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

Prosecco, Bel Star NV Veneto
A fresh, light and elegant style of Prosecco. Not too high in alcohol, soft with floral aromas and flavours of citrus fruits, pears and a touch of sweet melon.

Fràiacorta Brut, Contadi Castaldi NV Veneto
The Italian Champagne from the lakes east of Milan. Made in the traditional method from Champagne grapes. Citrus base with almond and brioche and a white peach finish.

Extra Dry Reserve, Palmer & Co NV Champagne
You’re in for a real treat with this one. With a higher percentage of Chardonnay and reserve wines in the blend, and longer ageing on the lees. Palmer Champagnes are a standout. Naturally elegant with freshness and delicacy.

ROSE

Lacrima Rosato, Marotti Campi 2018 Marche
This is a delightful rosé or “rosato” made from an obscure grape (lacrima) from a tiny appellation. Bursting with aromas of rose petals, violets & fresh red fruit, it is soft and balanced with a long refreshing finish.
Legato, Grillo 2018 *Sicily*  
A refreshing wine from western Sicily made from the indigenous Grillo varietal. Thriving on the hot, dry climate it is abundantly aromatic with notes of apricot, lemon and herbs.

Le Coste Trebbiano, Poderi Dal Nespoli 2018 *Emilia Romagna*  
If you’re looking for a fresh, light, dry and easy to drink aperitif style white then this hits the spot. Pale with orchard fruit and zesty lemons.

Falanghina, Terre di Vulcano 2018 *Basilicata*  
Falanghina is an ancient gem of a grape, it takes its name from the Italian “falanga” which referred to the stake that supported its vines. It’s fragrant and floral with notes of candied orange, kiwi and pineapple.

Riff Pinot Grigio, Alois Lageder 2018 *Alto Adige*  
A crisp and refreshing fruit driven wine from the high altitude alpine vineyards of Alto Adige - the Italian part of the Tyrol. The altitude gives unique freshness and notes of green apple, citrus and honey.

Vermentino di Sardegna, Marmora 2018 *Sardinia*  
These seaside vineyards of Sardinia produce a dry, sleek wine rich with a hint of almond, zest and minerality.

Luzano Verdicchio, Marotti Campi 2018 *Marche*  
Masters of the classic indigenous varieties. Marotti Campi bring you this dry and savoury Verdicchio with aromas of acacia, chamomile and wild flowers. A stylish thirst quencher.

Greco Di Tufo, Murrina 2016/17 *Campania*  
Campania is home to the Greco grape, which is believed to have originated in Greece. An interesting alternative to Italy’s more common dry whites, this Greco offers a delicate floral aroma.

Frascati Superiore, Villa Simone 2018 *Lazio*  
Frascati is Rome’s signature wine, produced in the countryside surrounding the city for nearly 2000 years. Very light and delicate with white pears, apples and citrus.

Soave Classico, Suavia 2018 *Veneto*  
The top blend combining Garganega and Trebbiano from one of Lake Garda’s finest wineries. The grown up version of Soave - this wine is loaded with ripe green fruit, herbs and refreshing minerality.

Friulano, Bastianich 2017 *Friuli*  
The Bastianich’s (famed New York restaurateurs) run the operation in Friuli. Medium bodied, packing a punch with luscious pear and lime zest this wine is refreshing with mouth-watering acidity. Sommelier Wine Awards 2019 gold medal winner.

Chardonnay, Alois Lageder 2018 *Alto Adige*  
Lageder are the flag-bearers of the bio-dynamic movement in Italy. This chardonnay has a delicate aroma of fresh and fruity melon and peaches. Medium bodied and well balanced, a great all-rounder.

Verdeca, Li Veli 2017 *Puglia*  
Set up in the 1930s by an intellectual and politician who refused to bow to Mussolini, they specialise in some rare and ancient local varieties. An intensely fruity nose with tropical fruits and fresh spices, it’s most definitely worthy of its gold status at the Sommelier Wine Awards 2019.

Volo Gavi di Gavi, Morgassi Superiore 2017 *Piedmont*  
This winery was created in 1993 and regarded as one of the top producers of the fashionable Gavi. Bottle aged for a little longer than most, this wine is elegant and rich with lively white fruit and citrus, and a brilliantly balanced finish.
**Primitivo, Villa Dei Fiori 2018** *Puglia*

Primitivo is Puglia’s answer to Zinfandel and means early ripening. The resulting wines are big, luscious and full of red fruit and warm spices.

**Frappato, Caruso E Minini 2018** *Sicily*

A rare, fruity find from Sicily. Frappato bursts with jammy red berries, summer herbs and incense spice. Italy’s answer to Beaujolais and also likes to be chilled.

**Negroamaro, Masseria Borgo dei Trulli 2017** *Puglia*

Grown in the ‘heel of Italy’s boot’ this red packs a punch. Big, bouncy and bursting with blackberries and hints of tobacco.

**Cannonau Di Sardegna, Marmora 2016** *Sardinia*

The Sardinian secret to longevity, the Cannonau grape has high levels of antioxidants that have been linked to healthy hearts. Also known as the Italian Grenache, it is rich and packed with berries.

**Montepulciano d’Abruzzo, Villa dei Fiori 2017** *Abruzzo*

A berry bomb straight out of Abruzzo, the province between Rome and the Adriatic coast. Smooth texture and a superb fresh finish are the main characteristics of this easy drinking classic.

**Per Te Perricone, Fondo Antico 2017** *Sicily*


**Barbera d’Alba, Vietti 2017** *Piedmont*

The Vietti family is one of the legendary producers who created modern Piedmont wine as we know it. This Barbera is full of soft cherries and light herbaceous notes - if you like a Pinot Noir, you’ll love this!

**Barolo, Riva Leone 2014** *Piedmont*

A Barolo combining the subtlety and perfume of Burgundy and the power & backbone of Bordeaux. Vibrant flavours of dried cherries, tar, roasted nuts and eucalyptus give this wine a tannic, dry-yet-fruity medium body.

**Sughere, Rocca di Frassinello 2015** *Tuscany*

A collaboration between iconic Tuscan producers, Castellare and leading French winemakers, Domaine Baron de Rothschild-Lafitte. A baby super Tuscan, rich and spicy and has recently won gold at the Sommelier Wine Awards 2019.
CELLAR WINES

WHITE

Massifetti Trebbiano di Soave, Suavia 2016 Veneto
Soave Classico but not as you know it! It’s rare to find a true expression of Trebbiano di Soave but the talented Tessari sisters of Suavia are leading the way with this ancient varietal creating a wine with texture and a lovely vein of minerality.

Roero Arneis, Vietti 2018 Piedmont
The Vietti family is one of the legendary producers in the region resurrecting the Arneis grape back from scarcity, producing this crisp, decadent complex wine.

Forra Manzioni Bianco, Alois Lageder 2017 Alto Adige
A terroir driven beauty made entirely from Manzione Bianco grown in the Lageder family’s Paradeis vineyard. This is a cross between Pinot Bianco and Reisling, and the result is a crisp, dry and structured wine with bracing minerality.

Vespa Bianco, Bastianich 2016 Friuli
The flagship wine of the Bastianich estate, Vespa Bianco was created to showcase the power and evolution that a great Friulian wine can have. Equal parts Sauvignon and Chardonnay with a measure of Picolit. Complexity and longevity rein.

Bianco Secco, Quintarelli 2018 Veneto
Quintarelli’s Bianco Secco is a seductive blend of Garganega, Trebbiano Toscano, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and Saorin deriving from 30-year-old vines. A food-friendly, vibrant and lush fine wine from Veneto’s most iconic producer.

RED

Amarone della Valpolicella Classico, La Dama 2015 Veneto
Husband and wife, Gabriele and Miriam Dallancale create an organic but traditional style of Amarone that is a warm, generous, hug in a glass. Cherry, dried fig, cinnamon, clove and tobacco, with a long and silky finish.

Montevetrano, Silvia Imparato 2007 Campania
Dubbed ‘the Sassicaia of the South’ by Robert Parker in 1995, Montevetrano is a wine that sells at a price well below its comparative quality. With a trailblazing owner, creating wines from international grape varieties that are recognisably Italian. A cult collectors wine.

Brunello di Montalcino Riserva, Talenti 2013 Tuscany
Riccardo Talenti’s 2013 Brunello is a standout wine, from a magical vintage. Fruit is sourced from the Sant’Angelo in Colle subzone of the appellation from the estates older vineyards. Drinking beautifully now.

Valpolicella Classico Superiore, Quintarelli 2012 Veneto
One of the world most iconic wineries with a legendary status for establishing the standard for other Veneto reds. It’s aged for six years and released much later than your average Valpolicella. Half the fruit is air-dried for two months and part of the wine has gone through the Ripasso method.

Ginestra Barolo Riserva, Paolo Conterno 2010 Piedmont
Conterno’s profound Riserva comes from a single hectare parcel of 35 year old vines at 300-350 meters above sea level. It spends 54 months in 35 hectoliter casks and a further 12 months in bottle before release. The 2009 won the Tre Bicchieri from Gambero Rosso, Italy’s most influential wine guide.

Clos L’Eglise, Pomerol 2006 Bordeaux
There are just six hectares of vines at Clos L’Eglise with 60% Merlot and 40% Cabernet Franc. Having exceptional terroir, this winery is becoming one of the superstars of Pomerol. Rich, opulent, expressing ripe plums and chocolate.

Tignanello, Antinori 2015 Tuscany
A cult super Tuscan, Tignanello is a milestone. The first contemporary wine blended with untraditional varieties. This Sangiovese-dominant wine is blended with Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc for a long, soft, fruit driven finish.