

The Best Italian Red Wines of 2020

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Italy is romanticized for many reasons, not least of which for its delicious wines. The combination of ideal growing conditions, exceptional quality and great value make Italy a favorite region for procuring wine.

There are a variety of styles and too many grapes to keep track of, but whether you are investing in your cellar or seeking out something to pair with pizza, there is something for every palate and budget.

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Franchetti-Passopisciaro 2018 Contrada R Nerello Mascalese (Terre Siciliane); \$90, 98 points. Fragrant and loaded with finesse, this gorgeous red stuns with captivating scents of pressed rose, violet, red berry, white pepper as well as whiffs of smoke and balsamic notes. Boasting extreme elegance and intensity, the smooth, delicious palate delivers strawberry jelly, raspberry compote, cinnamon and flinty mineral framed in smooth, silky tannins. Made from some of the highest vineyards on Mount Etna and 100-year-old vines, it's endowed with bright acidity that keeps it superbly balanced. Drink through 2030. T. Edward Wines Ltd. **Editors' Choice.** —K.O.