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Vietti family leaves the self-named winery

"One chapter closes, and another begins; it's a "consensual divorce", but we're not "retiring" from the wine world. For now, I continue with my consultancy in several wineries around Italy, and, together with my wife Elena Penna, we run the company that bears her name and produces high-quality spirits, which is doing very well. Then we'll see". Luca Currado Vietti, who carries one of the historic names of Barolo, comments, to WineNews, on the conclusion of a long journey of the family winery, founded at the end of the 19th century, and acquired in 2016 by the American group Krause (in more detail).

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Wine, alcohol, and health, opinions and politics

The debate on "alcohol and health" continues to hold the stage. And the front of those who suggest moderate consumption seems to be widening, without denying that alcohol as such is carcinogenic and harmful, but that under certain quantities the negative effects do not occur, as support among others, Corrado Galli (Società Italiana di Tossicologia), and Franco Berrino (in the "Corriere della Sera"), for years at the top of the National Cancer Institute. And politics is shifting: after the joint initiative of Italy, Spain, and France, announced by the Minister of Agriculture, Lollobrigida, against the "health warnings" in Ireland, and the open table with the Irish Government announced by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tajani (to whom Assoenologi applauds), the Italian Government has been asked for a formal commitment by the Fratelli d'Italia and Pd.

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Report

A wine as a gift to the Irish Minister

Can an act be worth a thousand words? We will know after Minister of Agriculture Francesco Lollobrigida meets his Irish colleague Charlie McConalogue on January 30 in Brussels at Agrifish, explaining to him, regarding the "health warnings" labeling system adopted by the Irish government, "our reasons, confident of finding points of agreement and overcoming different views. I will also help him by giving him a bottle of wine so that he can see that we have no intention of harming his health", as he explained, during Question Time at the Senate.

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Alcohol and health, Italy leading the way against labeling with "health" warnings in Ireland

"Italy is a leader in wine production, and together with France and Spain we are working on a joint document that challenges the choice that Ireland wants to pursue, and also the passive attitude of the European Union". Thus, to WineNews, the Minister of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty, Francesco Lollobrigida, whose action is part of an increasingly accessed debate in Italy and Europe on the issue of wine and health, which fills the news these days, with actions, critics, but also support and approvals, to Ireland's green light to include "health warnings" on all alcohol product labels (an initiative endorsed with silence-consent by the EU Commission, despite the unfavorable opinion of the Europarliament, ed.). After the question and answer between doctors who became famous in the Covid era, such as Antonella Viola and Maurizio Bassetti, and a new intervention by the nutritionist Giorgio Calabrese and the president of Assoenologi Riccardo Cotarella, speaking out in recent days, it was once again the supply chain, protecting wine, that took action, to protect the wine, that intervened. Federvini led by Micaela Pallini has called for the intervention of the government, Crea and the OIV (International Organization of Vine and Wine) for clarity with great precision because, "we do not accept superficial, ambiguous information based on data not supported by methodologies accepted by the entire scientific community. The issue of the effects of alcohol abuse is an extremely serious topic, which cannot be left to extemporaneous press statements by those who improvise themselves as experts on the subject". While the Unione Italiana Vini - Uiv, led by Lamberto Frescobaldi, after the words of EU Commission spokesman Stefan De Keersmaecker, who said that "no one is against wine", but also that the review on the labeling regulation under the Beating Cancer Plan is going ahead, bluntly accused the Commission itself of "fence-sitting", appealing to Italian institutions. In recent days, from Confagricoltura, Lollobrigida's words, and those of Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani, who spoke, among other things, of openness to dialogue on the issue with the Irish government (in more detail).

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Focus

One of the "next big things" of wine? Sicily

One of the "next big things" in wine is Sicily. It is one of the trendiest wine regions that will experience a real "boom" in 2023, followed by Paso Robles, Douro, Piedmont, and Mendoza. This is the result of a survey that included over 1.000 people distributed throughout the USA - 50% in the States of New York and California, followed by Florida, Washington, and Colorado, conducted for the first time together by Colangelo & Partners and "Wine Opinions", which combined resources and skills to develop a study on the wine trade in the United States to support companies' marketing strategies, explains Gino Colangelo, president of Colangelo & Partners, and they plan to make the survey annual, underlines John Gillespie, founder, and CEO of "Wine Opinions". Among the results, of all the women interviewed, 39% are under the age of 40, while only 26% of men are in that age range, with the segment of younger drinkers therefore oriented towards a greater gender balance than first. Respondents suppose that the "sweet spot" for wine shopping will undergo a slight increase in price in 2023, reaching 21 dollars, and a growth in the market share of "good for you" wines and "zero alcohol". The key markets? Denver and Chicago, followed by Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Austin, and Miami.

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Terra Moretti is 100% Italian again

Terra Moretti is 100% Italian again and in the hands of the Moretti family. Because "after 6 years of solid and fruitful collaboration, the partnership between the Moretti family and the Cheng Pao family of Hong Kong has come to an end", the Nuo Capital S.a. left the share capital of Terra Moretti Distribuzione, a subsidiary of Terra Moretti Holding, and sold its shares (equal to 30%) to the Moretti family". As reported by the note of the Terra Moretti Holding, which includes wineries such as Bellavista and Contadi Castaldi in Franciacorta, Petra in Suvereto, Teruzzi in San Gimignano, and Sella and Mosca in Sardinia, counting over 1.154 hectares of vineyards, and it closed 2022 with a turnover of 84 million euros (a net increase compared to the 53 million euros in 2020, ed.).

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The "15 Wonders" of Italy

From Alto Adige to Sicily, the Italian vineyards to visit at least once in a lifetime, the "great beauties" rich in history, culture, and natural beauty, guarded by wineries in Italian wine territories as if they were monuments, and where some of the most famous wines in the world are produced. And that is told in the art catalog, titled "150 Vineyards you need to visit before you die" by the New York journalist, Shana Clarke, which has selected 150 of the most beautiful vineyards in the world, among which Italy boasts "15 Wonders".

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