

## News



### Allen Jones dresses Nittardi

One of the most long-lived associations of the many in Italy that link wine and art, is the one that since 1981 has engaged renowned artists (Emilio Tadini, Valerio Adami, Gunter Grass, Dario Fo, Yoko Ono, Eduardo Arroyo, Igor Mitoraj and Joe Tilson, among others) to "dress" Nittardi's Chianti Classico. The great Michelangelo Buonarroti once owned the vineyards, while today the owners are Peter Femfert and Stefania Canali. And now, it is the legendary Pop Artist Allen Jones' turn to dress the Chianti Classico Casanuova by Nittardi Vigna Doghessa 2016, inspired by women and their sensuality.

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## SMS

### 2019: Opera Wine "revolution"

The 2019 edition of "Opera Wine", the prestigious tasting for the last 4 years has been a sort of preview of Vinitaly (to be held on April 6, 2019 in Verona), of the best 100 Italian wineries selected by the famous and influential US magazine "Wine Spectator", might, instead, be renamed "Opera Revolution". Alison Napjus, Senior Editor at Wine Spectator will present the new list on November 26th at "Wine2Wine", the business forum endorsed by VeronaFiere and Vinitaly. However, rumors filtered through "Wine Experience" in New York held recently and promoted by the American magazine, which has starred over 50 big names of Italian wine, have it that a substantial "turnover" of the selected companies is coming, even among the representatives of the most important Italian wine territories.

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## Report

### Berlucchi, Nino Franco and Aldeno: the best

The best Italian sparkling wine today comes from Franciacorta, according to the Champagne & Sparkling Wine World Championships 2018, founded by Tom Stevenson. Guido Berlucchi '61 Nature 2011, Magnum format, has won the title of Best Italian Sparkling Wine and Best Franciacorta. But, Italy has more to celebrate as the Nino Franco winery won Best Prosecco for Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore D.O.C.G. Vineyard of the Riva di San Floriano 2017, while Altinum Brut 2014 of Cantina di Aldeno, Magnum, is the Best Trentodoc.

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### Vinitaly around the world, Vinexpo in France, USA and Asia, Prowein in Germany and Orient

In a wine market that has no boundaries, even the wine world's promotion checker board is becoming more and more complicated for the three major players, Vinitaly, Prowein and Vinexpo, which are increasing their offers, as new events are coming onto the scene. The first new event, coming soon, is "Wine Paris", which will take place in the French capital February 11th to 13th, 2019, and is the result of the union of Vinisud and Vinovision Paris. However, Paris is working harder than ever to become a world reference in wine promotion, and in 2020 the first edition of Vinexpo Paris will be held from January 13th to 15th, as the Bordeaux show has chosen to focus on "world capitals". Then, Vinexpo Bordeaux will be on stage in 2019 from May 13th to 16th, while the second edition of Vinexpo New York will be held from 4th -5th March. And, in 2020, it will be Vinexpo Hong Kong and Vinexpo Tokyo's turn. In Germany, Prowein will be the "home show", held in Dusseldorf, from March 17th to 19th in 2019, but the Germans are definitely betting on Asia, ProWine China in Shanghai, from November 13th to 15th in 2018, and then returning to Hong Kong in 2019, May 7th to 10th, for ProWine Asia, to be held in Singapore in 2020. The Vinitaly strategy, instead, is more elaborate and detailed. Vinitaly, the number one player for promotion of Italian wine around the world, has just concluded its first experience organizing "Wine South America", in Brazil. There are shows in Hong Kong, China, Canada and the USA on Vinitaly's busy international calendar (where the main date as always will be in Verona, edition 53 April 7th to 10th, 2019). The Vinitaly Hong Kong - International Wine and Spirits Fair will start off in the next few days (November 8th -10th) and the Executive Wine Seminars will be held in Ottawa, Halifax and St. John in Canada from November 5th to 8th. Vinitaly will close 2018 in Russia, Moscow (November 19th) and St. Petersburg (November 20th), while Vinitaly's "Winter Fancy Food" will start 2019 from January 13th to 15th in San Francisco, California, and from March 17th to 20th Vinitaly China, in Chengdu, one of the financial capitals of the great Asian country.

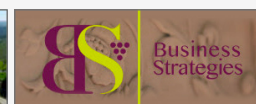
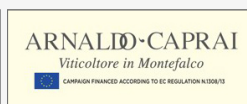
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## Focus

### Excellent 2018 grape harvest in EU: Italy is the top wine producer

The wine and musts expected to be produced in the 28 countries of the European Union, at the end of this year's grape harvest, should amount to 175.6 million hectoliters of wine, recovering 22.1% on 2017, and an average growth of 5.1% over the last 5 years, reveal the estimates of the EU Commission's Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, updated to October 10, 2018. According to the forecasts, Italy will be the number one producer in quantity, at a volume of 49.5 million hectoliters, recovering 16% on the scarce harvest in 2017, but is substantially in line (+ 2%) with production averages over the last five years. The second producing country is Spain, at 47 million hectoliters, up 33% on 2017, and 8% on the five-year average. France is third, according to the Commission, and at the end of the harvest will put 46 million hectoliters in its wine cellars, +28% on 2017, and +6% on the average, and completes the first three places in Europe, which of course, will also be global, considering the weight of the overall production of the Italian-Spanish-French trio. Germany is the fourth largest European wine producer, at 9.7 million hectoliters (+ 31% on 2017), while, there is now a close race for fifth place among Portugal, at 5.27 million hectoliters (but also the country that has the most substantial decline, -22%).

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## Wine & Food

### The "metropolitan vines" of Europe unite

Europe is becoming more aggressive and divided, but there are those, looking to the future, who are trying to unite. The network of "metropolitan vineyards", where Turin is the leader, is yet another message coming from the wine world. The network was launched a few days ago at the foot of the Vigna Reale of Villa della Regina, for the "Grape Harvest in Turin - Grapes in Town", an coalition among the San Martino Vineyard in Naples and the Pompeii Vineyard, the Pusterla Vineyard of Brescia, the Venetian Lagoon Vineyards, the Siena Vineyards, the metropolitan vineyard "Clos Montmartre" in Paris, and Vienna will also be involved. The goal is to create a guideline for projects about historical recovery and cultural promotion, new business ventures and public-private synergies.

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## For the record

### ICE Toronto: Italian wine growing in Canada, but France is ahead of us

Italian wine is healthy and growing in Canada, at least as far as value is concerned, and it is the fifth foreign market of reference for Italian wineries. The first part of 2018 shows Italian shipments growing in value, but, on the other hand, losing in volume, whereas France, its main competitor, is advancing faster. These are the facts revealed from Statistics Canada data that ICE processed for WineNews. In the first 8 months of 2018, moreover, Italian exports grew 6.5% in value, reaching 347.5 million dollars, while instead they decreased 3.4% in volume, to 51.2 million liters.

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