

BANCONE

Wine List

We've curated this list to showcase the very best from Italy, as well as a few of our favourites from elsewhere in the world. These wines have been chosen by the team for their quality and value for money at every price point.

We've had great fun compiling this list and sourcing wines from all types of producers from small, family-run vineyards, to some of the biggest and most reputable wine makers around, in each case picking what we felt were the most delicious and interesting in each category. Whatever your budget, you can be sure it's drinking at its best right now. We hope you enjoy the experience of selecting and (of course) drinking as much as we do!

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FIZZ

125ml/bottle/magnum

Prosecco Extra Dry, Fiol Veneto NV

8.5/48/100

Award winning Prosecco with soul! Stylish and elegant with its resolutely minimalist logo symbolizing the posts supporting the vines. Refreshing with a brisk effervescence and a long, lime zest finish.

Prosecco Rose, Fiol Veneto NV

9.5/53/-

The three chaps reimagining prosecco came out with a fantastic rose at last! Fiol's brand new rose has a great combo dry citrusy notes enhanced by elegant forest fruit – thanks to the Pinot Noir they blend in the fizz.

bottle

Franciacorta, Mosnel DOCG Brut, Lombardia

70

The guts of the production and the definitive statement on Mosnel's house style. The style is refined and persistent with the noticeable Pinot Bianco tilting the overall flavour spectrum into more yellow flowers and fruit rather than Champagnesque citrus and white florals. A hint of leesy nuttiness on the finish and overall delectable, dangerously drinkable experience.

ROSE

125ml/500ml/bottle

Il Rose di Casanova Organic, La Spinetta 2023 Tuscany

9.75/39/48

Provence style of Tuscan grapes? Why not? La Spinetta gently press Sangiovese and Prugnolo grapes grown in the Pisa hills. The result is a stunning rose, with refreshing cherry and forest fruit notes and a touch of herbaceous Mediterranean aromas.

WHITE

125ml/500ml/bottle

Cortese Amonte, Volpi 2023 Piedmont

6.5/23/-

Super-crisp citrusy white from Italy's mountain-fresh Piedmont. It's made from the same Gavi grape, Cortese but grown just beyond the Gavi boundary.

Guadalmare Vermentino, Castellani 2022 Tuscany

32.5

Aromatic, fresh and floral, easy to drink aperitif style white from the Tuscan Hills. Vermentino loves sea breezes, sunlight and in return provides opulent flavour and radiant brightness.

Anima Umbra Grechetto, Caprai 2023 Umbria

35

Caprai's fresh Anima Umbra ("the soul of Umbria") is made from the Grechetto grape with a splash of Trebbiano Spoletino, which is mostly limited to Umbria. A crisp and young wine, it is floral on the nose, with apple notes, like a creamier version of Sauvignon Blanc, without the zippy acidity.

Puiattino Pinot Grigio, Giovanni Puiatti 2023 Friuli-Venezia

7.5/30/38.5

Harmonious, luminous and very energising Pinot Grigio from the Alpine vineyards in North-Eastern corner of Italy's Friuli region. Flavours of ripe apple, juicy pear with a lime zest lift and refreshing minerality.

La Segreta Grillo Organic Sicilia, Planeta 2023 Sicily

8/33/40

Organic refreshing white from Western Sicily made from the indigenous Grillo varietal. Flavours of Sicilian citrus fruit imbued with Mediterranean sunshine. Planeta is the most dynamic producer in Sicily, true pioneers of sustainability. A stunning Sicilian sipper.

Puiatti Pinot Grigio, Cantina 2023 Friuli-Venezia

45

Grown up serious expression of Pinot Grigio that is alive with warm baked apples, spiced ginger notes and textural weight and concentration you might not expect from this variety. Puiatti hails from the greenest northern part of Italy, close to the Slovenian border and makes wines with breath-taking minerality.

Serra Lupini Roero Arneis, Angelo Negro 2023 Piedmont

9/36/46.5

Arneis has been known in Piedmont as the "White Barolo" this trending grape has made a remarkable comeback after near extinction. Giovanni Negro was the first to bottle dry Arneis and since then, has continued to specialise in single-vineyard organic Arneis with lovely texture and aromatics.

Gravina, Botromagno 2023 Puglia

48

One of Italy's oldest and rarest white wines from Gravina in Puglia. Botromagno is rather unique as the only winery producing the white DOC wine. This iconic wine is made from a native blend of Greco and Malvasia with flavours of apricot, peach and pineapple with a textured finish.

San Vincenzo Super Soave, Anselmi 2023 Veneto

9.5/37/49

Made by the Maestro of Soave, maverick Roberto Anselmi, who rejected his wines' entitlement to the Soave DOCG designation, on the grounds that it did not do justice to their quality! This shows a rich straw yellow colour with an aromatic, fruity style which offers peaches, hazelnuts and orange blossom.

Pino Bianco Cora, Colterenzio 2022 Alto Adige

50

Colterenzio pioneered in introducing new varietals in the alpine Alto Adige region. They made a great choice with Pinot Blanc! This high altitude wine is loaded with fresh apples and pears. A perfect aperitive tippie but works with seafood or lighter dishes as well.

Gavi di Gavi, La Minaia, Nicola Bergaglio 2022 Piedmont

10/40/55

This very lovely, elegant, aromatic Gavi di Gavi is everything you could ask for in a Gavi; brisk acidity, crisp green apple notes with a touch of pear and saline mineral notes. Flavoursome, refreshing and very sophisticated.

Hermes Diactoros II Viognier Blend, Omina Romana 2022 Lazio

57

Omina winery is at the forefront of regenerating the Lazio wine scene, creating award winning wines from volcanic soils. This vibrant white blend of Viognier, Chardonnay and native grapes transports you to the rolling Lazio hills. It's fresh, energetic with a long lingering finish.

Pomino Bianco Chardonnay, Frescobaldi 2023 Tuscany

59

You have to climb high in the Apennines to understand why Pomino is special. The Frescobaldis produce it in their ancestral home at 700 metres above sea level. The mountain climate gives this wine the unmistakable freshness and zesty apple, pear and citrus notes.

RED

125ml/500ml/bottle

Primitivo Salento, Boheme 2023 Puglia 6.5/23/-

Juicy Primitivo from one of the most secret and under visited parts of Italy, Puglia, deep south-east in the heel. Deep plummy fruit and black cherries and spice with a fine aroma of cracked black pepper.

Biferno Rosso, Palladino 2019 Molise 6.75/24/33.5

A moreish blend of Montepulciano, Aglianico and a dash of Trebbiano for levity. There's spice and a certain rustic charm to this wine, hailing from the oft-overlooked region of Molise.

Negroamaro Primitivo Salento, Baccanera 2023 Puglia 35

This sip is a tad more muscular thanks to the addition of Negroamaro, one of Southern Italy's great varieties. Intense and brooding, but also sweetly delicious.

Malvasia Nera del Salento, Varvaglione 2021 Puglia 39

Everything about Puglia screams potential, the food, the beaches and when you try this bottle you'll know why the wines are so sought after. Impressive, bold, juicy satisfying and reassuringly affordable for the high quality on display here.

Perricone, Tenute Orestiadi 2022 Sicily 8.75/35/44

A little-known variety, also known as Pignatello from Western Sicily. This organic producer is leading the way in it's cultivation. Mulberries, sour cherry and a whiff of dried oregano and sage make this a balanced, intriguing and wonderful medium bodied.

Nero di Troia, Murgia Rosso, Botromagno 2021 Puglia 48

The bass note in our Puglian quartet, this is the big gun but handled in a deft manner, like a dandy with a shotgun. Producer Botromagno is one of the leaders in biodynamics in Puglia having adopted the practices in their vineyards in the 1990's.

Valpolicella, Bertani 2023 Veneto 9.75/41/56

From the reigning Italian winery of the year, comes this absolute classic take on the Valpantena sub-region. Refreshing, aromatic and lightly, persistent, this may well be the wine that Hemingway drank by the gallon whilst convalescing in the region in the 1930s.

Morellino di Scansano, Barbi 2022 Tuscany 10/42/57

Actually, Sangiovese from the Maremma region in South-west Tuscany, Morellino is an immensely popular wine with the hordes of Roman tourists who frequent the region. Soft and generally eschewing the heavy oak treatment of it's neighbours, this is an all wine all the time sort of affair.

Il Nero di Casanova Rosso, La Spineta 2020 Tuscany 58

Il Nero "the Black one" was the traditional name for red wine in Tuscany. La Spinetta's Tuscany estate produces a smooth and juicy expression of the Sangiovese varietal, with soft bramble and fresh black cherry notes. Velvet-textured, full bodied wine.

Pinot Nero, Colterenzio 2023 Alto Adige 59

Pinot Noir found a perfect new home in the Alpine climate of Alto Adige. Colterenzio makes a fresh and elegant, fruit driven expression from the grapes grown in high altitude vineyards. The unique mountain Pinot Nero is superb-versatile, with fresh red fruit notes, and a touch of spice.

Brancaia Tre Organic, Rosso di Toscana, Casa Brancaia 2022 Tuscany 60

Barbara Widmer leads Casa Brancaia with cool assertiveness, displaying a laser focus on achieving long term goals, and no wine does this better than il Tré, blending a trio of grapes (Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet) from two sites in Chianti and the newer estate in Maremma. A new generation of super-Tuscan is at hand.

Chianti Classico Tenuta Perano, Frescobaldi 2019 Tuscany 65

The Frescobaldi's Perano estate is right in the heart of the Chianti Classico region. This sunny Amphitheatre is completely surrounded by forest, ideal for growing Sangiovese. It is elegant above all, with dark cherry and spice notes, followed by mediterranean herbaceousness.

Langhe Nebbiolo San Giacomo, Ascheri 2023 Piedmont 67

The superlatives don't cease for the Langhe, and the king of Piemontese grapes is of course, Nebbiolo. This one doesn't disappoint, crafted in a slightly more approachable style than it's nearby Barolo cousins, this is a bottle to drink and enjoy in its lifted earthy tones, supple texture and seemingly endless finish.

Organic Barbera, Ca di Pian, La Spinetta 2023 Piedmont 70

La Spinetta grows the Barbera grapes in the Asti hills for this wine. To achieve the robust but smooth texture they age the wine in French oak barrels for a year. It has a combination of black cherry and dark chocolate aromas complimented by sweet spices.

CELLAR WHITE

750ml

La Foa Chardonnay, Colterenzio 2022 Alto Adige

90

Seriously forceful and with oodles of ripe flavours, this is Chardonnay with volume turned right up. The vinous equivalent of jumping into the Trevi Fountain. The apex of Colterenzio's wine portfolio, the La Foa wines see longer maturation times, highly selected vineyards and potentially the most attractive labelling in the business. Produced in tiny quantities, this is a rich and powerful style.

Benefizio Pomino Riserva Chardonnay, Frescobaldi 2022 Tuscany

95

Situated high up in the Apennines to the west of Florence, the Pomino Estate is an ancestral home of the Frescobaldi dynasty. From the highest altitude vineyards in Tuscany, this extraordinary site is the home of truly exceptional, small production wines. The Benefizio Riserva is a character rich wine showing supreme elegance. A real must for fans of Burgundy.

CELLAR RED

750ml

Colterenzio St Daniel, Pinot Nero Riserva 2021 Alto Adige

75

The alpine region of Trento is now enjoying a revolution in how it produces Pinot Nero, with the focus on aromatic depth and refinement. This high-altitude Pinot is perfumed with cherries, damsons with a waft of cinnamon. It possesses an ethereal complexity with absolute precision, presence from just one vineyard in the most coveted hamlet of St Daniel.

Il Poggione, Brunello di Montalcino 2017 Tuscany

85

Brunello – the classic style of this tiny fairytale, hill-top village in southern Tuscany is made from Sangiovese Grosso, a local variant of the well-known Sangiovese grapes. Poggione go well beyond these guidelines to produce what is one of the truly great wines of the region. Velvety tannins, rich with a concentration of dark savoury fruit and the ever-present spice of the oak.

Perano Chianti Classico Riserva, Frescobaldi 2020 Tuscany

90

Perano is sitting in a perfect amphitheatrical valley just east of the ancient village of Radda. The Sangiovese is grown in vineyards surrounded by forest. After fermentation, the wine is aged in large Slavonian oak barrels for two years to reach perfect maturity. This riserva is elegant and powerful, a rich expression with floral notes, black sour cherries, finished by leather and sweet dark tobacco aromas.

Cocito Baluchin, Barbaresco Riserva 2015 Piedmont

95

Nebbiolo finds its way onto our list in the form of this beautifully aged, ready to drink masterpiece from Cocito. With only 400 cases produced from this small sustainably farmed vineyard. This is a bottle to savour. Baluchin translates to "star" in Piemontese dialect and aptly describes this celestial wine. Delicate notes of rose petal, supported by ripe fruit flavours and a reassuringly long finish.

Amarone Valpantena DOCG, Bertani 2021 Veneto

100

Amarone from Valpantena is known for its freshness alongside the richness of the winemaking style. The locals refer to it as "Amarone for today" as the valley benefits from Alpine winds and always yields later ripening lighter fruit. The Corvina and Rondinella are air-dried and only processed in January. This wine is full of both dried and fresh black and red cherry and forest fruit aromas, with a smooth and creamy texture due to its approachable, fresh fruit forward aromas.

Barolo Garetti, La Spinetta 2020 Piedmont

120

We found a one of a kind Barolo in La Spinetta's Garretti vineyard. The slope is completely south facing. The plantation is 70 years old. These Nebbiolo grapes that make a sophisticated, full bodied, powerful Barolo. The wine is aged for two years in French oak barrels, plus an extra year in bottle. It has a great spectrum of aromas from rose petals to tar. The texture is silky, a great combination of red berry fruits, rose hip and pungent spices. A perfect powerful Barolo.

Magnum

Barbaresco, Bordini, La Spinetta 2021 Piedmont

180

One of Piedmont's iconic modern wineries are famed for their fruit-forward takes on Barbaresco. This powerful-yet-elegant wines are from the single vineyard of Bordini in the commune of Neive. So recognizable with the stubborn Rhino on the label this is a fresh, elegant and seductive wine which showcases sour cherry and red plum with tobacco and coffee notes.