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World wine production in 2021

Wine production in 2021, excluding juices and musts, is estimated at 260 million hectoliters, 3 less than 2020 (-1%), as stated in the Oiv report "State of the World Vine and Wine Sector 2021". Italy (50.2 million hectoliters), France (37.6 million hectoliters) and Spain (35.3 million hectoliters) represent 47% of the world production, but only Italy marked growth compared to 2020 (+2%), while France marks a drop of 19% and Spain of 14% due to spring frosts. EU production, in 2021, stopped at 153.7 million hectoliters (-8%), while the Southern Hemisphere harvest touched a record of 59 million hectoliters (+19% on 2020).

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Acquisitions in Bolgheri

In Bolgheri, where a hectare of vines exceeds 500,000 euros, rises to the forefront, Guado al Melo, the winery of Michele Scienza (son of Attilio Scienza, one of the most important wine experts in the world) and Annalisa Motta, has acquired other 6 hectares in the Bolgheri DOC area, which will be planted starting from next autumn. An investment that follows the even more relevant acquisition, economically, of Frescobaldi, which in Bolgheri, where it controls Masseto and Ornellaia, has bought Podere Arundinetto, as told by the "Corriere della Sera", linked to a tourist project, and with 10 hectares of Bolgheri Doc and the winery. For a production of 40,000 more bottles, which will contribute to the growth of Le Volte dell'Ornellaia, Rosso IGT Toscana and Rosso Doc Serre Nuove, as Lamberto Frescobaldi explained.

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Report

The new "Food and Wine Tourism"

The richness of our country, which boasts an enormous heritage of products, identities, cultures and landscapes, can allow Italy to become a leader in the coming years in food and wine tourism, thanks also to many unexpressed potentials, as the Minister of Tourism, Massimo Garavaglia, told WineNews. That's why the focus of the 2022 edition of the "Report on Food and Wine Tourism" by Roberta Garibaldi, is all on the food and wine tourism offer of Italy (more).

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Oiv: in 2021 global wine exports reached 34.3 billion euros

With 111.6 million hectoliters, 2021 saw record volumes of wine shipped around the world, up 4% on 2020, and even better were the values, at 34.3 billion euros, 16% more than 2020. The leading exporter, in terms of quantity, is Spain, with 23 million hectoliters of wine shipped in 2021, equal to 21% of the global wine trade (+2.8 million hectoliters). Italy (+1.5 million hectoliters), South Africa (+1.2 million hectoliters) and France (+1.1 million hectoliters) are also growing. In terms of value, France confirmed its historic leadership with 11.1 billion euros of wine shipped across the border, and apart from Australia, which left behind 435 million euros compared to 2020, all the major world wine players in 2021 did better than the previous year, starting with France itself (+2.3 billion euros), passing through Italy (+786 million euros) and Spain (+249 million euros). Spain, Italy and France together exported 59.9 million hectoliters, or 54% of global wine exports, 5.4 million hectoliters more than in 2020. In terms of volume, Spain, with 23 million hectoliters, has increased by +14%, Italy, with 22.2 million hectoliters, marks +7%, and France, with 14.6 million hectoliters, makes +8%. In terms of value, things are the same: behind France, with 11.1 billion euros in exports (+27%), are Italy (7.1 billion euros, +13%) and Spain (2.9 billion euros, +10%), for a total share of 61% of global exports. With regard to shipments, the big three for imports are the USA, Germany and Great Britain, which together are worth 42 million hectoliters, for a total turnover of 13.1 billion euros, or 38% of global imports. By volume, the top importer in Germany, with 14.5 million hectoliters, in line with 2020, for 2.8 billion euros (+6%). The second largest importer is the United States, which increased its purchases by 13% in 2021, to 13.9 million hectoliters, for a value of a whopping 6.2 billion euros (+21%), making it by far the top buyer by value. On the third step of the podium, by volume, Great Britain, with 13.6 million hectoliters (-6.7%), which rises to second place in terms of value, with 4.1 billion euros (+7%). [Read more.](#)

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Focus

Barolo and Barbaresco, "Oscar" wines

"We're in Hollywood, the dream factory, and the protagonists of this evening in a unique setting like Paramount Studios are not only Barolo and Barbaresco but the entire food and wine culture of Piedmont. After the last great pre-Covid event in New York 2020, we provocatively decided to present ourselves in the temple of fiction with an experience we called Once upon a time in Langa, bringing the authenticity of a unique territory and its stars. In this two-day event, dedicated to the trade and the press, we will debut two vintages that differ in their harvesting trends but which express the typicality of Nebbiolo, a grape variety that is extremely popular in the United States. For this reason, we decided to announce here the official ratings of the new vintages, the result of the overall evaluations of producers, wine experts and wine critics: Barolo 2018 has been assigned an average score of 94,4 while Barbaresco 2019 has been given the exceptional rating of 98,3". These were the words of Matteo Ascheri, president of the Consortium of Barolo and Barbaresco, at the closing of the gala dinner, at the Hollywood Studios, of "Barolo & Barbaresco World Opening 2022", organized in Los Angeles by the Consorzio di Tutela Barolo Barbaresco Alba Langhe e Dogliani, which brings together more than 500 producers in Piedmont. [Read more on WineNews.it](#)



Wine & Food

"Sicilia en Primeur": Sicilian wine looks to the future between sustainability and biodiversity

Capable of emerging more and more as a "brand" with a strong identity, ambassador, at the same time, of the heterogeneous soul of the island's viticulture, and "sustainable by nature", Sicilian wine is known by 74.8% of wine lovers and 79.4% of young people, and 83% also consume it. A recent analysis by Gpf Inspiring Research for Consorzio Vini Doc Sicilia, on a national sample of regular consumers, says so. And with an eye to tomorrow. And to a future that, with "Back to the roots, Sicily living the future", is the theme of "Sicilia en Primeur 2022", which returns to Erice (until May 1) to unveil to the world the new vintages of its great wines, with Assovin Sicilia.

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For the record

Kylie Minogue, Prosecco and Zonin 1821

There are dozens of international music stars who have turned to wine production. But among the most successful stories, one is that of Kylie Minogue, the Australian singer who, together with Benchmark Drinks, chose Zonin 1821 Group, among the most important wine producers of Italy, to produce her Prosecco Rosé. In just one year, it has become the first Prosecco Rosé in the UK and has recently been launched in the USA. With Kylie Minogue herself who, just recently, visited the historic Zonin headquarters in Gambellara (Vicenza).

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