



Italy's wine industry is one of the oldest around. Wines have been produced for over four thousand years and the Greeks called Italy 'Oenotria' or 'Land of Wine'. Virtually all the country makes wine and Italy battles with France and Spain for the title of being the world's largest wine producer and exporter. Lots of European Union money has been invested and the U.K.'s appetite for pasta, pizza and the wines to go with them keeps growing.

So many regions, so many grape varieties and so very many growers can make it difficult to choose. This is why we have made our selection for you very carefully indeed.



ROCCA delle MACIE

A jewel set in the Tuscany hills, this is a quality estate owned and managed to meticulous standards by Sergio and Daniela Zingarelli and family. Great steps forward in the last twelve years particularly in the science of viticulture e.g. low yield, green harvests and leaf removal, have seen the emphasis on quality, hand picked fruit providing the best possible raw materials for a range of high quality wines.

Further recent investment in up to date fermentation equipment and maturation vessels has enabled the production of premium wines.

Rocca delle Macie are particularly renowned for their top quality Chianti, their "flagship" being Classico – a blend of 95% Sangiovese and 5% Merlot aged 6-10 months in oak.



LAKE GARDA

For a long time, Lake Garda would mean very little to a British wine drinker other than it being a beautiful holiday destination. However it can truthfully be said that this area has profited more than the rest of Italy from modern wine developments.

Try the white Lugana Tenuta Maiola from the Southern end of the lake. Still relatively rare, still produced from hand selected grapes and a 'class act' through and through.

In 2009 we introduced the Terre al Lago wines (the name meaning Lakeland). Their Pinot Noir and Merlot are examples of the introduction of 'foreign' grape varieties but their Pinot Grigio is very much more traditional. They are also a part of the Cantine di Soave's products and show the difference made by quality winemaking. In 2011, we have extended their wines in the selection by including the Valpolicella Classico Araia and Soave Classico Araia.

Lugana Tenuta Maiola
– a 'class act' through and through.



Sentina Rosso

Youthful, lively red with juicy cherry fruit flavours.

Sentina Valpolicella

Light and fresh with lots of soft cherry fruit.

Sentina Merlot

Made to a modern style in Veneto, this Merlot is very attractive drinking with soft, varietal berry fruits.

Casal Bordino Montepulciano d'Abruzzo

Lovely, soft approachable fruit. Well made and well balanced wine with an easy drinking style.

££ Bella Modella Primitivo Sangiovese

This is a very well made wine that combines spiciness and fruitiness with good structure and balance. Extremely tasty and really good value.

Terre al Lago Merlot

A typical Merlot style with ripe, plummy fruit and a lingering finish. Excellent example of modern Italian winemaking.

Terre al Lago Pinot Nero

Italian Pinot Noir is relatively rare even in this more innovative age. This shows how a class winemaker can produce ripe cherry and red fruit flavours and aromas with a savoury finish.

Sentina Chianti

Italy's most famous red made from the Sangiovese grape. Our entry level Tuscan wine is food friendly, fruity and full of flavour.

Valpolicella Classico Araia

A lovely ruby red colour with a delicate aroma of bitter almonds. The flavour is dry and velvety, with a smooth, full-bodied finish.

Brindisi, Cantine due Palma

A velvety smooth red from Puglia with ample body and fruit and a very soft, easy finish.

Chianti Vernaiola, Rocca delle Macie

Fresh and juicy wine for enjoying young from this progressive winery.

Chianti Classico Rocca delle Macie

Produced from a relatively new winery which has used modern techniques and machinery as well as low yields to produce stylish wines. Its bright ruby red colour, mature cherry fruit and rich texture are everything you should find in a well made Chianti Classico.

Nebbiolo d'Alba, Salvano

Powerful and well structured wine, which soften and develop into more subtle tannins with bottle age. With a nose of leather and tar, and a palate of fine black fruits, balanced with ripe soft oak tannins.

Taste
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Trade
Sales Price

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ITALY



RED

Ripasso Valpolicella Superiore, Rocca Sveva

Valpolicella Ripasso is re-fermented on the grape skins to make a more intense and full-bodied wine without losing the natural ripe cherry fruit.

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Barolo Cortese

Classically Barolo is Italy's greatest red with the Nebbiolo grape producing a dense but fragrant and dry red with lots of tannin and a clean finish. This has real elegance.

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£15.15

Barolo Franco Serra

The Nebbiolo grape gives the wine great body, character and a rich, majestic style. Deep in colour with a vanilla note and full flavour.

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£15.15

Amarone Classico, Rocca Sveva

The grapes are dried to increase fruit concentration and power. The result is then matured in barrel to produce an intense, rounded wine.

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£26.21

ROSÉ

Sentina Pinot Grigio Rosé

Great value with attractive fruit and a clean, fresh, dry aftertaste.

2A

£3.39

££ Tempo Pinot Grigio Rosé

A delicate pink wine full of the flavours of summer fruits.

2A

£4.41

Bella Modella Pinot Grigio Blush

All the best parts of the Pinot Grigio grape with a hint of cherries on the flavour. Perfect with food or by itself.

2A

£4.78

Le Poesie Pinot Grigio Blush

This wine has a slightly fuller bodied style while retaining the aromatic and refreshing qualities of the Pinot Grigio grape.

2A

£5.25

SPARKLING

Moscato Spumante

For those looking for a sparkler with a touch of sweetness but a light easy drinking texture.

4

£4.49

Prosecco Di Maria

This Prosecco is fresh and fruity with a crisp citrus twist on the finish.

2

£5.60

Casa Gheller Prosecco Treviso

Modern and fashionable, this Prosecco is clean, crisp and refreshing with a slight tang of green apples.

2

£5.87

Asti Spumante Martini

Italy's classic sparkler. Slightly sweeter than most but very popular.

4

£6.48

Casa Gheller Rosato Frizzante

Crisp and dry, this sparkling wine oozes a concentration of red berry fruits and a refreshing finish.

2A

£5.87





WHITE

Sentina Bianco

Refreshing, full of floral and apple fruit flavours.

Sentina Soave

A good example of generic entry level Soave. Flowery and delicate bouquet with a crisp, dry aftertaste.

Sentina Chardonnay

Typical light style Italian Chardonnay with soft lemon flavours and refreshing acidity.

Sentina Pinot Grigio

Extremely popular. Spicy and aromatic texture with a crisp, clean finish.

Casal Bordino Trebbiano d'Abruzzo

A refreshing, tangy wine with a tasty finish.

Frascati Superiore, Colle Fiorito

Truly a 'superior' version of this famous wine. A much greater concentration of flavour and a longer finish.

££ Tempo Pinot Grigio Garganega

The blending of the ever-popular Pinot Grigio with the grape used for Soave produces a smooth white combining aromatic and mineral flavours.



Bella Modella Pinot Grigio

Light, vibrant and very tasty. Very drinkable with or without food and strikingly presented.

Soave Classico Araia

This elegant wine is produced from hand harvested, gently pressed grapes. Straw yellow in colour, the wine has delicate fresh fruit aromas, particularly apple with distinct and balanced flavours on the palate.

Gavi Neirano

Popular Italian white with pineapple and citrus fruit flavours and a crisp finish.

Terre al Lago Pinot Grigio

A premium Pinot Grigio with a large helping of creamy, tropical fruits, spicy and aromatic in the mouth and a lively aftertaste.



Lugana DOC Tenuta Maiolo

This superb white wine is produced from hand selected grapes. It has a delicate aroma of almonds and mixed fruit flavours to match and a clean but long finish.

Vermentino, Rocca delle Macie

Delicate straw yellow colour with a floral and fruity nose. On the palate its smooth well balanced body is enhanced with fresh and light flavours followed by a dry aftertaste.

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