

REGIONS OF ITALY

Abruzzo - Montepulciano
Apulia - Salice Salentino
Basilicata
Calabria - Gaglioppo
Campania - Greco di Tufo, Taurasi
Emilia Romagna - Lambrusco
Friuli - Friulano, Sauvignon
Lazio
Liguria
Lombardia
Le Marche - Vedicchio
Molise - Aglianico
Piedmont - Barolo, Barbaresco, Arneis
Sardinia - Cannonau, Vermentino
Sicily - Nero d'Avola
Trentino/Alto Adige - Pinot Grigio
Tuscany - Chianti, Brunello, Vino Nobile
Umbria - Orvieto, Sagrantino
Valle d'Aosta
Veneto - Valpolicella, Soave, Prosecco

GLOSSARY

- **Amabile** – semi-sweet
- **Annata** - vintage
- **Azienda Agricola** – an estate producing wine from their own grapes
- **Barrique** – 225L barrel made using French oak
- **Bianco** – White
- **Cantina** – cellars or winery; Name used for Cooperatives
- **Classico** – historic district or center
- **Dolce** – Sweet
- **Fattoria** – Farm
- **Frizzante** – slightly sparkling
- **Grappa** – a distilled spirit made from grape pomace
- **Metodo Classico** – Classic Italian sparkling method – Charmat
- **Nero** – Black
- **Rosato** – rose wine
- **Rosso** – red wine
- **Superiore** – higher alcohol or an area within a wine zone
- **Spumante** – Sparkling Wine
- **Tenuta** – Farm or Wine Estate
- **Vendemmia** – Harvest
- **Vigneto** - Vineyard



WHAT ARE THE LAWS THAT REGULATE ITALIAN WINE PRODUCTION?

D.O.C.G.

Denominazione Origine Controllata e Garantita

Wines we consider iconic. Not necessarily reflecting quality as in cheap Chianti is DOCG.

Barolo, Barbaresco, Brunello di Montalcino

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Denominazione Origine Controllata

Our largest representation of our wine zones
Valpolicella Classico, Salice Salentino

I.G.T.

Indicazione Geografica Tipica

A category that elevated wines from Vino da Tavola, that didn't have to follow any rules, but were expensive. Example "Sangiovese" IGT – was 100% Sangiovese, and was not allowed to be called Chianti

VINO DA TAVOLA

Major Wine Regions of Italy



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HOW ARE ITALIAN WINES NAMED?

• GRAPE NAMES:

Pinot Grigio, Sangiovese, Barbera

• GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES:

Chianti, Valpolicella, Barolo

JUST TO CONFUSE YOU!!

We have some grapes that are also the name of a place:

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
Vino Nobile di Montepulciano

• GRAPE WITH GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES:

Barbera d'Asti
Dolcetto d'Alba
(hidden trick - "di" or "d'" means "of or from" Grape first/
Place second)

• LEGENDARY NAMES

Est! Est!! Est!!!, Lacryma Christi

• PROPRIETARY NAMES

"Sangiovese", "Tenuta Nuova", "Podium"

• VINEYARD NAMES WITH GRAPES/WINE NAMES

Barolo Brunate DOCG, Marchesi di Gressy Nebbiolo "Martinenga"

PROMINENT GRAPES IN ITALIAN WINES

RED

Aglianico
 Barbera
 Brachetto
 Carmenere
 Cannonau
 Corvina
 Dolcetto
 Lagrein
 Lambrusco
 Malvasia nera
 Merlot
 Montepulciano
 Nebbiolo
 Nero d'Avola
 Negroamaro
 Primitivo
 Refosco
 Sangiovese
 Schiava
 Sagrantino
 Susumaniello
 Teroldego

WHITE

Arneis
 Cortese
 Falanghina
 Fiano
 Garganega
 Greco
 Malvasia
 Moscato
 Passerina
 Pecorino
 Pinot Bianco
 Pinot Grigio
 Trebbiano
 Verdeca
 Verdicchio
 Vernaccia
 Vimentino

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