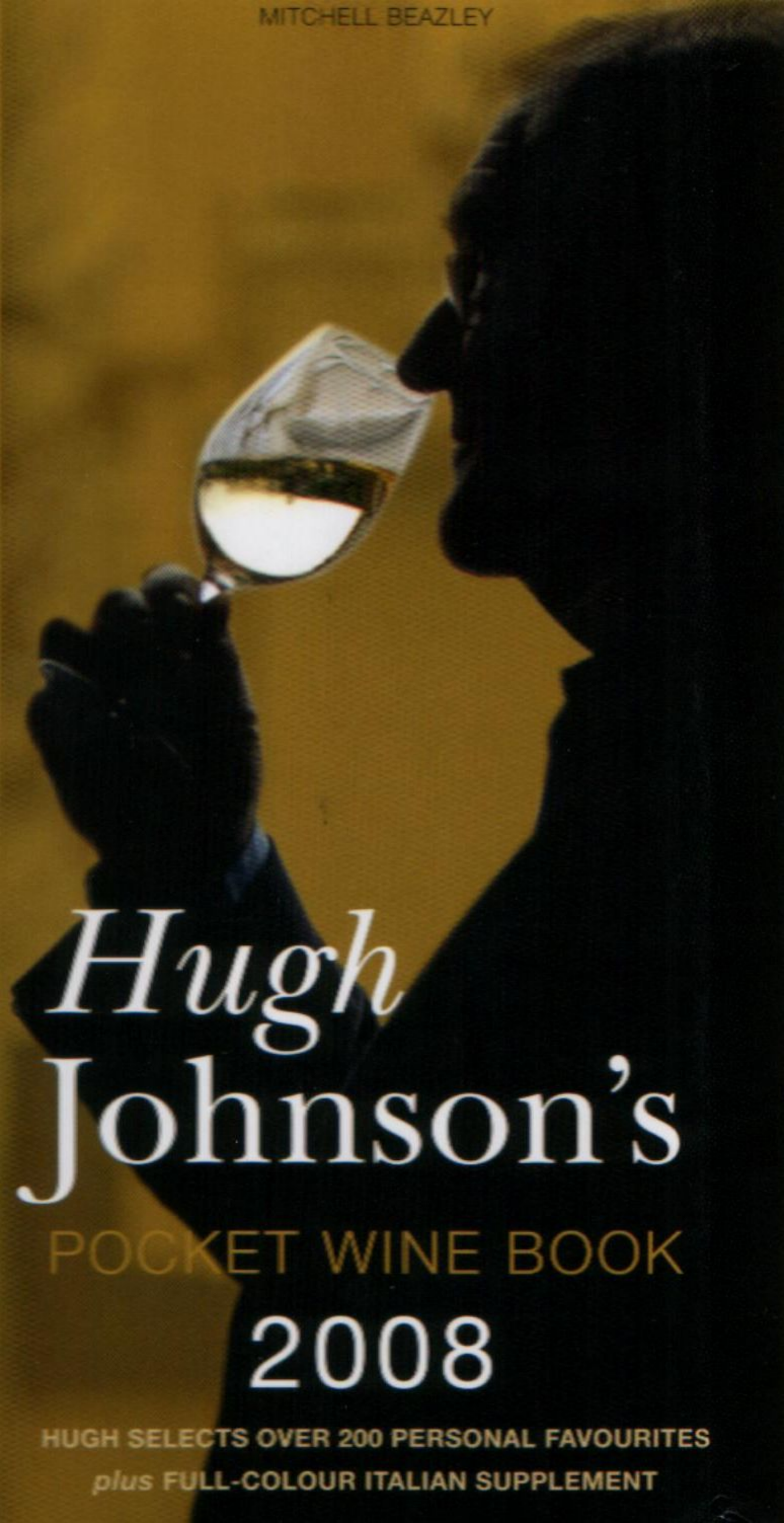


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A silhouette of a person's head and hand holding a wine glass, set against a warm, golden background. The person is shown in profile, looking towards the left, with the wine glass held up to their nose as if smelling the wine. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the rim of the glass and the liquid inside.

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- Torgiano Umb DOC r w p (sp) ★★** and **Torgiano, Rosso Riserva Umb DOCG r ★★→★★★ 95 97 99 00' 01' 03 04** Good red from Umbria, resembles CHIANTI CLASSICO in style. RUBESCO: standard. LUNGAROTTI'S RISERVA VIGNA Montecchi was outstanding in vintages such as 75, 79, 85; keeps for many years. Antigniano's Torgiano offers interesting contrast to historic leader LUNGAROTTI.
- Traminer Aromatico T-AA DOC w ★★→★★★ DYA** (German: Gewürz) Delicate, aromatic, soft. Best from various co-ops (Caldaro, Colterenzio, Prima & NUOVA, SAN MICHELE APPIANO, TERLANO, Termeno) plus Abbazia di Novacella, HAAS, HOFSTÄTTER, Kuenhof, LAGEDER, Laimberg, NIEDERMAYR.
- Trebbiano** Principal white grape of TUSCANY, found all over Italy. Ugni Blanc in French. Sadly, a waste of good vineyard space, with very rare exceptions.
- Trebbiano d'Abruzzo Ab DOC w ★→★★ DYA** Gentle, neutral, slightly tannic white from Pescara. Best producer: VALENTINI (also MONTEPULCIANO D'ABRUZZO), but challenged by Masciarelli. Nicodemi, La Valentina, and Valori also very good.
- Trentino T-AA DOC r w dr sw ★→★★★ DOC** for 20 wines, most named after grapes. Best: Chard, PINOT BL, MARZEMINO, TEROLDEGO. Region's capital is Trento.
- Triacca ★★→★★★** Very good producer of VALTELLINA; also owns estates in TUSCANY (CHIANTI CLASSICO: La Madonnina; MONTEPULCIANO: Santavenere. All ★★).
- Trinoro, Tenuta di ★★** Isolated and exceptional TUSCAN red wine estate (Bordeaux varieties) in DOC Val d'Orcia between MONTEPULCIANO and MONTALCINO. Early vintages of Cab Sauv/Petit Verdot TRINORO are jaw-dropping. Andrea Franchetti now making wine at Passopisciano estate on Mount Etna.
- Tuscany (Toscana)** Italy's central wine region, includes DOCS CHIANTI, MONTALCINO, MONTEPULCIANO, etc., regional IGT Toscana, and – of course – SUPER TUSCAN.
- Uberti ★★→★★★** Producer of DOCG FRANCIACORTA. Very good TERRE DI FRANCIACORTA (red and white).
- Umani Ronchi ★★→★★★** Leading Marches merchant and grower, especially for VERDICCHIO (Casal di Serra, Plenio), ROSSO CONERO Cumaro white IGT Le Busche, red IGT Pelago. Recent wines impressively improved.
- Vajra, Giuseppe Domenico ★★** Very good consistent BAROLO producer, especially for Barbera, BAROLO, DOLCETTO, LANGHE, etc. Also an interesting (not fizzy) FREISA.
- Valcalepio Lom DOC r w ★→★★** From near Bergamo. Pleasant red; lightly scented fresh white. Good from Brugherata, CASTELLO di Grumello, Monzio.
- Valdadige T-AA DOC r w dr s/sw ★** Name for the simple wines of the valley of the ALTO ADIGE – in German, *Etschtaler*.
- Val di Cornia Tus DOC r p w ★★→★★★ 97 98 99' 00 01' 02 03 04** DOC near Livorno, competing in quality with BOLGHERI. SANGIOVESE, Cab Sauv, MERLOT, and MONTEPULCIANO. Look for: Ambrosini, Jacopo Banti, Brancatelli, Bulichella, Tenuta Casadei Casa Dei, Gualdo del Re, Il Bruscello, Incontri, Le Pianacce, Montepeloso (Gabbro, Nardo), Petra, Russo, San Giusto, San Luigi, San Michele, Sant'Agnese, Suveraia, Terricciola, Tua Rita (Redigaffi).
- Valentini, Edoardo ★★** The grand tradition – and, with Gianni Mascarelli, the best maker – of MONTEPULCIANO and TREBBIANO D'ABRUZZO.
- Valle d'Aosta (VdA) DOC r w p ★★** Regional DOC for more than 20 Alpine wines, including Premetta, Fumin, Blanc de Morgex et de La Salle, Chambave, Nus Malvoisie, Arnad Montjovet, Torrette, Donnas, and Enfer d'Arvier.
- Valle Isarco Eisacktal, T-AA DOC w ★★ DYA AA** Valle Isarco DOC is applicable to seven varietal wines made northeast of Bolzano. Good Gewürz, MÜLLER-T, RIES, and Silvaner. Top producers: Abbazia di Novacella, CS Eisacktaler, Kuenhof.
- Valpolicella Ven DOC r ★→★★★ (Superiore) 98 00 01 03 04 (Others) DYA**