

The revolution of Italian wine in 9 bottles, by Luciano Ferraro
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Revolutionary wines exist. They are those that, changing prevailing tastes, tell the story of how a nation such ages. [... Antonio] Galloni's idea is that the history of wine in Italy "is on the one hand extremely ancient, and on the other, very recent." There are wines that in the last 20 years have revolutionized opinions and reputations. According to Galloni, it's precisely nine: three from Piedmont, three from Tuscany, and one from each of the regions of Alto Adige, Friuli Venezia Giulia, and Sicily. Here is his vinous pantheon:



Giacomo Conterno, Barolo Riserva Monfortino

"Roberto Conterno made a total revolution, with small and intelligent steps. Twenty years ago it was difficult to export the Monfortino. Today, it's the most important wine of Italy, one of the points of reference for absolute quality in all the world."

Bartolo Mascarello, Barolo

"Maria Teresa Mascarello is demonstrating that today's Barolo is not the rustic and bumpy version of the past. Since 2005 she's made clear that Barolo can be

a wine of extreme finesse and elegance, while remaining true to the historic and artisanal values that her family has always represented."

Produttori del Barbaresco, I Barbaresco Riserva

"This cooperative, led by Aldo Vacca, has made known to the public and connoisseurs of Nebbiolo some of the most historic vineyard sites of Barbaresco. High quality and the choice of accessible prices have made I Produttori one of the most beloved and respected wineries by consumers around the world."

Montevertine, Le Pergole Torte

"Some small producers, including Sergio Manetti of Montevertine and Fabrizio Bianchi of Monsanto, have always believed in Sangiovese on its own. Le Pergole Torte, with its history of memorable vintages, has influenced countless wines that came after: Cepparello, Percarlo, and Flaccianello, all points of excellence for Italy."

Soldera, Brunello di Montalcino Riserva (now Sangiovese IGT)

"Since the second half of the 70s, Gianfranco Soldera has made stupendous wines at Case Basse, his winery in Montalcino. Today bottles as Sangiovese IGT, they are among the most sought after and prestigious wines in the world. Soldera inspired some of the young wineries that are considered leaders in Montalcino: Pian dell'Orino, Salicutti, and Stella di Campalto."

Masseto, Masseto

"One of the most historic wineries of the Maremma, [Masseto] has made important steps in the past several years, including the creation of a separate brand for Tenuta dell'Ornellaia, where the wine is made. The basis of this success is its high and consistent quality, a result of the group run by Axel Heinz."

Passopisciaro, Le Contrade

"Andrea Franchetti's small winery is one of the protagonists of the explosion in interest in the wines of Mt. Etna. Both his focus on the historic contradas and the very high quality of his wines has brought much attention to this still-developing part of Sicily."

Miani, Friulano Buri

"Shake Enzo Pontoni's hand and you're shake the hand of a farmer that spends all of his time in his vineyards. These artisanal values and his total obsession for

quality has taken the wines to an apex, and not only for the Bianco. Today, the few bottles that leave this little winery in Buttrio are amongst the most sought-after in the world.”

Manni Nössing , Kerner

“Along with other small producers, [Nössing] has brought to the world’s attention the grower side of the Alto Adige with wines of great personality.”

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