

RECOMMENDED
WINES FROM
VINITALY
2016

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In April 2016, the 50th Anniversary of the most important and renowned world showcase of wine, Vinitaly, took place. Every year this exhibition calls thousands of visitors to Verona, among them, enthusiasts, sommeliers, restaurateurs, importers, and noted opinion leaders of the wine world.

Wine Killer Luca Gardini did not miss the opportunity this year to partake in diverse initiatives, including the tasting organized by the Barbera Consortium, which is celebrating its first 70 years. Gardini's electrifying presence and tasting were rich with reflection and curiosity about this wine variety. He still has much to tell on the subject.

Also numerous were his appearances in various headlines, all of which sought fresh perspectives and new impressions about the wines presented at the event, as well as the goings-on of the wine world in general. Honored with much attention, Luca provided his impressions on current market trends, the tendencies of the consumers, and the behavior a true wine lover must have in a rapport with wine consumption.

From the Lady Wine Killer, follow 10 tastings and recommendations from Vinitaly. Among them a strong Amarone della Valpolicella, a jump into Friuli, a savory Pugliese, and a touch of sweetness from the Piedmont, something for everyone.

WINE RANKING

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GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

The targets are three: short (5-8 years), medium (10-15 years) and long (more than 15 years), which denote the aging potential of the wine.



SHORT (5-8 years)



MEDIUM (10-15 years)



LONG (more than 15 years)

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Amarone Classico della Valpolicella Riserva DOC Fracastoro 2006

VILLABELLA

Easily recognizable nose with notes of cherry that become more complex from sour cherry in syrup to plum. On the palate, a potpourri of spices emerges, among which stand out the characteristic black pepper and an uncommon note that recalls anise. The sensation in the mouth is smooth, warm, and captivating; a good, balanced tannic component strengthens the whole. Ataste that never tires.



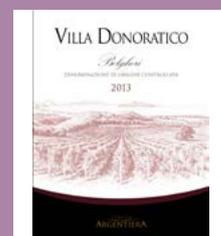
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Villa Donoratico Bolgheri DOC 2013

TENUTA ARGENTIERA

On the nose, this wine recalls small, red, macerated fruits. In the mouth, the flavor is full; dry tannins with a slightly sweet but defined taste. The salt perceived in the mouth is good, reminding one of the proximity of the vine to the sea. Reserved finish, chocolate, bitterish, and complex. This wine with its medium-long finish, wins over because of its balance, liveliness, and freshness.



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Amarone della Valpolicella DOCG Rosson 2010

TERRE DI PIETRA

Amarone with a fresh nose of ripe, red fruits and blackberry jam, richened by a citrusy aroma. In the mouth, the citrus reappears, with a taste recalling bergamot, helped by a good acidity that promotes salivation and balance between the alcohol and tannins. Licorice finish, good structure, and a pleasing persistence.



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Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso "Selezione Anna Berra" Riserva DOC Colli Orientali del Friuli 2010

ANNA BERRA

At the nose, is immediately recognized a note conferred by the drying of the grapes; the taste surprises and does not tire. Scents of small, red fruits that are slightly dusty, perhaps due to the 36 months rested in barrels. The acidic mouth and freshness richen this wine. Elegant, but still evolving tannins. The fruit encountered on the nose reappears in the mouth, but leans towards those in preserves.



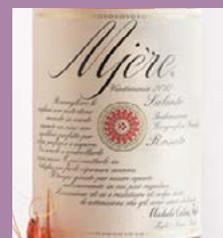
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**Mjere Salento Rosato IGP 2015**

MICHELE CALÒ E FIGLI

On the nose, this wine adds freshness to its intense coral pink color. An inkling of celery and the scent of the salty sea air fill the glass. The taste is dominated by a strong flavor, already hinted at, in the nose; the abundant salivation is supported by good acidity. Pleasing flavor of wild strawberry and cherry follows. Persistence of medium length, adequate, and pleasant.



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**Kristallberg Pinot Bianco Alto Adige DOC 2015**

ELENA WALCH

This Pinot blanc from grapes cultivated at 600 meters above sea level is characterized by a citrusy nose and later nutmeg with a hint of white pepper. A taste dominated by salt and freshness, with bergamot intervening upon the light and pleasantly bitter finish. Great polish and elegance.



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**Sant'Ilario Moscato d'Asti DOCG 2014**

CA' D'GAL

Intriguing nose in which the scent of dried apricot is followed by a delicate perfume of honey. Good correspondence with the mouth where, after the initial, pleasing and sweet attack, it remains hit by an almost balsamic freshness recalling aromatic herbs, touched with a pinch of saffron. Optimum balance between sweetness, acidity, and alcohol; pleasant persistence.



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**Corvina Veronese Rosso Veronese IGT 2013**

ANTOLINI

A dominating scent of alcohol arises as soon as the glass is poured, but is immediately overridden by aromas of fruit, such as currant and wild cherry, followed by cloves and black pepper. In the mouth, a good balance between slightly green and astringent aromas, acidity, and tannins, which result in a complex sweetness, further enhanced by residual sugars. An enjoyable and polished finish to a surprisingly pleasant wine.



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**Soave Classico DOC 2014**

PAGANI

A well-produced and pleasant Soave, rich in well-defined scents. Initially, a hit of yeast, but spices such as curry and aromatic herbs, in particular mint, arrive soon after. In the mouth, the finish vaguely recalls green tea. The complex sensations of great freshness and minerals, contribute to the moderate salivation and excellent purity.



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**Spumante Bianco Lambrusco di Sorbara 2012**

CANTINA DELLA VOLTA

Another successful demonstration from a gifted variety of excellent quality spumante, by the classic method. The sip enters with the fruity enjoyment of apple, in particular rennet and granny smith, widening on notes of dry fruit and citrus, and then expanding to combine acidity and flavor. Good persistence and even better pairing at the table.



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