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At one time, Italian wines conjured images of cheap Chianti in straw-wrapped bottles. More recently, expensive “Super Tuscans” have been the rage. But between these extremes lay a bounty of delicious, moderately priced wines that belong in every wine drinker’s repertoire.

Vino Italiano is the only comprehensive and authoritative American guide to the wines of Italy. It surveys the country’s wine-producing regions; identifies key wine styles, producers, and vintages; and offers delicious regional recipes. Extensive reference materials—on Italy’s 300 growing zones, 361 authorized grape varieties, and 200 of the top producers—provide essential information for restaurateurs and wine merchants, as well as for wine enthusiasts.

Beautifully illustrated as well as informative, **Vino Italiano** is the perfect invitation to the Italian wine experience.

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Ryan says

This book is amazing. So much information, great stories, great suggestions of vineyards & styles to try, and a fabulous breakdown of the style and mentality of wine-making by region in Italy. It's also a great portrait of the subtle cultural differences of each region, and (despite the authors' protests against this) a great travelogue & guidebook per region for food & vineyards to visit. I LOVED this book.

Todd says

Vino Italiano is a great introduction and encyclopedic reference that would be perfect if it included more color photos, maps, etc.

Dan says

Italy's a BIG undertaking. This book's a god-send, covering rules to different varietals, and has not only tastings listed, but restaurant level recipes- each authentic, each state-specific. Perhaps the best text I've read so far.

Serge Pierro says

Bastianich has written the definitive book on Italian wines!

Tonari says

Bello devo dire. Bello. Oddio non enciclopedico, ma si lascia proprio leggere, vivace nello stile (buona l'idea di aprire ogni capitolo con uno spaccato dell'esperienza dell'autore in Italia, riferita alla regione in oggetto), informativo, completo quanto basta per soddisfare un appassionato di vino curioso dell'Italia.

In italiano c'è sicuramente molto altro, ma m'è piaciuto.

Paul says

Fantastic! An excellent guide to Italian wines, food and culture.

Eric Eddy says

This is not a "wine guide" in the normal sense. It is a book as much about Italy and its different regions as it is a book about the many different wines of Italy. I found this book shortly before my first trip to Italy and it really helped me make sense of what until then was a very confusing world of wine. Love it and will always recommend it to anyone as a perfect place to start getting a grip on Italian wine.

Phil says

Outstanding - the definitive book on Italian wines. A wonderful blend that describes the regions and the DOC's, but also offers some interesting observations on the people and the wineries, and even gives some great menus. Hope it continues to be updated every few years. If you enjoy Italian wines, this is the book!

Judy says

This book does a fair to good job of using anecdotes to place wine within the context of Italian culture. I really appreciated that the coverage of Sardinia was just as thorough as that of Tuscany - even though Sardinia is not famous for its wine. Likewise, I glanced through the Puglia section and found that to be informative. That said, this book is probably best for people who are obsessed with Italy or with wine or with both!

Jamie says

The best introduction to Italian wines and wine regions out there.

Courtney says

The writing is excellent; an essential resource on Italian wine.

Marty says

Finally, a book devoted to the regional wines of Italy. Bastianich and his co-authors go through each region of this vine-covered nation with ease. Each region begins with a delightful short story about an experience in the region, then continues with a history of winegrowing/winemaking, then goes through the major DOC/DOCGs of each region and then ends with notes on some specific wines and a recipe from Joe's Mom, Lydia.

My only quip is that they sort of short change a lot of the producers, only focusing on the really predominant ones. The history sections are the most helpful. Also, just a touch out of date.

Sarah says

My new job has an extensive Italian wine list. There are much worse things to have to study and most of them won't get you drunk.

David Rude says

What a great reference book for Italian Wines!!
