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***Wine Spectator's* selection of best Italian wine producers for OperaWine 2023 unveiled during wine2wine Business Forum**

American wine magazine *Wine Spectator* revealed its selection of 130 Italian wine producers for OperaWine 2023 (Vinitaly's grand opening event) during wine industry forum wine2wine in Verona, Italy, on 7 November 2022. OperaWine 2023 is scheduled to take place on 1 April 2023, in Verona. *Wine Spectator* Senior Editors Bruce Sanderson and Alison Napjus travelled to Verona to unveil the line-up of the selected producers in the presence of Federico Bricolo (President of Veronafiere), Maurizio Danese (Managing Director of Veronafiere) and Stevie Kim (Managing Director of Vinitaly International).



During Veronafiere and Vinitaly's annual wine2wine Business Forum (November 7-8 2022), *Wine Spectator* Senior Editors Bruce Sanderson and Alison Napjus announced the OperaWine 2023 line-up of Italian wine producers chosen by the American wine magazine. There are 130 wineries for the 2023 edition as in 2022, compared to 186 in 2021's special 10th anniversary edition, 103 in 2019, and 107 in 2018. The selected producers will be pouring their wines during Vinitaly's exclusive gala, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday April 1st, 2023. The full list of Italian wine producers selected by *Wine Spectator* is available below and at the following link: <https://vinitalyinternational.com/vincitori-operawine-2023/>. OperaWine is the only tasting event that *Wine Spectator* organizes outside the United States.

At the end of the first day of wine2wine Business Forum, attendees gathered in the main auditorium for the official announcement of the OperaWine 2023 selected producers. Stevie Kim opened proceedings with Maurizio Danese and *Wine Spectator*'s senior editors Bruce Sanderson and Alison Napjus, then called on stage the selected producers. In this year's edition, *Wine Spectator* featured 10 new producers who will pour their wines for the first time at OperaWine 2023 and 10 wineries that will be returning to the event after a hiatus of one year. In her opening speech at wine2wine Business Forum, Alison Napjus commented on the 12th anniversary of OperaWine: «*This has been a wonderful collaboration between Wine Spectator and Veronafiere. It's become a signature event at Vinitaly.*»

After the announcement, producers were called on stage to pose for the traditional group photograph. In another session at wine2wine Business Forum, Sanderson and Napjus also answered some FAQs and took questions from the audience. Topics ranged from wine submission procedures to Wine Spectator's tasting method and editorial coverage. Guests were especially interested in how the wine producers are chosen and what is the process behind the selection and tasting of the wines.

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Abruzzo	Masciarelli
Basilicata	d'Angelo
Basilicata	Elena Fucci
Basilicata	Grifalco della Lucania
Calabria	Librandi
Campania	Mastroberardino
Campania	Feudi di San Gregorio
Campania	Quintodecimo
Campania	Montevetrano
Campania	San Salvatore
Campania	Colli di Lapio
Campania	Terredora di Paolo
Campania	Salvatore Molettieri
Emilia-Romagna	Tenuta Pederzana
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Vie di Romans
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Marco Felluga
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Bastianich
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Livio Felluga
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Gravner
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Jermann
Lazio	Famiglia Cotarella (formerly Falesco)
Liguria	Cantine Lunae Bosoni
Lombardy	Guido Berlucchi
Lombardy	Ca' del Bosco
Lombardy	Conte Vistarino
Lombardy	Nino Negri
Lombardy	Bellavista
Lombardy	Arpepe
Lombardy	Rainoldi

Marche	Umani Ronchi
Marche	Garofoli
Marche	Bisci
Molise	Catabbo
Northeast	Masottina
Northeast	Nino Franco
Piedmont	Produttori del Barbaresco
Piedmont	Pio Cesare
Piedmont	Cavallotto
Piedmont	Giacomo Borgogno & Figli
Piedmont	Vietti
Piedmont	Paolo Scavino
Piedmont	Aldo Conterno
Piedmont	Marchesi di Barolo
Piedmont	Massolino
Piedmont	Elvio Cogno
Piedmont	G.B. Burlotto
Piedmont	G.D. Vajra
Piedmont	Oddero
Piedmont	Pecchenino
Piedmont	Renato Ratti
Piedmont	Giuseppe Mascarello & Figlio
Piedmont	Falletto di Bruno Giacosa
Piedmont	Luciano Sandrone
Piedmont	Roagna
Puglia	Tormaresca (Antinori)
Puglia	Masseria Li Veli
Puglia	Leone de Castris
Sardinia	Agricola Punica
Sardinia	Argiolas
Sicily	Cusumano
Sicily	F. Tornatore
Sicily	Planeta
Sicily	Morgante
Sicily	Donnafugata
Sicily	Tasca d'Almerita
Sicily	Feudo Montoni
Sicily	Benanti
Sicily	Tenuta delle Terre Nere

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Graci

Cantina Nals Margreid

Elena Walch

Cantina Terlano

Ferrari

Tenuta San Leonardo

Tenuta San Guido

Tenuta Sette Ponti (Feudo Maccari)

Ornellaia

San Filippo

Castello Banfi

Siro Pacenti

Biondi-Santi

Casanova di Neri

Il Poggione

Poggerino

Barone Ricasoli

Rocca delle Macie

Istine

San Felice

Lamole di Lamole

San Giusto a Rentennano

Tenuta di Trinoro (Passopisciaro)

Vecchie Terre di Montefili

Le Macchiole

Mazzei (Castello di Fonterutoli)

Petrolo

Altesino

Canalicchio di Sopra

Carpineto

Castello di Monsanto

Castello di Volpaia

Marchesi de' Frescobaldi

Valdicava

Boscarelli

Castellare di Castellina (Rocca di Frassinello & Feudi del Pisciotto)

Fattoria di Fèlsina

Fontodi

Tuscany	Castello di Albola
Tuscany	Castello di Ama
Tuscany	Rocca di Montegrossi
Umbria	Scacciadiavoli
Umbria	Tabarrini
Umbria	Arnaldo Caprai
Umbria	Lungarotti
Umbria	Antinori /Castello della Sala
Valle d'Aosta	Les Crêtes
Veneto	Romano Dal Forno
Veneto	Tommasi (Paternoster)
Veneto	Masi
Veneto	Tommaso Bussola
Veneto	Zenato
Veneto	Tedeschi
Veneto	Allegrini
Veneto	Monte del Frà
Veneto	Gini
Veneto	Leonildo Pieropan
Veneto	Prà
Veneto	Roberto Anselmi
Veneto	Suavia
Veneto	Bertani
Veneto	Zymè

About Vinitaly:

The grand Vinitaly 2023 will be held from April 2nd to the 5th. Vinitaly 2022 counted 88,000 visitors of which 25,000 were top international buyers from 139 different countries. The premier event to Vinitaly, OperaWine “*Finest Italian Wines: Great Producers selected by Wine Spectator*” which was held on the 9th of April, one day prior to Vinitaly, united international wine professionals in the heart of Verona, offering them the unique opportunity to discover and taste the wines of the 130 Best Italian Producers, as selected by Wine Spectator. Since 1998 Vinitaly travels to several countries thanks to its strategic arm abroad, Vinitaly International. In February 2014 Vinitaly International launched an educational project, the Vinitaly International Academy (VIA) with the aim of divulging and broadcasting the excellence and diversity of Italian wine around the globe. VIA this year launched the 21st edition of its Certification Course. To date, there are 307 Certified Italian Wine Ambassadors of which 15 are also Italian Wine Experts.

About Wine Spectator:

Wine Spectator is the world’s leading authority on wine. Anchored by Wine Spectator magazine, a print publication that reaches around 3 million readers worldwide, the brand also encompasses the Web’s most comprehensive wine site



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