforce” certain wines, so to speak, “light” and produced in others wine territories. Among the many wines of Apulia, Moscato di Trani certainly stands out for its undeniable finesse and its important history, in some respects, an exceptional and rare case in the wine scene of the region. It is, in fact, a sweet wine produced with dried white grapes, specifically, with Muscat Blanc which, in accordance with the production disciplinary of the relative *Denominazione d'Origine Controllata* (Denomination of Controlled Origin, DOC) represents the main share.

It is, not least, a wine with a long and prestigious history, protagonist of important commercial events of the past. In fact, around the year 1000, the quality and prestige of this wine was such as to attract the interest of Venetian merchants, so much to sign a specific agreement with the “Customs of Trane”. The export was then regulated, in fact limited, in the fourteenth century by Roberto d'Angiò – at the time, Count of Trani – an

event that aroused the disappointment of Venetian merchants. Furthermore, Moscato di Trani had a prominent mention in the famous book “*Descrittione di tutta l'Italia*” (Description of all Italy) by Leandro Alberti, who – speaking of this Apulian wine – defined it as “so excellent that it is very delicate to taste”. Moscato di Trani has been recognized as a *Denominazione d'Origine Controllata* (Denomination of Controlled Origin, DOC) since 1974 and its production provides for the use of Muscat Blanc grape – also known here as “Moscato di Trani” or “Reale” – for at least 85%, while the remainder can be represented by white grape varieties having a “muscat aroma” and allowed for cultivation in the province of Bari. Moscato di Trani is produced in the “*naturale dolce*” (naturally sweet) and “*liquoroso*” (fortified) styles.

Trentino Vino Santo

In the vast wine scene of Trentino, there is a rare pearl produced with the Nosiola grape, a native variety of this region. Trentino Vino Santo, in fact, is among the enological excellence produced in this region. This wine is made in the Valle dei Laghi area, in the south-western part of the region – not far from Trento – and, in particular, near Lake Toblino, considered among the reference territories for the production of Trentino Vino Santo. The first evidence of sweet wines from dried grapes produced in these lands dates back to the early 1500s, in particular a document dated 1508 in which it is mentioned in the annual payments of the captain of Castel Toblino in favor of the bishop of Trento. Moreover, the fame of this wine also reached the lands of the former Habsburg Empire, just like the wines of that era produced in Trentino. With the end of the First World War, the production of Trentino Vino Santo begins to decline, a period of *oblivion* interrupted a few decades ago, when it was restored the prestige and fame this glorious wine deserve.

Trentino Vino Santo is now recognized as a *Denominazione d'Origine Controllata* wine (Denomination of Controlled Origin, DOC) and belonging to the Trentino regional appellation. The production provides for the use of dried Nosiola grapes – for a minimum of 85% – while the remaining part can be made up of non-aromatic white grape varieties allowed to cultivation in Trentino. The drying of the grapes is carried out in racks – locally called *arèle* – an operation that often leads to the development of the *botrytis cinerea*, also known as “noble rot”, the main responsible for the future organoleptic characteristics of this wine. The drying generally lasts until March, and then proceeds with the crushing, therefore the fermentation, generally carried out in cask. At the end of this phase, the producers generally decide to let Trentino Vino Santo age for several years in the same fermentation barrels, despite the fact for the superior style, the production disciplinary provides for a minimum of 48 months. This period is fundamental for the development of its complexity and richness, which is why there is generally a tendency of producers to deliberately increase the periods set by the production specification.

The Tasting

Before starting this month's tasting by contrast, we need

to buy the two wines first. In this regard, it must be said these are wines with decidedly limited and reduced productions, therefore their finding could present some difficulties. Moscato di Trani and Trentino Vino Santo are in fact produced in rather limited territories, also considering that the production is made only by a few wineries. This month's tasting is also characterized by the enological differences that usually distinguish Moscato di Trani and Trentino Vino Santo. In fact, it should be noted that, contrary to what is stated for Trentino Vino Santo, the type of container to be used for aging – in accordance with its production disciplinary – is not provided for the Apulian sweet wine. The choice of producers of Moscato di Trani is generally in favor of inert containers, while the aging of Trentino Vino Santo must necessarily be carried out in wooden barrels. As for the vintage, we will choose wines that do not have big differences in this sense. Moscato di Trani and Trentino Vino Santo are poured into their respective tasting glasses at a temperature of 15 °C. (60 °F)

We can now begin this month's tasting by contrast, by examining – as usual – the appearance of the two wines, starting with Moscato di Trani. We therefore tilt its glass over a white surface – a sheet of paper is enough – and observe the base, where the thickness of the wine is greater. The Apulian wine shows a bright amber yellow color and good transparency, this latter aspect evaluated by placing an object between the glass and the white surface. Let's now turn our attention to the opening of the glass, where the thickness of the wine becomes thin, and observe the color of the nuance. The Apulian wine is characterized by an amber yellow color and often tending to golden. Let's now pass to the evaluation of the aspect of Trentino Vino Santo and, as for the previous wine, we tilt its glass over the white surface. The color shows an intense amber yellow, generally darker than that of Moscato di Trani. Also in this case, the transparency is high and allowing the vision of the object placed in contrast between the glass and the white surface. The nuance of Trentino Vino Santo confirms the base color, that is amber yellow.

The evaluation of the olfactory profiles of Moscato di Trani and Trentino Vino Santo certainly allow the perception of common elements because of the particular enological technique used for their production, that is the drying of the grapes. This characteristic, in fact, tends to concentrate and strengthen cer-



The color of Moscato di Trani

tain sensorial qualities that can be found in almost all of this kind of sweet wines, in particular the aroma and flavor of dried grapes. In the specific case of the wines of this month's tasting by contrast, we need to consider the specific type of grapes, in particular an aromatic variety – Muscat Blanc, used for the Apulian wine – and a non-aromatic variety, that is Nosiola used for Trentino Vino Santo. This characteristic determines the enormous olfactory difference existing between the two wines, as Muscat Blanc – even when used for dried sweet wines – keep its exuberant and characteristic aroma.

Let's resume our tasting and proceed with the analysis of the olfactory profiles of the two wines, starting – as in the previous phase – with the examination of Moscato di Trani. Let's hold the glass in vertical position and, without swirling, proceed with the first smell in order to analyze the opening of the wine, that is its primary and identifying sensations. From the glass we can immediately perceive the intense and exuberant aroma of the characteristic aromaticity of Muscat Blanc, recognizable by the clear aroma of grape must. In addition to this, we can also perceive the aromas of dried fig, banana and broom. After having swirled the glass, let's proceed with the second smell. We can now perceive the aromas of honey, citrus peel, chamomile, candied fruit, peach jam, date, orange blossom, lavender and almond. Let's now pass to the evaluation of the olfactory profile of Trentino Vino Santo, and proceed with the first smell. From the glass we can perceive, intense and clean, the aromas of raisins, dried figs, honey and candied fruit. After having swirled the glass and carried out the second smell, the olfactory profile of the wine is completed with dried apricot, citrus fruit, caramel, peach jam, quince jam, almond, walnut and vanilla, the latter mainly contributed by the aging in cask.

Let's now pass to the evaluation of the gustatory profiles of Moscato di Trani and Trentino Vino Santo, starting with the examination of the attack of the Apulian wine, that is, the identifying and initial sensory qualities that are perceived in the mouth at the first sip. The attack of Moscato di Trani is, as easily predictable, sweet and round, with the effect of alcohol well perceptible. Balance is obtained thanks to the precious contribution of acidity – well perceptible and crisp – such as to counteract the effects of the other sensations. In the mouth we clearly perceive the flavor of grapes as well as banana and dried fig, confirming the good correspondence with the nose. Let's now take a sip of Trentino Vino Santo in order to evaluate its attack. Also in this case, the primary gustatory sensations we perceive in the mouth are sweetness and roundness, together with the effect of the alcohol. The wine is promptly balanced, also in this case, by the crispness given by the acidity. Moreover, in the mouth are perceived the intense flavors of raisins, dried figs, honey and candied fruit.

We have reached the final phase of our tasting by contrast, in which we examine the sensations the wines leave in the mouth after swallowing, in particular the taste-olfactory persistence. The finish of Moscato di Trani is persistent, leaving in the mouth the perception of both sweetness and roundness, and the refreshing contribution of acidity, therefore expressing a perfect balance even in the final phase. In the mouth – intense and clean – we can continue to perceive the flavors of grapes, banana and dried figs. The finish of Trentino Vino Santo is equally persistent and, as in the previous wine, sweetness and

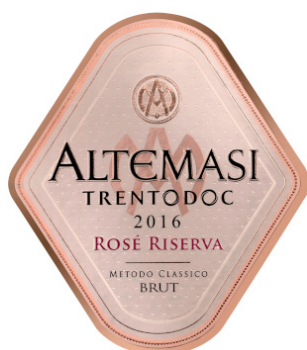
roundness are clearly perceived in the mouth, perfectly balanced by the pleasing sensation of crispness given by acidity. In the mouth we can clearly continue to perceive the flavors of raisins, dried figs, honey and candied fruit. Let's now place the two glasses side by side and, without swirling, proceed with a last smell, first Moscato di Trani and then Trentino Vino Santo. The aromatic contribution of Muscat Blanc is clear and evident compared to the wine from Trentino.

Wines of the Month

Score legend

- ◇ Fair – ◇◇ Pretty Good – ◇◇◇ Good
 ◇◇◇◇ Very Good – ◇◇◇◇◇ Excellent
 ★ Wine that excels in its category
 🍷 Good value wine

Prices are to be considered as indicative. Prices may vary according to the country or the shop where wines are bought



Trento Riserva Brut Rosé Altemasi 2017
 Cavit (Trentino, Italy)

🍷 Pinot Nero, Chardonnay

Price: € 38.00

Score ◇◇◇◇ ★

👁 Intense straw yellow and nuances of golden yellow, very transparent, fine and persistent perlage.

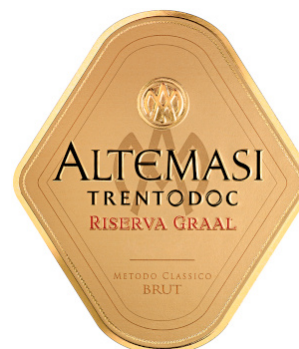
👃 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant, starts with hints of cherry, raspberry and strawberry followed by aromas of bread crust, cyclamen, rose, pink grapefruit, apple, peach, tangerine, ginger, hazelnut and cinnamon.

👄 Effervescent and crisp attack, however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, agreeable.

🍷 Persistent finish with flavors of cherry, raspberry and strawberry.

📅 Refermented in bottle and aged on its lees for at least 36 months.

🍴 *Pasta with fish and mushrooms, Roasted fish, Roasted white meat, Mushroom soups*



Trento Riserva Brut Altemasi Graal 2015
 Cavit (Trentino, Italy)

🍷 Chardonnay (70%), Pinot Nero (30%)

Price: € 44.00

Score ◇◇◇◇◇

👁 Intense straw yellow and nuances of golden yellow, very transparent, fine and persistent perlage.

👃 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant, starts with hints of banana, apple and bread crust followed by aromas of hawthorn, grapefruit, plum, peach, mango, hazelnut, croissant, butter, praline, honey, mineral and vanilla.

👄 Effervescent and crisp attack, however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, pleasing roundness.

🍷 Very persistent finish with long flavors of banana, apple and praline.

📅 Past of the base wine ferments in barrique. Refermented in bottle and aged on its lees for 68 months.

🍴 *Stuffed pasta, Roasted white meat, Roasted fish, Cheese*



Pelago 2018
 Umani Ronchi (Marches, Italy)

🍷 Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Montepulciano

Price: € 30.00

Score ◇◇◇◇ ★

👁 Deep ruby red and nuances of garnet red, little transparency.

👃 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant, starts with hints of black cherry, plum and black currant followed by aromas of dried violet, iris, blueberry, blackberry, cocoa, tobacco, mace, hay, laurel, leather, vanilla and eucalyptus.

☞ Properly tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, full body, intense flavors. pleasing roundness.

☞ Persistent finish with flavors of black cherry, plum and black currant.

📅 14 months in barrique, 12 months in bottle.

🍴 *Game, Roasted meat, Braised and stewed meat, Hard cheese*



**Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore
Vecchie Vigne 2020
Umani Ronchi (Marches, Italy)**

🍇 Verdicchio

Price: € 19.50

Score ♦♦♦♦♦

👁 Brilliant straw yellow and nuances of straw yellow, very transparent.

👃 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant, starts with hints of apple, plum and hawthorn followed by aromas of broom, chamomile, pear, peach, citrus fruits, pineapple, medlar, anise, lesser calamint, linden, honey and almond.

☞ Crisp attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, agreeable.

☞ Very persistent finish with long flavors of apple, plum and almond.

📅 10 months in cement tanks, 6 months in bottle.

🍴 *Stuffed pasta with fish, Roasted fish, Broiled fish, Roasted white meat, Stewed fish, Fish soups*



**Bruno e le Rose
Ceci (Emilia-Romagna, Italy)**

🍇 Lambrusco (85%), Pinot Nero (15%)

Price: € 9.00

Score ♦♦♦♦☼

👁 Pale cherry pink and nuances of cherry pink, transparent, fine and persistent perlage.

👃 Intense, clean, pleasing and refined, starts with hints of cherry, raspberry and cyclamen followed by aromas of rose, strawberry, tangerine, apple, peach, plum and blackberry.

☞ Effervescent and crisp attack, however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, agreeable.

☞ Persistent finish with flavors of cherry, raspberry and tangerine.

📅 Produced with the Martinotti method.

🍴 *Aperitifs, Risotto with vegetables and fish, Fried fish, Cold cuts, Dairy products*



**Otello Nero di Lambrusco
Ceci (Emilia-Romagna, Italy)**


🍇 Lambrusco Maestri


Price: € 9.00


Score ♦♦♦♦★☼


👁 Deep ruby red and nuances of purple red, little transparency, fine and persistent perlage.

👃 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant, starts with hints of black cherry, blackberry and blueberry followed by aromas of violet, geranium, cyclamen, strawberry, raspberry, pomegranate and plum.

 Effervescent and crisp attack, properly tannic, however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, pleasing hint of sweetness.

 Persistent finish with flavors of black cherry, blackberry and blueberry.


 Produced with the Martinotti method.

 *Cold cuts, Pasta with meat, Sauteed meat with mushrooms, Vegetable and mushroom soups*




Terre di Ala 2020


Paolo e Noemia d'Amico (Umbria, Italy)


 Sémillon (70%), Sauvignon Blanc (30%)


Price: € 14.00


Score  ★


 Brilliant straw yellow and nuances of straw yellow, very transparent.

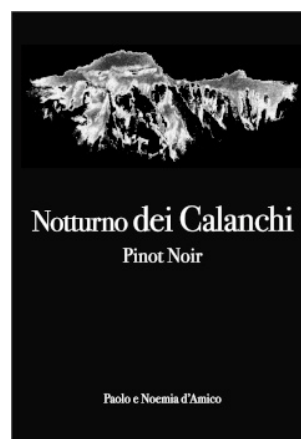
 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant, starts with hints of apple, citron and nettle followed by aromas of hawthorn, tomato leaf, pineapple, grapefruit, peach, pear, melon, gooseberry and plum.

 Crisp attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, agreeable.

 Persistent finish with flavors of apple, citron and pineapple.

 6 months in steel tanks, 2 months in bottle.

 *Pasta and risotto with fish and crustaceans, Sauteed fish, Sauteed white meat with mushrooms, Legume soups*




Notturmo dei Calanchi 2018


Paolo e Noemia d'Amico (Umbria, Italy)


 Pinot Nero


Price: € 30.00


Score  ★


 Brilliant ruby red and nuances of garnet red, moderate transparency.

 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant, starts with hints of cherry, plum and raspberry followed by aromas of dried rose, cyclamen, blueberry, strawberry, cocoa, licorice, cinnamon, leather, tobacco, vanilla and menthol.

 Properly tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, pleasing crispness.

 Persistent finish with flavors of cherry, plum and raspberry.

 12 months in barrique, 12 months in bottle.

 *Stuffed pasta with mushrooms, Broiled meat and barbecue, Stewed meat with mushrooms, Cheese*



Fiano di Avellino Pietracalda 2021
Feudi di San Gregorio (Campania, Italy)



Price: € 14.00

Score ◆◆◆◆★

👁 Brilliant straw yellow and nuances of straw yellow, very transparent.

👃 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant, starts with hints of pear, apple and citron followed by aromas of hawthorn, chamomile, broom, peach, plum, pineapple, medlar, linden, hazelnut and mineral.

👄 Crisp attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, agreeable.

🍷 Persistent finish with flavors of pear, apple and citron.

📅 5 months in steel tanks.

🍴 *Pasta with fish, Fried fish, Stewed white meat and fish, Legume soups*



Taurasi Riserva Piano di Montevergine 2015
Feudi di San Gregorio (Campania, Italy)



Price: € 32.00

Score ◆◆◆◆◆

👁 Deep ruby red and nuances of garnet red, little transparency.

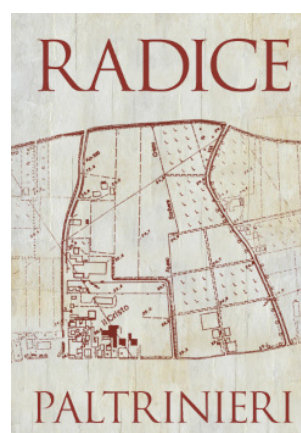
👃 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant, starts with hints of plum, blackberry and dried violet followed by aromas of dried rose, black cherry, blueberry, tobacco, cocoa, cinnamon, cigar box, leather, licorice, rhubarb, mace, vanilla and menthol.

👄 Properly tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, full body, intense flavors, agreeable.

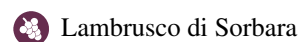
🍷 Very persistent finish with long flavors of plum, blackberry and black cherry.

📅 24 months in barrique and cask, 24 months in bottle.

🍴 *Game, Roasted meat, Braised and stewed meat, Hard cheese*



Lambrusco di Sorbara Radice 2021
Paltrinieri (Emilia-Romagna, Italy)



Price: € 11.50

Score ◆◆◆◆◆

👁 Intense cherry pink and nuances of cherry pink, transparent, fine and persistent perlage.

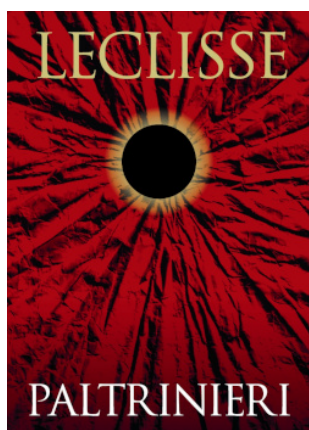
👃 Intense, clean, pleasing and refined, starts with hints of cherry, raspberry and apple followed by aromas of violet, rose, cyclamen, pomegranate, pink grapefruit, strawberry and plum.

👄 Effervescent and crisp attack, however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors.

🍷 Persistent finish with flavors of cherry, raspberry and pink grapefruit.

📅 Produced with the method of the refermentation in bottle.

🍴 *Aperitifs, Risotto with vegetables and fish, Fried fish, Cold cuts, Dairy products*





Lambrusco di Sorbara Leclisse 2021
Paltrinieri (Emilia-Romagna, Italy)


 Lambrusco di Sorbara


Price: € 11.50


Score   


 Brilliant cherry pink and nuances of cherry pink, transparent, fine and persistent perlage.

 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant, starts with hints of cherry, strawberry and rose followed by aromas of violet, cyclamen, tangerine, raspberry, peach, plum, blueberry and apple.

 Effervescent and crisp attack, however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, agreeable.

 Persistent finish with flavors of cherry, strawberry and tangerine.

 Produced with the Martinotti method.

 Cold cuts, Meat appetizers, Pasta with meat and fish, Fried fish

EVENTS

News

In this column are published news and information about events concerning the world of wine and food. Whoever is interested in publishing this kind of information can send us a mail to the address Events@DiWineTaste.com.

NOT JUST WINE

Aquavitae

Review of Grappa, Distillates and Brandy




Grappa di Spergola di Scandiano
Fratelli Brunello (Veneto)


 Pomace of Spergola di Scandiano


Price: € 29.00 - 70cl


Score 

 Limpid, crystalline and colorless.

 Intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant with aromas of apple, pear, bell pepper, licorice, green pepper, hazelnut, almond, honey and medlar with almost imperceptible alcohol pungency.

 Intense flavors with perceptible alcohol pungency which tends to dissolve rapidly, balanced roundness, pleasing sweetness.

 Very persistent finish with long flavors of pear, honey and medlar.

 Distilled in steam operated batch alembic still. Aged in steel tanks for about 24 months.

Wine Guide Parade

Summer 2022

The best 15 wines reviewed in our Guide and voted by
DiWineTaste readers

Rank	Wine, Producer	Votes
1	Aglianico del Vulture Il Repertorio 2020, Cantine del Notaio	13411
2	L'Atto 2021, Cantine del Notaio	13364
3	Rosso di Montepulciano Fossolupaio 2019, Bindella	13238
4	Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2017, Bindella	13108
5	Metodo Classico Riserva Alfredo Barollo 2014, Barollo	12373
6	Rosso di Montepulciano Fossolupaio 2018, Bindella	12266
7	Gemella Rosato 2021, Bindella	12022
8	L'Autentica 2019, Cantine del Notaio	11781
9	Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 2018, Bindella	11547
10	Ardore 2019, Bindella	10991
11	Il Rogito 2021, Cantine del Notaio	10629
12	Vino Nobile di Montepulciano I Quadri 2018, Bindella	10194
13	Lessona 2015, Tenute Sella	9477
14	Coste della Sesia Nebbiolo Orbello 2020, Tenute Sella	9353
15	Gemella Rosato 2020, Bindella	9109