

"Veneto: A Constant State of Evolution"

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"Collectors will want to keep their eyes peeled for the 2021 Soaves from Inama. This is a set of highly expressive yet refined wines that have the balance to pass the test of time. For years now, the Inama family has been working to identify the unique parcels within their vineyards and further highlight them through micro-vinification and a more transparent winemaking style. The 2021s had been in bottle for just over a year at the time of my tasting and, in most cases, will benefit from further cellaring. This was a cooler vintage in modern-day terms, with only a short heat spike in August followed by ideal conditions throughout the harvest.

This portfolio is a perfect example of Soave's aging potential, which has been demonstrated through numerous older vintages. Since 2023, Romain Bocchio of Derenoncourt Consultants has been overseeing the white wine production (he has been working on the reds for a number of vintages). As for the reds, they continue to impress, showing the potential of Carménère, but also Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot from Colli Berici. Readers can also look forward to the release of the Capital Red IGT, a blend of 85% Carménère and 15% Cabernet Franc that's currently scheduled for release in 2025. Frankly, the wine will still need much more time upon release. However, from what I've tasted, this may be just what Colli Berici needs to be placed firmly on the map." - Eric Guido



Inama "I Palchi" Foscarino Grande Cuvée Soave DOC 2021 - The 2021 Soave Classico I Palchi Foscarino Grande Cuvée is a platinum-golden color with a youthfully intense bouquet that blends raw almond with stone dust, dusty dried flowers and Asian pear. This seduces with its silken textures and supple personality, washing across the palate with crisp, ripe orchard fruits complicated by a salty mix of savory herbs and minerals. The 2021 tapers off dramatically long and fresh, leaving a resonance of mint and liquid stone. 95 points



Inama "Foscarino" Soave DOC Classico 2021 - The 2021 Soave Classico Foscarino seduces with a rich blend of lemony custard, hazelnut, young peach and wet stone. Luxuriously round and silky in feel, this finds a beautiful balance through its core of mineral-drenched pit-fruits and brisk acidity. It finishes with incredible length and staining concentration, leaving a chalky sensation as the mouth waters for more. The 2021 Foscarino is beautiful today yet also built for the cellar. It was refined on lees for six months in a combination of barrique, large oak and steel, with bâtonnage every three weeks, followed by six months in stainless steel on fine lees. 93 points



Inama "Carbonare" Soave DOC Classico 2021 - Like a burst of fresh sea air, the 2021 Soave Classico Carbonare opens with a salty blend of crushed rocks, lime zest and crushed green apples. This soothes with its round textures and fresh acidity, as a cascade of crunchy orchard fruits and mineral tones travels across the palate. Saline and full of tension, the Carbonare leaves a pleasant inner sweetness and a minty herbal thrust that lingers on. There is such purity and balance here. The 2021 was made entirely in stainless steel. 92 points





Inama "Vin Soave" Soave DOC Classico 2022 - The 2022 Soave Classico Vin Soave entices with a whiff of crushed stone and chalk dust, giving way to crisp green apples. This blends ripe orchard fruits with stimulating mineral tones and fresh acidity. Silky and refined yet saline in character, this finishes remarkably fresh, with a lively tension that calls the taster back to the glass. 89 points



Inama "Carmenère Più" Veneto Rosso IGT 2021 - Peppery wild berries, roses and hints of wet stone waft up to form an inviting bouquet as the 2021 Carmenere Più evolves in the glass. This is silky and pliant with juicy acidity and tart raspberry fruits. Rosy inner florals amass toward the close. Crisply refreshing, the 2021 tapers off with medium length and hints of tart blackberry that curl the tongue. This is a total pleasure to taste and a remarkable value. 90 points



Inama "Bradisismo" Colli Berici Cabernet DOC 2020 - The 2020 Cabernet Bradisismo opens slowly in the glass. It's darkly alluring, with peppery rose and lavender complementing dried black cherries. Cool-toned and racy in feel, sleek red berry fruits and minerals collect toward the close. This finishes with tension, leaving a spicy sensation and a saturation of primary concentration as fine-grained tannins coat the palate. As of 2020, the Bradisismo has an addition of 10% Cabernet Franc in the blend. This is coming along beautifully. 93 points



Inama "Bradisismo" Colli Berici Cabernet DOC 2021 - A dusting of autumnal spice, shavings of cedar and rose petal gives way to redcurrant as the 2021 Cabernet Bradisismo slowly evolves in the glass. This floods the palate with silky textures and a mix of ripe red and blue fruit that swirls across a stream of vibrant acidity. This tapers off long and staining yet only gently tannic, with a raspberry tinge and hints of dark chocolate. In 2021, the blend is 46% Carménère, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot and 7% Cabernet Franc. 92 points

