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World Champions "from" Montalcino

One is French, Julian Alaphilippe, the other is Dutch, Anna Van Der Breggen, but they have Italy in their hearts. Because in Imola, at the World Road Cycling Championships, they both qualified as world champions. A world title that, for both of them, also has the scent of Brunello di Montalcino. Because it happened that, in the past few weeks, both of them have been visiting the land of the great red wine: Alaphilippe in the Mastrojanni winery of the Illy group (where he received a magnum of Anniversario 2008, which he said he uncorked to toast the world championship, as Andrea Machetti revealed to WineNews), Van Der Breggen in Pieve a Salti, where she is a regular.

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The "direct sale" conquers fine wines market

The "direct sale" conquers the market of fine wines. The basic reason is always the same: the certainty of origin and, in the case of bottles that are worth hundreds, if not thousands of euros, also for their "age", guarantees on the state of preservation. This explains the fact that 50% of buyers indicate that the preferred way to buy fine wine is to do it directly from the producer, also, of course, for price reasons. This according to a survey by Liv-Ex, benchmark of the secondary wine market. This is an aspect that Italian wineries, which see their weight grow on the fine wine scene, as told in many analyses, must take into account in order to grow further.

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Report

The "Barbera 2.0", towards zoning

The title is Barbera 2.0, and it is indeed the first really big step towards an authentic zoning of one of the most important wine territories in the Piedmont region. This is the project launched by the Consorzio Barbera d'Asti e Vini del Monferrato, led by Filippo Moberici, with the collaboration of the University of Turin. It is an enormous project that has enormous numbers. Research for the project started in 2017, and it is oriented to identifying Barbera d'Asti's special winemaking methods, in its vast areas of cultivation, which count about 5.425 hectares, 12% of the Piedmont vineyards.

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First Page

It's time for rankings: here is the "Top 100 Best Buys" 2020 of the magazine "Wine Enthusiast"

Even in Covid time, the end of the year is the time for international guides and rankings. And, as per tradition, to start the dances is the magazine Usa "Wine Enthusiast", with its "Top 100 Best Buys" 2020, which has a special value in photographing the market, because it is the first to select the best wines based on the quality price ratio (bottles under 15 dollars on the shelf), in the U.S. where duties are in force at 25% on most European wine, France in the lead. And it is therefore significant, in this sense, that at n. 1 there is a wine made in Europe, and in particular, the Tempranillo 2016 by Bodegas Montecillo, from Rioja, followed on the podium by the Pinot Grigio 2019 by Dark Horse, from California, and another European, the French Beaujolais 2018 by Louis Jadot. A sign that the European wines in the American market, hold top positions even in the middle segment of the market. Well also Italy, which with 9 labels is the third most represented country after the United States (38) and France (11), with two wines in the top 10. The first tricolor wine is Inama's Soave Classico Vin Soave 2018, at n. 5, in front of Prosecco Doc 2018 Field di Pizzolato, at n. 9, the best of a selection that, as always happens in Italy (the Italian Editor of Wine Enthusiast is Kerin O'Keefe), ranges from Piedmont to Sicily. In the list, therefore, among the Italians, we find the Negroamaro Rosato of Salento Kresos 2019 of Castello Monaci (of the Gruppo Italiano Vini), the Gavi 2018 of the Municipality of Gavi di Bricco dei Guazzi, the Pinot Grigio 2019 Estate Bottled of the Trentino giant Mezzacorona, the Primitivo del Salento 2018 by Tenute Rubino, and the Chianti Mario Primo 2019 by Piccini, and the Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2018 by Marche Umani Ronchi, and the Nero d'Avola Terre di Giunara 2018 by Sicilian Caruso & Minini. On average, the wines in the ranking have an average score of 89.65 points out of 100, and an average price of 13.2 dollars on the shelf, with bottles also coming from Greece, Israel, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa and Uruguay.

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Focus

Ca' del Bosco Manifesto for the future of wine

The Pandemic that Covid-19 triggered has forced Ca' del Bosco to stop production. So, the third generations that have lived in the famous mansion in Franciacorta for many years, have decided to take this opportunity to reflect on its history and how it imagines the future. The result is a 4 point manifesto: using and consuming; enhancing art and culture; balancing tradition and innovation, and ecology, ethics, education, entitled, Ca' del Bosco Manifesto - Renaissance, Wine Culture, Avant-garde, which Maurizio Zanella presented at the luxury resort Borgo Egnazia, in Apulia. The idea came from the desire to face the fear that has gripped everyone, and to transform it into a renewal. This is also the reason they have asked the new generations to collaborate, and specifically, Federico Piva (trade Italy), Luca Cinacchi (foreign trade), Monica Faletti (communications), Laura Botta (marketing) as well as the philosopher Leonardo Caffo, who have all been living and breathing the history and corporate philosophy of Ca' del Bosco for several years. They still have inquisitive minds and fresh views to be able to inject new ideas. "We wanted to let the young people take the lead because often in artistic and industrial processes time plays against ideas that don't accept different viewpoints", Maurizio Zanella explained to WineNews.

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Wine & Food

6 collectors out of 100 choose to invest in wine

The world wine auction market moves almost half a billion euros every year. An important figure, which becomes a little smaller when compared to the numbers of art, jewelry or vintage car collectors. Quotations are growing, as well as the space occupied by Italian wine brands. That now openly challenges the overwhelming power of Burgundy and Bordeaux, which is contrasted by the champions of Barolo, Brunello and Bolgheri, with labels such as Monfortino by Giacomo Conterno, the great wines of Gaja and Giacosa, Brunello di Montalcino by Biondi Santi and Case Basse (Soldera), Tignanello and Solaia by Marchesi Antinori, Sassicaia by Tenuta San Guido and Masseto, all labels increasingly the object of desire of collectors around the world: as emerges from a survey promoted by Intesa Sanpaolo PB, 6 collectors out of 100 choose to invest in wine.

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For the record

Fight against food waste, Massimo Bottura appointed new UN ambassador

On the occasion of the "International Day of Food Loss and Waste Awareness", Massimo Bottura has been appointed "Goodwill Ambassador" by the UN as part of the Environment Programme (Unep). At the top of the world with his Osteria Francescana, he has long been committed to the social and the fight against waste, especially with "Food for Soul", the non-profit organization founded with his wife Lara Gilmore. "A great honor", commented Bottura.

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