

## News



### WE: Tasca d'Almerita winery of the year

Tasca d'Almerita, one of the great names of the Sicilian wine renaissance, led by Alberto Tasca, is the "European Winery of The Year", according to the American magazine "Wine Enthusiast". A prize for wine and cultural history, eight generations long, and today strongly characterized by the enhancement of the many territories of Sicily and sustainability. "The Tasca d'Almerita family's commitment to sustainable viticulture in Sicily - explains Italian editor Kerin O'Keefe - has had a positive influence on wine, the environment and other wineries throughout Italy, improving quality and spreading the message of sustainability".

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## SMS

### Ocm Wine Promotion, here is the ranking

13 promotion projects in third countries, for an EU contribution of 28 million euros that, with the capital of companies, will activate investments of 68.4 million euros: this is the ranking of the projects approved and financed under the national quota (30 million euros out of 100, with 70 managed by the Regions) of the Ocm Vino, published by the Agricultural Policies (by WineNews rumors, appeals are already coming on multiregional projects, ed.). With a note: the importance of Ocm funds for promotion is unquestionable. However, since they are public funds, it would be appropriate for the institutions, while publishing the rankings, to make available the list of actual beneficiaries of these funds. If it is a winery, a consortium or a known group, it is easier to trace the names and surnames.

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## Report

### Prosecco conquering China

Prosecco is doing very well in China, where exports of the most popular Italian sparkling wines abroad, in 2019, recorded a leap in shipments to the Asian giant of +31%, driven by a sector, that of Italian sparkling wines, which in general registers a +11% of exports in quantity compared to 2018. A result, celebrated by Chinese President Xi Jinping himself, who, visiting the Italian pavilion at the China International Import Expo in Shanghai, raised a flute of Prosecco in his toast with Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio.

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### Brunello at the top of "Top100 Wines of 2019" by James Suckling

It is not yet commercially available, yet the hype of the 2015 vintage of Brunello di Montalcino, one of the world's leading lights of Italian wine, is already very high: The "guilt" of James Suckling, an illustrious name in international wine criticism and a guru followed by wine lovers from all over Asia, who crowned Siro Pacenti's Brunello di Montalcino Vecchia Vigne 2015 as "Wine of the Year 2019", among the highest expressions of a territory capable of putting in a row as many as eleven 100/100. In the "Top100 Wines of 2019" there is a Brunello di Montalcino 2015 also at position n. 2, that of Renieri, while on the lowest step of the podium in the square the Rioja Prado Enea Gran Reserva 2011 by Muga. Italy at position n. 4, with the Cervaro Della Sala 2017 of Marchesi Antinori, while at n. 8 we find the 2015 Brunello di Montalcino of Eredi Fuligni. At n. 14 Brunello di Montalcino Pianrosso 2015 by Ciacci Piccolomini di Aragon, at n. 18 the Amarone Della Valpolicella Classico Sergio Zenato Riserva 2013 by Zenato, at no. 19 the Brunello di Montalcino 2015 Luce Della Vite by Frescobaldi, at no. 22 Brunello di Montalcino La Casaccia 2015 in Canalicchio di Sopra, at no. 24 the Chianti Classico Ceniprimo Grand Selection 2016 by Barone Ricasoli, at n. 25 the Brunello di Montalcino Piero 2015 by Talenti, at n. 26 the Tuscan Syrah Coast Suisassi 2017 of Duemani, at n. 30 Brunello di Montalcino Le Lucere 2015 by San Filippo, at n. 32 the 2015 Brunello di Montalcino by Giodo, at no. 34 Brunello di Montalcino Vigna Montosoli 2015 of Valdicava, at no. 42 the Barolo Vigna Le Rocche 2015 by Bruno Giacosa, at n. 45 Brunello di Montalcino Vignavecchia 2015 by San Polo, at no. 48 the Brunello di Montalcino Tenuta Nuova 2015 of Casanova di Neri, at no. 62 the Solaia 2016 of the Marchesi Antinori, at no. 68 the Chianti Classico Vigna del Sorbo Gran Selection 2016 by Fontodi, at no. 73 the Fontalloro 2016 by Felsina, at no. 74 the Barolo La Serra 2015 by Roberto Voerzio, at no. 86 the Barolo Ornato 2015 by Pio Cesare, at n. 87 Frescobaldi's Giramonte 2016, at no. 88 the Barolo Cannubi 2015 by Paolo Scanavino, at no. 89 the Beyond the Clouds 2017 by Elena Walch, at no. 93 the Barolo Cannubi 2016 of Damilano and the n. 99 the Masseto 2016.

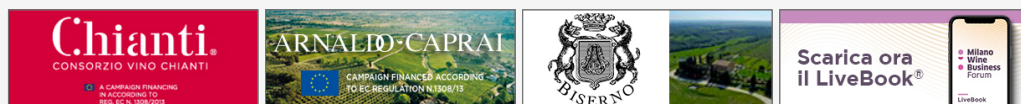
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## Focus

### Ca' del Bosco and Ferrari at the top

The "Champagne & Sparkling Wine World Championships" 2019, the most prestigious competition dedicated to sparkling wines, conceived by Tom Stevenson, crowned, for the third time, Ferrari, leader of Trentodoc, as "Sparkling Wine Producer of the Year", while his enologist, Ruben Larentis, received the "Lifetime Achievement Award". Italy receives many awards, starting with the "Best Italian Sparkling Wine" 2019, to the magnum Franciacorta Annamaria Clementi 2009 by Ca' del Bosco, which also won the "Best Franciacorta". Important awards, because, as Maurizio Zanella, at the head of the Franciacorta label, says, "the judgment of the critics shows that we are working in the right direction, that of quality. We are relatively young, we lack tradition and culture to be able to compare ourselves to realities like that of Champagne, but we reduced the gap by working on innovation". Italy has also excelled in the categories "Sparkling Aromatic Wine" 2019 with the Asti Cuvage by Acquesi, "Sparkling Red Wine" 2019 with the Lambrusco Reggiano Il Campanone 2018 by Lombardini, "Classic Rosé" 2019 with Ferrari's Perlé Rosé 2013, "Classic Blanc de Noirs" 2019 with Ferrari's magnum Perlé Nero 2010 and "Classic Brut Non-Vintage Blend" 2019 with Franciacorta Brut by Lantieri de Paratico.

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## Wine & Food

### Enrico Bartolini is the new king of the Michelin Guide

5 restaurants for 8 stars, including the eleventh 3-starred del Belpaese, Enrico Bartolini at Mudec in Milan: Enrico Bartolini is the most starred chef in Italy, who, in the 2020 edition of the Michelin Guide, sees the stars of his restaurant rise from 2 to 3, and those of the Glam in Venice, as the starred confirmations for the Enrico Bartolini Trattoria in the La Badiola Estate of the Terra Moretti Group, for the Casual Restaurant and for the Locanda del Santuffizio. Confirmed the other 10 3-starred, for a Michelin Guide 2020 with 374 starred restaurants, 11 with three stars, 35 with 2 stars, and 328 with 1 star.

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## For the record

### Oiv: world production between 258 and 267 million hectolitres

The World Organization of Vine and Wine (OIV) revealed the worldwide wine estimates in Paris, reporting that the 2018 harvest was definitely abundant and the worldwide wine production reached 292 million hectoliters. The 2019 harvest, instead, should lead to a decidedly lower production, between 258 and 267 million hectoliters (excluding juices and musts), 10% less than 2018. Italy and France reported a 15% drop (respectively 46.6 million hectoliters and 41.9 million hectoliters) and Spain reported a 24% drop (34.3 million hectoliters).

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