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Terra Moretti: the presidency to Francesca

In just over 40 years, Vittorio Moretti, has built one of the most important groups of Italian wine. Between Lombardy, Tuscany and Sardinia, a 65 million euro turnover and 1,154 hectares of vineyards divided into six wineries: from Bellavista to Contadi Castaldi, in Franciacorta, from Petra in Suvereto, Acquagiusta Tenuta La Badiola in Maremma and Teruzzi in San Gimignano, and Sella & Mosca in Sardinia. And now it is time for a succession: Vittorio Moretti has entrusted the presidency to his daughter Francesca, his second child, oenologist and active in the wine sector since 1997, and CEO since 2016. She will have at her side one of the top managers of Italian wine, Massimo Tuzzi.

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Farewell to Diego Planeta

Sicilian and Italian wines say good-bye to one of its greats, Diego Planeta. He was one of the patriarchs of the Sicilian wine Renaissance. "It is an immense loss, for the world of Italian wine, as well as for those who believe in the strength and courage of wine business. Diego was a friend and a true gentleman, and a genuine pioneer of the renewal process of Sicilian viticulture. Goodbye Diego, I will miss your suggestions, observations and criticisms so very much", is the salutation and reminiscence of the WineNews director, Alessandro Regoli. Diego Planeta, Cavaliere del Lavoro and president of Assovin, was also the creator and guide of realities such as Settesoli, the largest European cooperative, and Planeta, a reference point for Sicilian wine, now led by his daughter Francesca, and grandchildren Alessio and Santi, who the entire WineNews editorial staff embraces.

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Report

From the Stock Exchange to the vineyard

Leave aside the jacket, tie and laptop, put the gloves on, pull out the scissors and start picking the grapes, now ripe, moving to the rhythm of the earth, and in its full respect, is the secret dream of many. This is the cathartic experience that the Masi Valpolicella and Amarone brand has decided to give to enthusiasts, connoisseurs and members of the Masi Investor Club, to give its shareholders an experiential dimension of their investment.

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First Page

"Pocket Wine Book" 2021, the wine lover's bible edited by Hugh Johnson

No offense to believers, but even wine, considered a "religion", has its own bible: the legendary "Pocket Wine Book", published by Octopus Book and penned by Hugh Johnson, perhaps the most popular wine writer in the world. The 2021 edition, soon to be published in Italian, has taken an accurate snapshot of wine on the Italian peninsula. In just a few pages, by Region, producer and denomination, it recommends in "code", using abbreviations and bold type, the right vintages to buy, bottles to open and those to keep, to always make the right choice. And between curiosity, anecdotes and "pills", one of the things that most intrigues fans, is the judgement of the companies, some of which, the largest, with a "mobile judgement: that is, from a minimum to a maximum, to represent the vastness and variety of the production range. Let's take into consideration only the "four stars", i.e., the top companies and wines in Italy, in Chianti Classico, there are Castello di Ama, Fontodi, Isole e Olena, Monteverte and San Giusto a Rentennano, in Chianti Rufina Selvapiana, and still wines such as Solaia and Tignanello of the Antinori family. Still in Toscana, outside the top denominations, there are Tenuta di Trinoro in Val di Chiana (in Sarteano) and Tua Rita in Val di Cornia. In Montalcino, there are the great Brunello brands, Biondi-Santi, Case Basse (Soldara), Fuligni, Le Potazzine and Salvioni (La Cerbaia), in Bolgheri, there are Sassicaia - Tenuta San Guido by Niccolò Incisa della Rocchetta, Ca' Marcanda by Angelo Gaja, Le Macchiole and Ornellaia. In Piedmont, Gaja, Bruno Giacosa, Aldo Conterno, Giacomo Conterno, Bartolo Mascarello and Vietti, but also Crivelli, the best producer of Grignolino, and Paolo Saracco, reference point for Moscato d'Asti. In Valpolicella, Tommaso Bussola, Dal Forno e Quintarelli, in Soave Pieropan and Graziano Prà. The top in Franciacorta is Ca' del Bosco; Feudi di San Maurizio in Val d'Aosta; Manni Nossing in Trentino Alto Adige and Miani in Friuli Venezia Giulia. In Sardinia, the name to put on the agenda is Capichera, in Abruzzi, Tiberio and Valentini, in Campania Elena Fucci and in Puglia Gianfranco Fino. Finally, Sicily, between Etna and the sea, Frank Cornelissen, De Bartoli, Feudo Montoni, Gulfi, and Tenuta delle Terre Nere.

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Focus

"Decanter World Wine Awards", Italy and Barolo triumph

8 "Best in Show" out of 50 awarded, 37 platinum medals out of 178, including the hat-trick of Cantina di Terlano in Alto Adige and the double medal of Fontanafredda, in the Langhe, and Piedmont, as the Region most awarded with 12, of which 10 Barolo, 83 gold medals out of 537: these are the highlights of the rich booty brought home from Italy to the "Decanter World Wine Awards". Awards that recognize even more that the real strength of the Belpaese is the great and excellent diversity expressed in the glass, even if in the great chorus of Italian wine excellence, some soloists stand out, such as the already mentioned Barolo, which is not only the Italian wine that collects more platinum medals, but also the only one with two "Best in Show", the Barolo Aculei 2016 from La Bioca, and the Barolo 2016 from L' Astemia Pentita. Among the absolute best, other great classics, such as the Barbaresco Spezie Riserva 2010 by Vite Colte, again from Piedmont, the Brunello di Montalcino 2015 by the historic Argiano, from Tuscany, two different expressions of South Tyrol, such as the Aristos Kerner 2018 by Cantina Valle Isarco and the Lagrein Maturum Riserva 2017 by K. Martini & Sohn, but also the Sagrantino di Montefalco 2016 by Moretti Omero, and the Etna Bianco Superiore Contrada Villagrande 2017 by Barone di Villagrande.

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Wine & Food

Ferrari and Fantini, different excellences. The "Deloitte Best Managed Companies" award

It is possible to take different paths to achieve the same result: to produce excellence by becoming a reference model. A concrete example of this comes from the world of wine which, thanks to two companies with opposing business models, has joined the 59 "Deloitte Best Managed Companies", an award that is part of the initiative of Deloitte, one of the largest consulting and market analysis companies in the world, supported by Altis Università Cattolica, Elite (the London Stock Exchange Group program) and Confindustria. The wine companies in question are Cantine Ferrari, a Trentodoc reference reality, and firmly in the hands of the Lunelli Family, and Fantini Group (formerly Farnese Group), led by Valentino Sciotti, which has always been supported by finance (and today by the US fund Platinum Equity). Different models, different excellences.

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For the record

Barolo, Chianti Classico and IGT Toscana at the top in the wine shops of London

The United Kingdom is one of the most important markets for wine and the country most affected by Covid. So much so that London is about to introduce new measures that will limit access to pubs and restaurants. And the wine trade is running for cover. MiBD Wine Analytics has lined up the territories and wineries most present in wine shops, at least on the front of still red wines. For Italy, in the top 15, among the producers stand out Antinori and Allegrini, while among the denominations, Barolo is on the podium, followed by Chianti Classico and IGT Toscana.

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