



'Vini d'Italia' 2009 Tre Bicchieri

Gambero Rosso's first edition of Vini d'Italia was published in 1987. A reference book for enthusiasts and professionals, their evaluation system is expressed in 'glasses', from one to three for the best wines of all. The 'Tre Bicchieri', or three glass award, has become a byword for quality. 2009 saw over 70,000 samples collected and 16,000 wines from 2,250 producers reviewed with 339 Tre Bicchieri awarded. Compare this with just 32 Tre Bicchieri from the first edition! The 2009 English edition of the guide will be available from April, but Tre Bicchieri awards to our producers are:-

Bellavista – Gran Cuvee Brut 2004
Pieropan - Soave Classico Calvarino 2006
Jermann – W . . . Dreams 2006
Ronco dei Tassi Collio Bianco Fosarin 2007
Villa Russiz – Pinot Bianco 2007
Grattamacco - Bolgheri Rosso Superiore 2005
ColleMassari – Lombrone 2004
Conterno Fantino – Barolo Vigna del Gris 2004
Brancaia - Il Blu 2006
Felsina - Chianti Classico Riserva Rancia 2005
Felsina – Fontalloro 2005
Umani Ronchi - Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Riserva Pleno 2005
Morgante – Don Antonio 2006
Speri – Amarone Monte Sant'Urbano 2004
Villa Matilde – Falerno del Massico Camarato 2004
Santadi - Carignano del Sulcis Terre Brune 2004



'Duemilavini' 2009 Cinque Grappoli

These days, the Italian Sommeliers' Association (AIS), much like in Australia, play an ever increasing role in spreading the word on quality wine. Now in its eleventh year, the 'Cinque Grappoli' (five bunches) is the top award given by the Association to Italy's best wines, published in their wine guide Duemilavini. They taste on a yearly average 20,000 wines from 1,600 producers, and in 2009, 319 Cinque Grappoli were awarded from 900 finalists. A fascinating exercise arises from comparing the two sets of awards!

E. Pira & Figli - Barolo Cannubi 2004
Marcarini - Barolo La Serra 2004
Conterno Fantino - Barolo Mosconi 2004
Bellavista - Franciacorta Gran Cuvée Brut 2004
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Franz Haas - Alto Adige Moscato Rosa 2006
Jermann - Capo Martino 2006
Villa Russiz - Sauvignon de la Tour 2007
Jermann - Vintage Tunina 2006
Pieropan - Soave Classico La Rocca 2006
Grattamacco - Bolgheri Rosso Superiore 2005
Brancaia - Il Blu 2006
Fuligni - Rosso di Montalcino Ginestreto 2006
Felsina - Maestro Raro 2004
Boscarelli - Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Nocio 2005
Umani Ronchi - Maximo 2005
Umani Ronchi - Verdicchio Riserva Plenio 2005
Morgante - Don Antonio 2006
Cantina Santadi - Carignano del Sulcis Terre Brune 2004