

News



Brunello conquers the "Top 100" of Suckling

The pandemic does not stop the work of the critics, "relegated" to the offices, in the case of James Suckling of Hong Kong, where the "Top 100 Wines of 2020" was born, with Italy taking the lion's share, with 20 labels, and Brunello di Montalcino, on the wings of the 2016 vintage and the 2015 Riserva, which outperforms any other great territory, with no less than 11 wines. At n. 1 there is an Argentine wine, but with a deep bond with Italy: the Pinot Noir Patagonia Treinta y Dos 2018 by Chacra, the label of Piero Incisa della Rocchetta, grandson of the "father" of Tenuta San Guido and of the Sassicaia myth, Mario. In third place, the Brunello di Montalcino 2016 by Livio Sassetti.

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Wine2Wine 2020, the events not to be missed

It is entirely digital and rich as never before, the Wine2Wine 2020 calendar, the business forum of VeronaFiere and Vinitaly, from November 21 to 24. WineNews, media partner of the event, has listed the most important ones. It starts today, Saturday, November 21, with the International Summit on wine including Minister Bellanova, the president of ICE Ferro, the general manager Ismea Borriello, the presentation of the Vinitaly Observatory survey on wine business in the Covid-19 era. In the afternoon, the special edition of the 10th year anniversary of OperaWine by "Wine Spectator". Sunday, November 22, will be dedicated to the Assoenologi Conference; on Monday, November 23, the estimated closing figures of exports signed by Vinitaly Nomisma WineMonitor Observatory; on Tuesday, November 24, wine tasting for top buyers from Tokyo.

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Report

Wine aged in the sea, on the table in amphora

A wine aged underwater that arrives on the table directly in amphora, as was the case in the times of the Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans. This idea was born in Gavorrano, in Maremma, at Podere San Cristoforo, the biodynamic farm of the producer Lorenzo Zonin (to whom now, after leaving the Zonin1821 group, he dedicates himself full-time, together with Abbazia Monte Oliveto in San Gimignano, land of Vernaccia, as he explains) who has developed the "S'Amfora" method (the story in the in-depth analysis).

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Wine and spirits, 40 billion supply chain reduced by one third, between duties and Covid

The impact of Covid-19 on the Italian wine and spirits supply chain is devastating. We are talking about a supply chain worth 40 billion euros a year, between overall and related turnover, that has now been reduced by a third. The sector is worth 2% of the national GDP, which is the equivalent of the budget the Government has planned for 2021. And, it is 6 times the amount the Government made available in its Relief Decree. The Italian Federation of Wine Industries, Federvini, wrote down these numbers, black on white, and also emphasized how the sector is undergoing "a raging storm that began in October 2019, among the US duties that have not affected the Italian wine but have affected the spirits, and obviously the pandemic. And if the situation is very serious, as witnessed among others by Maurizio Cibrario, honorary president Martini & Rossi. And Bob Kunze-Concewitz, CEO Campari Group, to make the voice of wine heard is Albiera Antinori, the number one private Italian wine company and one of the most prestigious brands in the world. "The restrictive measures, related to the second wave of the coronavirus, on the hospitality and catering sectors are seriously impacting our sector as well. New strategies must be devised to bring support and effective relief measures. We must overcome the emergency logic, and re-launch the image and consumption of sectors that are emblematic of the most authentic Italian hospitality. As for the wine sector, we want measures that are able to find the right balance between supply and demand, keeping the relationship with consumers alive also through well-designed promotion campaigns". "We need institutions to adequately support our companies - concluded Boscaini - what has been done so far for the wine market is not enough, while the spirits sector, to date, has not received support measures. Provided there is export support for all sectors represented, in addition to the request for the repeal of the State alcohol tax seal, the spirits sector now also needs measures that have greater impact, such as a reduction of at least 5% of excise duties on spirits and intermediate products, which could, especially in the future, favor a possible recovery of the sector".

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Focus

Italy to discover for "Robert Parker Wine Advocate"

Three wines from Sicily, of which two from Etna (the Etna Rosso Contrada Sciaranuova V.V. 2016 from Tasca d'Almerita and the Etna Rosso Pre-phyllloxera Vico 2016 from Tenute Bosco, in addition to the Terre Siciliane Nero Ossidiana 2016 from Tenuta di Castellaro), three from Tuscany (the G. Point 2018 of Duemani, the Liù 2018 of Castello dei Rampolla and the Val d'Arno di Sopra Boggina C 2018 of Petrolo), three from Piedmont (the Colli Tortonesi Timorasso Fausto 2016 of Vigne Marina Coppi, the Langhe Nebbiolo Claré J.C. 2019 of G.D. Vajra and the Barolo Undicomuni 2016 by Arnaldo Rivera), two from Campania (the Greco di Tufo Goletto 2017 by Tenute Capaldo, winery of Feudi di San Gregorio, and the Phos 2017 by Roccamonfina de I Cacciagalli) and one from Alto Adige (the Valle Isarco Kerner 2018 by Köfererhof): these are the 12 Italian wines to discover in the "Robert Parker Wine Advocate Top 100 Wine Discoveries 2020" n. 1 (whose Italian editor is Monica Larner, ed), the new "chart" that, from this year, is published by one of the most authoritative publications in the world of wine, realized giving priority to wines that tell values, that are able to be long-lived, produced in a sustainable way, and that, in some way, tell an innovative approach, in the vineyard, in the cellar and not only.

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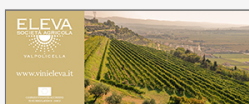


Wine & Food

Banfi, with Unicredit an agreement for a solidity to the territory and the production chain

The interweaving of finance and wine, in an economic moment as fragile as the one we are going through, is getting closer and closer. But it is not, as one might mistakenly think, a univocal relationship, in which the banking system takes the field to support companies. On the contrary, the company can become the pivot of a circular model, in which all the players in the wine production chain and the territory are the winners, with the bank that, for once, is "limited" to acting as an intermediary. This is the case with the agreement between Unicredit and Banfi, one of the reference realities for all Brunello di Montalcino. At the center, there is a ceiling of 6 million euro, which UniCredit Factoring makes available to Banfi's suppliers, giving them the possibility of financing their working capital thanks to simple and immediate access to liquidity.

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For the record

"Bibenda 2021": Gaja (6 labels) and Ca' del Bosco (4) the top wineries

According to the Bibenda 2021 guide of the Italian Sommelier Foundation (Fis), led by Franco Ricci, the great "masters" among the producers remain names such as Angelo Gaja, that with its winery of Barbaresco puts together 6 labels awarded with "5 Grappoli", and Maurizio Zanella, who with Ca' del Bosco, reference of Franciacorta (today in the Santa Margherita Group), collects 4 of them, along with other great wineries awarded with three "5 grappoli", such as Bruno Giacosa, Giacomo Conterno, La Spinetta, Terlano, Tramin, Valentini and Tasca d'Almerita.

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