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"Barolo en primeur" collects 769,800 euros

Generous philanthropists in the room as well as participants connected by phone from New York, donated 769.800 euros at the second edition of "Barolo en primeur". The great solidarity auction, which was held on October 28th at the Grinzane Cavour Castle, has been promoted and organized by the Cassa di Risparmio di Cuneo Foundation, and CRC Foundation in collaboration with the Langhe Vini Consortium. There were donated 14 Barolo barrels 2021 from the Gustava vineyard on the slopes of the Castle, which had belonged to Conte di Cavour and is now owned by the CRC Foundation.

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Arrives the wine from Brunello Cucinelli

Brunello Cucinelli, one of the Italian entrepreneurs considered among the most enlightened and authoritative and above that a very charismatic and multifaceted character, divided between the luxury of his high-quality cashmere and constant inspiration to San Francesco, the saint of Assisi, who made poverty, by choice (he was the son of rich textile markets, ed), one of his founding traits, now is ready to present his wine, which was born in Solomeo, a few kilometers from Perugia, where Cucinelli's entrepreneurial adventure began, under the oenological direction of Riccardo Cotarella. The presentation will be at the Istituto dei Ciechi in Milan on November 9 (there will also be WineNews.it).

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Report

Oiv: 2022 total wine production at 259.9 mln hl

Despite the heat waves that have hit many parts of the world, the overall volume of wine produced globally in 2022 is expected to be the same as in 2021, resulting in the fourth consecutive harvest slightly lower than the average production of the previous 20 years. Not in Europe, where, as the Oiv (International Organization of Vine and Wine) estimates, that wine production volumes are in line with the average, thanks to solid performances in Italy, France, and Germany, which offset drops in Spain and Greece.

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Luigi Moio, Oiv president: "we must defend wine from those who want to delegitimize it"

Environmental sustainability, climate change, the effects of Covid-19, the unjustified attack on wine, which risks being the victim, without reason, of the war in the name of healthism more guided by ideological positions than by scientific data: these are the main arguments of the World Congress of the International Organization of Vine and Wine (Oiv) n. 43, on stage, from yesterday to November 4, in Ensenada, Mexico. Environment, climate, market, health, therefore: "all current issues, but very complex - said Moio - which must be dealt with rigorously in an interdisciplinary comparison between experts with high and specific skills". But the crucial issue to be solved, for the future of the sector, is linked to a "very delicate aspect that risks damaging the image of wine up to a very dangerous de-legitimization", Moio emphasizes. "A point that is part of a historical debate, probably without an end, which, in recent actions, not entirely understandable, of the World Health Organization (WHO) has been linked, in a superficial and extremely simplistic way, to the word cancer. A confused and unclear design on which, above all in Europe, but also in many other countries of the world, a school of thought is emerging that accuses wine of being harmful to health like other alcoholic beverages. Instead, it is necessary with force, and in every location, to distinguish wine from other alcoholic beverages although there is obviously a presence of alcohol in it too. The wine, as I often remember - underlined the president Luigi Moio - is a single ingredient product and all the components necessary to produce it are in harmony within the bunch of grapes and alcohol is naturally formed in fermentation reaching levels that are not excessively high, in fact 85-86% of the wine content is water. Obviously, abuse must be distinguished from responsible consumption. The Oiv and all member countries must be even more careful and determined in protecting and preserving the uniqueness of wine, as a drink that symbolizes conviviality and models of healthy life, firmly and unified against actions that can lead to its unjust and inappropriate delegitimization" (in more detail).

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Focus

Italy is leading in the Wine Enthusiast rankings

Almost one in five major wine aging labels in the world is Italian. Praise of the longevity of the great tricolor wines, expressed by the great classics such as Supertuscan, Brunello di Montalcino, Barolo, Barbaresco, and Amarone, but also by the white Soave, crystallized by the "Top 100 Cellar Selections" 2022 by "Wine Enthusiast". If the absolute n. 1 is a sacred monster of Champagne, like Louis Roederer's Cristal Brut 2014, the n. 2 of the ranking is the most sought-after Italian wine in the world, that is the Sassicaia 2019 of the Tenuta San Guido of the Incisa della Rocchetta family. First of the 17 Italians in the ranking, are produced by wineries such as G. D. Vajra, Fontanabianca, Conti Costanti, Roagna, Massolino, Pieropan, Masseto (Frescobaldi), Arpepe, Biondi Santi, Castello di Ama, Paolo Scavino, Masi, Giuseppe Rinaldi, Monteraponi, Guado al Tasso (Antinori) and Brezza (the list on WineNews.it). Italy also stands out in the "Wine Region of the Year" award by the same Wine Enthusiast magazine, as the title goes to the Abruzzo region, with its unpolluted villages, breathtaking natural landscapes, historic castles, and enological gems, hidden in the 36,000 hectares of vineyards that grow between the mountains and the sea.

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Wine & Food

Michelin, waiting for "the stars"

Who awaits the confirmations, who awaits the news: among the protagonists of Italian catering and the gourmards of Italy and the world, the expectation is growing for the "Michelin Star Revelation 2023 Italy", which will take place on November 8 in Franciacorta, in Corte Franca, at the Relais Franciacorta, in one of the territories of excellence of Italian sparkling wine, with the Franciacorta Consortium, led by Silvano Brescianini, official partner of Michelin. Meanwhile, the Guide already announced the 29 new Bib Gourmards, thus bringing to 257 restaurants that offer "a pleasant gastronomic experience at an excellent quality-price ratio".

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For the record

The first wine of the Procida island

This wine is a result of the dream of a Procida winemaker, Biagio Lubrano Lavadera, belonging to a long generation of island farmers, who not only wanted to grow grapes, but also to produce and bottle his wine. But the only way has always been to contact a winery on the mainland, given the rules in force. The turning point came thanks to the oenologist Andrea D'Ambra, patron of Casa D'Ambra in Ischia and president of Coldiretti Napoli, who accompanied the Lubrano Lavadera company to make the first Doc wine of the island.

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