



OVERVIEW

Tuscany (Toscana in Italian) is probably the most famous of the Italian regions. Among people around the globe, only Sicily can rival it in terms of name recognition. At the heart of Tuscany is Florence, an attractive city that was the epicenter of the Renaissance and then became the single most important stop on the Grand Tour that cultured young men and women took to polish their educations in the 18th and 19th centuries. Images of the Tuscan countryside dance in the minds of tourists from afar, with azure skies, green rolling hills, and picture-perfect villas. And in the wine world, Tuscany is the home of one of the longest-running star wine regions (Chianti), one of Italy's two greatest traditional wine regions (Brunello), and some of Italy's most outstanding nontraditional wines (Super Tuscans).

Roughly two thirds of the vines in Tuscany are Sangiovese, which is Italy's most planted grape variety overall. Beyond the carpet of Sangiovese, a lot of the remainder is also red led by increasing amounts of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. White grape varieties are almost an afterthought. Trebbiano Toscano is the top white variety, but the more prestigious ones are Vernaccia and Vermentino.

FAST FACTS

TOTAL AREA:	
GRAPE VARIETIES:	Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sangiovese, Malvasia, Trebbiano Toscano, Vermentino
TOTAL WINE PRODUCTION:	1,901 hl
APELLATIONS:	Bolgheri DOC, Brunello di Montalcino DOCG, Carmignano DOC & DOCG, Chianti DOCG, Chianti Rufina DOCG, Chianti Classico DOCG, Vin Santo del Chianti Classico DOC, Cortona DOC, Maremma Toscana DOC, Morellino di Scansano DOCG, Rosso di Montepulciano DOC, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano DOCG, Pomino DOC, Toscana IGT

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