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## Internet and Wine: Bacchus Likes the Net

The communication of wine inexorably follows fashion and trends of time. Once, just like any other type of information, the most common media was the so called *press*, then it came the radio, therefore the television and now Internet. Despite still today press and television are considered as the most reliable and "authoritative" media, many professionals into information are realizing it is Internet the media to take giant steps. Wine is no exception in this, despite there are still many producers and professionals who consider it as a secondary media, a sort of "son of a lesser god". Of course they are people who live in an antiquate world and who like to keep their eyes well closed, reluctant to progress and to the evidence of facts. Indeed, the information on Internet is also victim of other prejudices: for many it is the media of "false" information and "scarcely reliable" - an untrustworthy tool where only frivolous information can be spread - while recognizing to the press and television the highest level of authority.

Internet is frequently accused of "hosting" everyone, in this sense it is the most impeccable expression of democracy: everyone has the right of citizenship and freedom to express his or her opinion, from consumers to experts. For the sake of truth - it should be said - this can be done provided there are proper technological conditions, a possibility which is still denied to many countries of the world. Maybe the annoying fact about Internet is it cannot be controlled (and miserable is the one who tries to control the expression of others with abuse and injustice) and therefore everyone can freely express his or her point of view. This "freedom" is frequently considered as determinant in order to tell who is a professional of information - and therefore reliable - and who is not. This would prove the fact that writing for the press or appearing in television is a guarantee of reliability and of authoritativeness. Facts obviously deny this sort of privilege: who has never read or listened to false news - or even idiot, with no real or logic sense - in the press or in television?

It is the fact Internet is less controllable - and whoever can let others knows his or her opinion in few seconds - makes it

a more reliable and credible media to the eyes of "consumers" and "common people". Of course, in Internet can be read so many idiot and non sense things. And the same can be read in newspapers or can be heard on television or radio. This proves, as a simple matter of fact, all communication media - despite the way of spreading - are all the same, each having advantages and disadvantages. It is however undeniable Internet has evident advantages over *traditional* communication media. Its efficiency in spreading a news or an opinion in few seconds all over the world has no rivals. There are so many cases in which news - even important ones - have been quickly spread on the Internet, therefore contributing to promptly adopt proper measures. We should think, for example, to the many natural catastrophes: the world knew about it in advance before the same news was spread by newspapers or television.

The advantages of Internet are not only expressed by its timeliness in communication. In the net are also created communities of people - who frequently become real by breaking the hypocrite virtual barrier - exchanging opinions, organizing meetings, trying to know more. There are many wine producers who understood the importance of Internet in communicating to their clients: they use it to promote their wines, to communicate their productive and promotional activity, to know what consumers think about their products. For the sake of truth, there also are many producers who are very contrary to this new media, considered as scarcely reliable and not serious. These producers, who think it is more credible and serious to see something written in a piece of paper instead in a screen, probably avoid Internet for the fact they cannot control the information the way they like. The problem is that the ones really interested in knowing something, as soon as they hear about something, they verify it with the tools they have at hand and Internet certainly is among the most effective ones.

In this regard, Internet looks like the *main square of a town* of some tens of years ago, where all the people gathered and exchanged opinions, while socializing and debating at the same time. Of course, the difference was that in a square relationships were real and honest: in Internet they are not the same, everyone is strong of a certain form of anonymity which

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can also be guaranteed, as long as the members voluntarily decide to remain isolated. Contrary to others phenomena created on the Internet, in the world of wine this behavior tends to happen less frequently, as *virtual* communities of the net sometimes organize events where they meet up for real in front of a glass of wine. This probably is a need caused by the fact wine - just like food - does not belong to the virtual world, it is real. Wine, in order to be really understood, must not be read or confined to thoughts and words: it must be tasted. On this principle and spirit are also based the events organized by our magazine - exclusively published on the Internet since 2002, the year of its founding - a way to let our readers know what has been reviewed in our magazine and in our Guide.

The possibility of interacting and answering to everyone spreading a news or communicating an opinion, requires a higher sense of responsibility about what has been written and on its truthfulness: whoever writes false news or non reliable things, is promptly denied and accused of lying by others. And this is the expression of the reliability of Internet, despite the ones who believe the net is not reliable or credible. Detractors of the net fear the limited possibility they have in controlling Internet, therefore it is not a good media for the *smart ones* who like spreading false and misleading news, even worse, for their own ignoble interest. Internet certainly is the future of information: this has been understood by many important and historical newspapers of the world which are moving towards the net. And there are also many who believe they will exclusively publish on the Internet in the near future, while abandoning the press, therefore safeguarding trees and woods from which come the cellulose used for the production of paper. Internet is more and more a place of exchange and communication, and wine is no exception. Let's hope this will be understood also by those skeptical and conservative producers, for their own good and of their consumers. By the way, DiWineTaste is also on Twitter at the address <http://www.twitter.com/diwinetaste>. A new way for keeping in touch with our readers and to exchange opinions.



## WINE TASTING

# Comparing Barbera d'Asti Superiore and Barbera d'Alba

Barbera is one of the most cultivated and common grapes of Piedmont. Asti and Alba the two main areas in which this famous red berried grape expresses its best qualities

Barbera is one of the many grapes of Piedmont which are getting more and more popular among wine lovers for its quality. Among the most common and cultivated varieties in Piedmont, Barbera has represented in past years the most known red wine of this region, most of the times associated to ordinary wines, one of those produced in great quantity without caring too much about quality. As it frequently happens, in respect of the happiest tradition of tales, Cinderella meets her prince and, like a magic, she becomes a princess. In case of Barbera we should better talk about many princes, as its success it is - as a matter of fact - the consequence of stubbornness and commitment of many Piedmontese vintners, in particular in the area of Asti and Alba. Today Barbera is considered among the great red berried grapes of Piedmont and Italy, highly regarded by wine lovers, it is a truly versatile grape, capable of making "lively" wines - of joyous effervescence - as well as austere and full bodied wines.

## Barbera d'Asti Superiore

Barbera d'Asti, as well as Barbera del Monferrato Superiore - according to the Italian quality system - represent the highest expression of this grape, as the wines produced in this area belong since 2008 to the DOCG rank, *Denominazione d'Origine Controllata e Garantita* (Denomination of Controlled and Guaranteed Origin). The production disciplinary provides for many styles and three subareas. It should be said there is a difference between the *classico* and *superiore* style, also reminding this wine can be produced with at least 85% of Barbera and the remaining part can be represented by



Barbera d'Asti Superiore and Barbera d'Alba of our comparative tasting

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Freisa, Grignolino and Dolcetto grapes, also blended together. The *classico* style must have a minimum alcohol by volume of 12% and the aging must be of at least 4 months, a procedure which can also be done in wood. Barbera d'Asti Superiore requires a minimum alcohol by volume of 12.50% and a minimum aging period of 14 months, of which at least 6 in oak of chestnut casks. Production disciplinary of Barbera d'Asti also provides for the definition of the three subareas Nizza, Tinella and Colli Astiani, to be mentioned in the label. Of them, the subarea which is getting the highest appreciation and notoriety certainly is Nizza.

Despite the production disciplinary provides for the use of the grapes Freisa, Grignolino and Dolcetto, there are many producers who prefer using 100% Barbera. This choice is mainly determined by the will of producers who are trying to increase the value of Barbera - in particular in the Nizza subarea - a grape having evident qualities to make great wines, something proven in the past years. Barbera d'Asti is currently produced - according to the production disciplinary - in 118 communes in the province of Asti and in 51 in the province of Alessandria. Thanks to the versatility of this grape, producers make many styles and interpretations. There are in fact styles which are more fresh and immediate, completely vinified in inert containers, as well as robust and austere styles, fermented and aged in cask or barrique. It is hard to tell the best way to vinify Barbera as, thanks to its versatility, it can be gotten interesting results both in the vinification in steel tanks as well as in cask. It should also be said styles vinified in barrique usually get a higher appreciation, in particular in foreign countries, more apt to the so called *international style*.

## Barbera d'Alba

Barbera is very common in the Langhe area and in the territory of Alba, areas mainly known for the wines produced with Nebbiolo grape. Nevertheless, also in the territory of Alba are produced Barbera wines of high quality, a sign the grape has found its best place in the region: it is not by chance Barbera is the most common variety in Piedmont. As opposed to Barbera d'Asti, the production disciplinary of Barbera d'Alba - a wine ranked as DOC, *Denominazione d'Origine Controllata* (Denomination of Controlled Origin) - provides for the exclusive use of Barbera grape. Production disciplinary for Barbera d'Alba provides for a minimum alcohol by volume of 12% and does not specify a minimum period of aging, therefore leaving this choice to producers. In case alcohol by volume is at least 12.5% and wine is aged in oak or chestnut cask for at least 12 months, the wine can be ranked as "superiore" (superior). It should be noticed many producers - also in case their wines have these characteristics, that is at least 12.5% alcohol by volume and aged in wood for at least one year - they do not mention in the label of their wines the indication "superiore".

It should also be said most of Barbera d'Alba is aged in wood casks, sometimes the barrique, therefore giving the wine a higher structure as well as rounding the typical acidity and harshness of the grape. Despite the production disciplinary takes its name from the city of Alba, the wine is produced in a territory of 54 communes in the province of Cuneo, where at the center is located the city of Alba. Barbera is a late riping grape, and this is perfectly scheduled in the viticultural cal-

endar of Langhe. The grape reach its ripeness at the end of September or the beginning of October, a period preceding the harvesting of Nebbiolo and following the one of Dolcetto. The yield in vineyard is defined - according to the production disciplinary - to a maximum of 100 quintals per hectare, however quality productions halve this measure. Barbera is in fact a grape usually producing high quantity of grapes, therefore it is indispensable a proper work in the vineyard in order to limit production, an essential condition for making quality wines.

## Wines of the Tasting

This month's comparative tasting will examine two wines having pretty similar characteristics, of course produced in different areas. Both wines are in fact produced with 100% Barbera and aged in barrique for at least one year. Also the alcohol by volume is the same in both cases: 14%. The first wine of our comparative tasting is Marchesi Alfieri's Barbera d'Asti Superiore Alfiera, aged in barrique for 12 months and at least 8 in bottle. The second wine is Monchiero Carbone's Barbera d'Alba MonBirone, aged for about 15 months in barrique and for at least 9 in bottle. It should be said the vintage currently available for Marchesi Alfieri's Barbera d'Asti Superiore Alfiera is 2006, a vintage for which the DOCG status was not issued yet, it is therefore a DOC wine. The wines will be tasted at a temperature of 18°C (65°F), in order to better appreciate the roundness of wine - although expressing the rustic and crisp character of the grape - and served in two ISO tasting glasses.

## Appearance Analysis

Barbera is a grape having a pretty high coloring quality. The quantity of coloring substances found in the skin give in fact the wine pretty intense and deep colors, as well as a pretty low transparency, sometimes impenetrable to light. These qualities of course depend on viticultural presuppositions. Barbera is a variety tending to overproduction, therefore in case are not adopted proper measures in order to low production, that is, factors of quality viticulture, wines tend to have a less intense color and more specifically, a higher transparency. Wines produced with Barbera are frequently characterized in youth by evident purple red nuances, frequent qualities in wines aged in inert containers. The aging in wood tends to oxidize the coloring substances of wine, therefore in these wines, also in their youth, purple nuances are pretty rare. Both in Barbera d'Asti Superiore and Barbera d'Alba, the color which can be observed is intense and brilliant, with a pretty low transparency. With time - following the normal evolution of red wines - it will be observed ruby and garnet red colors, hues which can also be observed in the nuance.

The first wine of which we will evaluate appearance is Marchesi Alfieri's Barbera d'Asti Superiore. By holding the glass tilted over a white surface - a sheet of paper is enough - let's observe the wine at the base of the glass, where it can be appreciated an intense and deep ruby red color, as well as a very low transparency, confirming the good coloring quality of Barbera. By observing the edge of the wine, towards the opening of the glass, where the wine has the lowest thickness, we will observe a ruby red color, sign of the young age

of the wine, that is, it has good possibilities for evolving in the next years. Let's now pass to the evaluation of Monchiero Carbone's Barbera d'Alba MonBirone. By holding the glass tilted over the white surface, we will observe at the base of the glass an intense and deep ruby red color, not so different from the previous wine, with a pretty low transparency, also in this case confirming the good coloring qualities of Barbera grape. The nuance of this wine confirms what has been observed at the base of the glass, that is an intense ruby red color.

## Olfactory Analysis

Barbera is always generous to the nose, in particular for its exuberant aromas of red and black berried fruit, as well as flowers. The aging in wood give complexity to the wine - of course - by enriching it with tertiary aromas. Besides wood, Barbera is an explosion of fruits, in particular cherry, plum and blackberry, as well as raspberry and blueberry, whereas the most typical flower sensation is violet. Like already said, the aging in wood - which in Barbera is represented by cask as well as the more modern and smaller barrique - enriches the wine with spicy and complex aromas, such as vanilla, cocoa, chocolate, tobacco, cinnamon and sometimes black pepper, as well as pleasing balsamic sensations, frequently recalling menthol. With time and with the development of aging, also in bottle, in wines produced with Barbera grape sensations of fruits evolve in aromas of jams. Also the more complex aromatic qualities continue their evolution, frequently developing aromas of leather and tar.

Let's start the evaluation of aromas from Marchesi Alfieri's Barbera d'Asti Superiore Alfiera. By holding the glass in vertical position and without swirling, let's do the first smell, procedure allowing the appreciation of the so called opening aromas, made from light aromatic substances requiring a small quantity of oxygen to volatilize. From the glass will be perceived intense, clean and pleasing aromas of cherry, plum and violet: three typical qualities of the opening in Barbera wines. After having swirled the glass, let's proceed with the second smell which will complete the profile of the wine with blueberry, blackberry, raspberry, cinnamon, chocolate, vanilla - a clear sign of the passage in wood - tobacco, pink pepper and a pleasing balsamic sensation of menthol. Let's now pass to Monchiero Carbone's Barbera d'Alba MonBirone. The opening aromas express cherry, plum and blackberry, as well as a pleasing and intense aroma of violet. After having swirled the glass, the wine completes its olfactory profile with blueberry, raspberry, vanilla, tobacco, licorice, chocolate, cinnamon, black pepper as well as a pleasing balsamic sensation of menthol.

## Gustatory Analysis

Barbera is a grape making wines usually considered as *rustic*. This characteristic mainly derives from the evident acidity of the grape, therefore making pretty *harsh* wines. As the astringency is not very high, Barbera is usually aged in wood containers - cask or barrique - in order to give "round" tannins and to balance the evident acidity of the grape. The practice of aging in wood is more frequent in Barbera d'Alba than in Barbera d'Asti, area in which the grape is sometimes vinified in

inert containers, generally steel tanks. The content in sugar is very good, quality which gives the wine a pretty high quantity of alcohol. It is not rare to find Barbera wines with an alcohol by volume higher than 14%. The main quality which can be perceived in Barbera wines clearly is acidity, a characteristic moving balance towards "hard" tones. For this reason both alcohol and aging in wood contribute to the reaching of balance, therefore making the wine rounder.

Let's start the gustatory evaluation from Marchesi Alfieri's Barbera d'Asti Superiore Alfiera. The attack of this Barbera is characterized by the astringency caused by wood tannins, to which is added the evident crispness produced by acidity. These sensations are however balanced by the round and *burning* effect of alcohol, as well as the roundness given by the aging in barrique. It should also be noticed the structure of the wine: a full and robust body. Let's now pass to the gustatory evaluation of Monchiero Carbone's Barbera d'Alba MonBirone. The attack of this second Barbera is not so different from the previous one: also in this case can be perceived the astringency of tannins to which it is added the typical crispness of the grape. These qualities are therefore balanced both by the effect of alcohol as well as the roundness given by the aging in barrique, more evident than the previous wine. Also in this Barbera is perceived a full and robust body. The final phases of the tasting reveal in both wines a very long persistence, leaving in the mouth long, pleasing and pleasing flavors of cherry, plum and blackberry, as well as a pleasing sensation of crispness: the most typical characteristic in wines produced with Barbera.



# Wines of the Month

### Score legend

- ◇ Fair – ◇◇ Pretty Good – ◇◇◇ Good
- ◇◇◇◇ Very Good – ◇◇◇◇◇ Excellent
- ★ Wine that excels in its category
- 🍷 Good value wine

Prices are to be considered as indicative. Prices may vary according to the country or the shop where wines are bought



**Chianti Classico Riserva 2006**  
Rocca delle Macie (Tuscany, Italy)

Grapes: Sangiovese (90%), Cabernet Sauvignon (5%), Merlot (5%)

Price: € 19.00

Score: ◇◇◇◇

This Chianti Classico Riserva shows a brilliant ruby red color and nuances of garnet red, moderate transparency. The nose reveals intense, clean, pleasing and refined aromas which start with hints of black cherry, plum and violet followed by aromas of black currant, blueberry, raspberry, blackberry, vanilla, chocolate and cinnamon. The mouth has good correspondence to the nose, a tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, agreeable. The finish is persistent with flavors of black cherry, plum and black currant. This Chianti Classico Riserva ages for at least 2 years in cask.

*Food match: Broiled meat and barbecue, Roasted meat, Stewed and braised meat with mushrooms*



**Ser Gioveto 2005**  
Rocca delle Macie (Tuscany, Italy)

Grapes: Sangiovese (80%), Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot (20%)

Price: € 36.00

Score: ◇◇◇◇

Ser Gioveto shows an intense ruby red color and nuances of garnet red, little transparency. The nose reveals intense, clean,

pleasing and refined aromas that start with hints of plum, black cherry and black currant followed by aromas of dried violet, blueberry, vanilla, tobacco, leather, mace, chocolate and menthol. The mouth has good correspondence to the nose, a tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, pleasing roundness. The finish is persistent with flavors of plum, black cherry and black currant. Ser Gioveto ages for 14 months in barrique followed by 9 months of aging in bottle.

*Food match: Roasted meat, Braised and stewed meat, Hard cheese*



**Teresa Manara Negroamaro 2007**  
Cantele (Apulia, Italy)

Grapes: Negroamaro

Price: € 13.00

Score: ◇◇◇◇

Teresa Manara Negroamaro shows an intense ruby red color and nuances of ruby red, little transparency. The nose reveals intense, clean, pleasing and refined aromas which start with hints of plum, blackberry and violet followed by aromas of black cherry, blueberry, vanilla, tobacco, cocoa, mace and menthol. The mouth has good correspondence to the nose, a tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, pleasing roundness. The finish is persistent with flavors of plum, blackberry and black cherry. Teresa Manara Negroamaro ages for 12 months in barrique.

*Food match: Roasted meat, Stewed and braised meat, Hard cheese*



**Amativo 2007**  
Cantele (Apulia, Italy)

Grapes: Primitivo (60%), Negroamaro (40%)

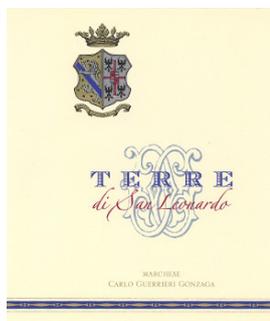
Price: € 16.00

Score: ◇◇◇◇

Amativo shows a brilliant ruby red color and nuances of ruby red, little transparency. The nose reveals intense, clean, pleasing and refined aromas which start with hints of black cherry, blackberry and plum followed by aromas of violet, blueberry,

vanilla, tobacco, cinnamon, cocoa and menthol. The mouth has good correspondence to the nose, a tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, pleasing roundness. The finish is persistent with flavors of plum, blackberry and black cherry. Amativo ages for 10 months in barrique.

*Food match: Roasted meat, Stewed and braised meat, Hard cheese*



**Terre di San Leonardo 2005**  
Tenuta San Leonardo (Trentino, Italy)

Grapes: n.d.

Price: € 12.00

Score: ◆◆◆★

Terre di San Leonardo shows an intense ruby red color and nuances of garnet red, moderate transparency. The nose denotes intense, clean, pleasing and refined aromas which start with hints of black cherry, black currant and plum followed by aromas of blueberry, vanilla, tobacco, chocolate and eucalyptus. The mouth has good correspondence to the nose, a moderate tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, pleasing roundness. The finish is persistent with flavors of black cherry, black currant and plum. A part of Terre di San Leonardo ages for 18 months in cask and the remaining part for 6 months in barrique. The wine ages for 6 months in bottle.

*Food match: Stuffed pasta, Sauteed meat Broiled meat and barbecue*



**Castel del Monte Bombino Bianco Piano Mangieri 2008**  
Terranostra (Apulia, Italy)

Grapes: Bombino Bianco

Price: € 6.00

Score: ◆◆◆★

Castel del Monte Bombino Bianco Piano Mangieri shows a pale straw yellow color and nuances of greenish yellow, very

transparent. The nose denotes intense, clean and pleasing aromas which start with hints of apple, plum and hawthorn followed by aromas of citrus fruits, pear and almond. The mouth has good correspondence to the nose, a crisp attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, pleasing roundness. The finish is pretty persistent with flavors of apple, plum and pear. Castel del Monte Bombino Bianco Piano Mangieri ages in steel tanks.

*Food match: Vegetable appetizers, Dairy products, Risotto with vegetables, Sauteed crustaceans*



**Castel del Monte Rosso Nero di Troia Piano Mangieri 2008**  
Terranostra (Apulia, Italy)

Grapes: Nero di Troia

Price: € 7.50

Score: ◆◆◆★

Castel del Monte Rosso Nero di Troia Piano Mangieri shows an intense ruby red color and nuances of ruby red, little transparency. The nose denotes intense, clean, pleasing and refined aromas which start with hints of blackberry, plum and black cherry followed by aromas of violet, tobacco, carob and menthol. The mouth has good correspondence to the nose, a tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, pleasing roundness. The finish is persistent with flavors of blackberry, plum and black cherry. Castel del Monte Rosso Nero di Troia Piano Mangieri ages in steel tanks.

*Food match: Broiled meat and barbecue, Roasted meat, Stewed meat*



**Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso Capitel San Rocco 2007**  
Tedeschi (Veneto, Italy)

Grapes: Corvina (30%), Corvinone (30%), Rondinella (30%), Rossignola, Oseleta, Negrara, Dindarella (10%)

Price: € 14.00

Score: ◆◆◆◆

Valpolicella Classico Ripasso Capitel San Rocco shows an intense ruby red color and nuances of garnet red, moderate transparency. The nose denotes intense, clean, pleasing and refined

aromas that start with hints of black cherry, blackberry and plum followed by aromas of dried violet, blueberry, cocoa, vanilla, tobacco and menthol. The mouth has good correspondence to the nose, a tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, good body, intense flavors, pleasing roundness. The finish is persistent with flavors of blackberry, black cherry and plum. Valpolicella Classico Ripasso Capitel San Rocco ages for about 2 years in cask followed by 6 months of aging in bottle.

*Food match: Roasted meat, Braised and stewed meat with mushrooms, Hard cheese*



### Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2006 Tedeschi (Veneto, Italy)

Grapes: Corvina (30%), Corvinone (30%), Rondinella (30%), Oseleta, Negrara, Dindarella, Rossignola (10%)

Price: € 30.00

Score: ◆◆◆◆

Amarone della Valpolicella Classico shows an intense ruby red color and nuances of garnet red, little transparency. The nose reveals intense, clean, pleasing and refined aromas that start with hints of blackberry, black cherry and violet followed by aromas of plum, blueberry, tobacco, vanilla, cocoa, mace, leather and menthol. The mouth has good correspondence to the nose, a tannic attack and however balanced by alcohol, full body, intense flavors, pleasing roundness. The finish is persistent with flavors of blackberry, black cherry and plum. Amarone della Valpolicella Classico ages in cask for 3 years followed by 6 months of aging in bottle.

*Food match: Game, Stewed and braised meat, Roasted meat, Hard cheese*

## EVENTS

## News

In this column are published news and information about events concerning the world of wine and food. Whoever is interested in publishing this kind of information can send us a mail to the address [Events@DiWineTaste.com](mailto:Events@DiWineTaste.com).

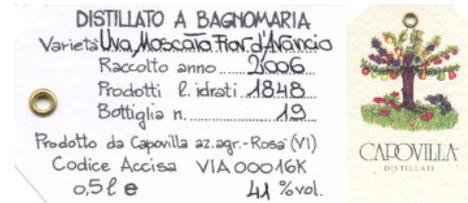


## NOT JUST WINE

## Aquavitae

Review of Grappa, Distillates and Brandy

Distillates are rated according to DiWineTaste's evaluation method. Please see score legend in the "Wines of the Month" section.



### Distillato di Uva Moscato Fior d'Arancio 2006 Capovilla (Veneto, Italy)

Raw matter: Golden Muscat Grape

Price: € 45.00 - 50cl

Score: ◆◆◆◆◆

This grape distillate is colorless, limpid and crystalline. The nose reveals intense, clean, pleasing, refined and elegant aromas of grape, banana, pear, apple, hazelnut, orange flower and peach, with imperceptible alcohol pungency. In the mouth has intense flavors with perceptible alcohol pungency which tends to dissolve rapidly, excellent correspondence to the nose, pleasing roundness, very balanced. The finish is very persistent with long flavors of citrus fruits and grape. This grappa is double distilled in a water bath discontinuous alembic still. Alcohol 41%.



## Wine Parade

The best 15 wines according to DiWineTaste's readers. To express your best three wines send us an E-mail at [WineParade@DiWineTaste.com](mailto:WineParade@DiWineTaste.com) or fill in the form available at our WEB site.

Rank		Wine, Producer
1	↔	Aglianico del Vulture La Firma 2004, Cantine del Notaio (Italy)
2	↗	Sagrantino di Montefalco Passito 2004, Adanti (Italy)
3	↘	Barolo Sorano 2004, Alario (Italy)
4	↗	Blanc des Rosis 2006, Schiopetto (Italy)
5	↘	Barolo Bussia 2001, Prunotto (Italy)
6	↘	Collio Bianco Col Disòre 2004, Russiz Superiore (Italy)
7	↗	Sagrantino di Montefalco 25 Anni 2005, Arnaldo Caprai (Italy)
8	↘	Arkezia Muffo di San Sisto 2004, Fazi Battaglia (Italy)
9	↗	Brunello di Montalcino Progetto Prime Donne 2004, Donatella Cinelli Colombini (Italy)
10	↘	Sagrantino di Montefalco Collepiano 2003, Arnaldo Caprai (Italy)
11	↗	Aglianico del Vulture Il Repertorio 2006, Cantine del Notaio (Italy)
12	↗	Sangiovese di Romagna Superiore Riserva Thea 2005, Tre Monti (Italy)
13	↘	Merlot 2004, Castello delle Regine (Italy)
14	↗	San Leonardo 2001, Tenuta San Leonardo (Italy)
15	↘	Villa Gresti 2004, Tenuta San Leonardo (Italy)

Legend: ↗ up ↘ down ↔ stable ☆ new entry