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Top 100 Wines of 2025

Here are the KO Top 100 Italian Wines tasted in 2025.



I tasted so many incredible Italian wines in 2025, it was immensely difficult to choose my Top 100 Wines of the year. Among the many highlights were the remarkable 2021s from Barolo, Chianti Classico – my KO Wine Region of the Year – and my anteprima tasting of the 2021 Brunellos, all of which lived up to my already high expectations thanks to their elegance, structure, varietal expressions and energy. The best 2021s from Barolo, Chianti Classico and Brunello also allowed their distinct terroirs to shine through. A number of the 2022 Barbarescos also showed beautifully as did the 2020 and 2021 Riservas from the denomination.

The whites from Campania stunned with their finesse, balance and incredible aging potential. Sicily also produced some breathtaking wines across the board, with Etna's star shining bright for both reds and whites.

As my readers know, Italy also makes excellent whites and the best from Soave Classico, Collio, Custoza, Alto Adige and Sicily made the list. In terms of sparkling wines, there are so many wonderful Metodo Classicos, including many Dosaggio Zeros that reached my Top 100 from Alta Langa and Franciacorta as well as my favorite Lambrusco di Sorbara. One dessert wine, a staple in my house.

Enjoy!

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95 Di Meo 2015 Riserva Alessandra Fiano di Avellino

Roberto Di Meo is a pioneer in aging white wines made with Campania's native grapes and his stunning 2015 Fiano di Avellino Riserva Alessandra demonstrates the great longevity of Fiano. Aged for eight years on its lees in steel tanks followed by another 15 months in the bottle before release, it has a youthful, yellow-golden color and delicate, alluring aromas of Spanish broom, honey, nutmeg and lychee underpinned by dried wild herb. Dry and savory, the elegantly structured palate combines the freshness of youth with great complexity that only comes with age, delivering ripe yellow pear, unsweetened lemon drop, smoky mineral and apricot underpinned by great salinity. Fresh acidity keeps it lifted and balanced. Absolutely compelling. Drink or hold. Abv: 13.5% Kerin O'Keefe August 2025 ©kerinokeefe.com Fiano White