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- Torgiano Umb DOC** r w p (sp) ★★ and **Torgiano, Rosso Riserva Umb DOCG** r ★★ →★★★★ **90 93 94 95 97** 00. Good red from Umbria, resembles CHIANTI CL in style. RUBESCO: standard. RISERVA VIGNA Montecchi has been outstanding in vintages such as 75, 79, 85, keeps for many years.
- Toscana** See Tuscany.
- Traminer Aromatico T-AA DOC** w ★★ →★★★★ DYA (German: Gewürztraminer) Delicate, aromatic, soft. Best from: various coops (Caldaro, Colterenzio, Prima & Nuova, SAN MICHELE APPIANO, TERLANO, Termeno) plus Abbazia di Novacella, HAAS, HOPSTÄTTER, Kuenhof, LAGEDER, Laimberg, NIEDERMAYR.
- Travagliani** ★★ Reliable producer of sound DOCG GATTINARA.
- 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, sl tannic white from round Pescara. VALENTINI the best producer (also MONTEPULCIANO DYA), but challenged by Masciarelli; Valentina very good as well.
- Trentino T-AA DOC** r w dr sw ★ →★★★★ DOC for as many as 20 different wines, mostly named after their grapes. Best are CHARDONNAY, PINOT BLANC, MARZEMINO, TEROLDEGO. The 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 Tus DOC** Isolated and exceptional red wine estate (Bx varieties) in DOC Val d'Orcia between MONTEPULCIANO and MONTALCINO. Early wines jaw-dropping. TRINORO: Cab-MERLOT, Palazzi: Merlot-Cab, both IGT.
- Tuscany (Toscana)** Italy's central wine region, incl DOCS CHIANTI, MONTALCINO, MONTEPULCIANO etc, regional IGT Toscana and of course "SUPER-TUSCANS".
- Uberti** ★★ →★★★★ Vg prod of DOCG FRANCIACORTA, good white Terre di Francicorta.
- Umani Ronchi** ★ →★★★★ Leading Marches merchant and grower, good quality, esp for VERDICCHIO (Casal di Serra, Plenio), ROSSO CONERO Cumaro white IGT Le Busche (Verdicchio-Chard), red IGT Pelago (Cab-MONTEPULCIANO-MERLOT).
- Vajra, Giuseppe Domenico** ★★ Vg consistent BAROLO producer, especially for Barbera, BAROLO, DOLCETTO, LANGHE, etc. Also an interesting (not fizzy) FREISA.
- Val di Comia Tus DOC** r p w ★★ →★★★★ **95 96 97 98 99** 00 New DOC nr Livorno, now competing in quality with BOLGHERI to the N with many vg wines from SANGIO, Cabernet, MERLOT, MONTEPULCIANO. Look for: Tua Rita (Redigaffi), Montepeloso (Gabbro, Nardo), Ambrosini, Petra, Russo, San Giusto, San Luigi, San Michele.
- Valcalepio Lom DOC** r w ★ →★★ From nr 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 ADIGE Valley – in German "Etschtaler".
- Valentini, Edoardo** ★★ →★★★★ The grand tradition and the best maker of MONTEPULCIANO and TREBBIANO D'ABRUZZO.
- Valgella** See Valtellina.
- Valle d'Aosta VdA DOC** 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, Enfer d'Arvier.
- Valle Isarco (Eisacktal) T-AA DOC** w ★★ DYA Recently this DOC was incorporated into ALTO ADIGE DOC. AA Valle Isarco DOC is applicable to 7 varietal wines made NE of Bolzano. Good Gewürztraminer, M-THURGAU, MULLER-T, RIESLING, SILVNER. Top producers: CS Eisacktaler, Abbasid di Novacella and Kuenhof.
- Vallone** ★★ →★★★★ Always better DOC BRINDISI and DOC SALICE SALENTO; outstanding, very concentrated red IGT from dried NEGROMARO grapes (Gratticaia).
- Valpolicella Ven DOC** r ★ →★★★★ (Superiore) **93 94 95 97 98** 00 (others) DYA Attractive r from nr VERONA; best young. Recent quality improvement. V best can be concentrated, complex and merit higher prices. Delicate nutty scent,