

BANCONE

Wine List

We've curated this list to showcase the very best from Italy, as well as a few of our favourites from elsewhere in the world. These wines have been chosen by the team for their quality and value for money at every price point.

We've had great fun compiling this list and sourcing wines from all types of producers from small, family-run vineyards, to some of the biggest and most reputable wine makers around, in each case picking what we felt were the most delicious and interesting in each category. Whatever your budget, you can be sure it's drinking at its best right now. We hope you enjoy the experience of selecting and (of course) drinking as much as we do!

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FIZZ

125ml/bottle/magnum

Prosecco Extra Dry, Fiol Veneto

8.5/48/100

Award winning Prosecco with soul! Stylish and elegant with its resolutely minimalist logo symbolizing the posts supporting the vines. Refreshing with a brisk effervescence and a long, lime zest finish.

bottle

Franciacorta, Mosnel DOCG Brut, Lombardia

68

The guts of the production and the definitive statement on Mosnel's house style. The style is refined and persistent with the noticeable Pinot Bianco tilting the overall flavour spectrum into more yellow flowers and fruit rather than Champagnesque citrus and white florals. A hint of leesy nuttiness on the finish and overall delectable, dangerously drinkable experience.

Franciacorta, Mosnel DOCG Brut Rosé, Lombardia

75

First produced in 2006 with Pinot Noir making up the majority of the blend, followed by Chardonnay and Pinot Bianco. The Pinot Noir is given a light maceration, so the wine is only just powder pink. What it might lack in visual excitement is certainly negated by the palate. It's redolent in blood orange and pink grapefruit, deliciously bright and joyful. It's notably picked 2 weeks after the Brut, so carries a juiciness that is perfectly balanced with tart citrus acidity.

ROSE

125ml/500ml/bottle

Susumaniello Rosé Salento, Varvaglione 2022 Puglia

8.5/34/45

Susumaniello is an ancient Italian variety from Puglia and this version is from one of the oldest and most award-winning wineries in southern Italy. Antique rose in colour with flavours of strawberries, rose petals and citrus hints. Presented in a Provencal style bottle to transport you to the Mediterranean.

WHITE

125ml/500ml/bottle

Cortese Amonte, Volpi 2021 Piemonte

6.5/23/-

Super-crisp citrusy white from Italy's mountain-fresh Piedmont. It's made from the same Gavi grape, Cortese but grown just beyond the Gavi boundary.

Guadalmare Vermentino, Castellani 2022 Tuscany

32.5

Aromatic, fresh and floral, easy to drink aperitif style white from the Tuscan Hills. Vermentino loves sea breezes, sunlight and in return provides opulent flavour and radiant brightness.

Anima Umbra Grechetto, Caprai 2022 Umbria

35

Caprai's fresh Anima Umbra ("the soul of Umbria") is made from the Grechetto grape with a splash of Trebbiano Spoletino, which is mostly limited to Umbria. A crisp and young wine, it is floral on the nose, with apple notes, like a creamier version of Sauvignon Blanc, without the zippy acidity.

Puiattino Pinot Grigio, Giovanni Puiatti 2022 Friuli-Venezia

7/27/37.5

Harmonious, luminous and very energising Pinot Grigio from the Alpine vineyards in North-Eastern corner of Italy's Friuli region. Flavours of ripe apple, juicy pear with a lime zest lift and refreshing minerality.

La Segreta Grillo Organic Sicilia, Planeta 2022 Sicily

7.5/29/39.5

Organic refreshing white from Western Sicily made from the indigenous Grillo varietal. Flavours of Sicilian citrus fruit imbued with Mediterranean sunshine. Planeta is the most dynamic producer in Sicily, true pioneers of sustainability. A stunning Sicilian sipper.

Zibibbo, Tenute Orestiadi 2022 Sicily

42

Zibibbo is indigenous to Sicily and is known elsewhere as Muscat of Alexandria. Muscat is an ancient and highly versatile grape and while it can produce fabulous, sweet wines, as Zibibbo in Sicily it makes fantastic crisp, zippy and aromatic dry white wines. A seductive aperitivo.

Puiatti Pinot Grigio, Cantina 2022 Friuli-Venezia

45

Grown up serious expression of Pinot Grigio that is alive with warm baked apples, spiced ginger notes and textural weight and concentration you might not expect from this variety. Puiatti hails from the greenest northern part of Italy, close to the Slovenian boarder and makes wines with breath-taking minerality.

Serra Lupini Roero Arneis, Angelo Negro 2022 Piemonte

9/35/46.5

Arneis has been known in Piedmont as the "White Barolo" this trending grape has made a remarkable comeback after near extinction. Giovanni Negro was the first to bottle dry Arneis and since then, has continued to specialize in single-vineyard organic Arneis with lovely texture and aromatics.

Gravina, Botromagno 2022 Puglia

48

One of Italy's oldest and rarest white wines from Gravina in Puglia. Botromagno is rather unique as the only winery producing the white DOC wine. This iconic wine is made from a native blend of Greco and Malvasia with flavours of apricot, peach and pineapple with a textured finish.

San Vincenzo, Anselmi 2022 Veneto

49

Made by the Maestro of Soave, maverick Roberto Anselmi, who rejected his wines' entitlement to the Soave DOCG designation, on the grounds that it did not do justice to their quality! This shows a rich straw yellow colour with an aromatic, fruity style which offers peaches, hazelnuts and orange blossom.

Gavi di Gavi, La Minaia, Nicola Bergaglio 2021 Piemonte

9.5/40/55

This very lovely, elegant, aromatic Gavi di Gavi is everything you could ask for in a Gavi; brisk acidity, crisp green apple notes with a touch of pear and saline mineral notes. Flavourful, refreshing and very sophisticated.

Hermes Diactoros II, Omina Romana 2022 Lazio

57

Omina winery is at the forefront of regenerating the Lazio wine scene, creating award winning wines from volcanic soils. This vibrant white blend of Viognier, Chardonnay and native grapes transports you to the rolling Lazio hills. It's fresh, energetic with a long lingering finish.

La Zerba Timorasso Organic, Cantine Volpi 2022 Piemonte

59

Timorasso grape, an ancient and rare variety that was nearly extinct before being rediscovered and revived from the Colli Tortonesi region in Piedmont. A captivating white wine that produces a structured, mineral, age worthy whites with wonderful elegance and depth. Many experts consider to be Italy's finest white.

RED

125ml/500ml/bottle

Primitivo Salento, Boheme 2022 Puglia

6.5/23/-

Juicy Primitivo from one of the most secret and under visited parts of Italy, Puglia, deep south-east in the heel. Deep plummy fruit and black cherries and spice with a fine aroma of cracked black pepper.

Biferno Rosso, Palladino 2019 Molise

6.75/24/33.5

A moreish blend of Montepulciano, Aglianico and a dash of Trebbiano for levity. There's spice and a certain rustic charm to this wine, hailing from the oft-overlooked region of Molise.

Negroamaro Primitivo Salento, Baccanera 2021 Puglia

35

This sip is a tad more muscular thanks to the addition of Negroamaro, one of Southern Italy's great varieties. Intense and brooding, but also sweetly delicious.

Malvasia Nera del Salento, Varvaglione 2021 Puglia

39

Everything about Puglia screams potential, the food, the beaches and when you try this bottle you'll know why the wines are so sought after. Impressive, bold, juicy satisfying and reassuringly affordable for the high quality on display here.

Perricone, Tenute Orestyadi 2021 Sicily

8.75/35/44

A little-known variety, also known as Pignatello from Western Sicily. This organic producer is leading the way in it's cultivation. Mulberries, sour cherry and a whiff of dried oregano and sage make this a balanced, intriguing and wonderful medium bodied wine.

Nero di Troia, Murgia Rosso, Botromagno 2021 Puglia

48

The bass note in our Puglian quartet, this is the big gun but handled in a deft manner, like a dandy with a shotgun. Producer Botromagno is one of the leaders in biodynamics in Puglia having adopted the practices in their vineyards in the 1990's.

Langhe Dolcetto Vigna Nirane, Ascheri 2022 Piemonte

50

Dolcetto is the Cinderella of Piemonte, often missing out on an invitation to the party. Why? Too many poor examples. Try this engagingly aromatic red from iconic producer and be wowed by it's elegance and style.

Valpolicella, Bertani 2022 Veneto

9.75/41/56

From the reigning Italian winery of the year, comes this absolute classic take on the Valpantena sub-region. Refreshing, aromatic and lightly, persistent, this may well be the wine that Hemingway drank by the gallon whilst convalescing in the region in the 1930s.

Morellino di Scansano, Barbi 2021 Tuscany

10/42/57

Actually, Sangiovese from the Maremma region in South-west Tuscany, Morellino is an immensely popular wine with the hordes of Roman tourists who frequent the region. Soft and generally eschewing the heavy oak treatment of it's neighbours, this is an all wine all the time sort of affair.

Pinot Nero, Colterenzio 2022 Alto Adige

59

Perhaps the most exacting producer in this list, and a bottle that shows the wild diversity of the Italian wine adventure. Grown in the lee of the Alps, 1 hour drive south of the Austrian border, this is clean, supple and aromatic. Alpine freshness embodied.

Ciro Rosso Classico Superiore Organic, Vumbaca 2021 Calabria

60

Cirò is a little known region outside of Italy, sitting exactly in the arch of the foot, that forms the southern coast of Il Bel Paese. Windy and dry, the region's red wines are predominantly sourced from old bush vines of the Galgioppo (GAL-yoppo) grape. Rustic, yet medium bodied, this is at the frontier of the new Italy, that beckons from the past.

Chianti Classico, Campomaggio 2019 Tuscany

65

A lovely Chianti leaning slightly on the traditional side produced in the heart of Chianti Classico near the medieval town of Radda. Medium bodied with a very smooth palate, silky smooth tannins with ripe cherry and balsamic overtones.

Langhe Nebbiolo San Giacomo, Ascheri 2022 Piemonte

67

The superlatives don't cease for the Langhe, and the king of Piemontese grapes is of course, Nebbiolo. This one doesn't disappoint, crafted in a slightly more approachable style than it's nearby Barolo cousins, this is a bottle to drink and enjoy in its lifted earthy tones, supple texture and seemingly endless finish.

Brancaia Tre Organic, Rosso di Toscana, Casa Brancaia 2021 Tuscany

69

Barbara Widmer leads Casa Brancaia with cool assertiveness, displaying a laser focus on achieving long term goals, and no wine does this better than il Tré, blending a trio of grapes (Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet) from two sites in Chianti and the newer estate in Maremma. A new generation of super-Tuscan is at hand.

