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Wine Spectator announces its lineup of producers for the 2024 edition of “OperaWine: Finest Italian Wines” during wine2wine Business Forum 2023

American wine magazine *Wine Spectator* revealed its selection of 131 Italian wine producers for OperaWine 2024, Vitaly’s grand opening event, during the wine2wine Business Forum in Verona, Italy, on 13 November 2023. OperaWine 2024 is scheduled to take place on 13 April, in Verona. *Wine Spectator* senior editors Bruce Sanderson and Alison Napjus travelled to Verona to unveil the lineup of the selected producers in the presence of President of ITA – Italian Trade Agency Matteo Zoppas, President of Veronafiere Federico Bricolo, Managing Director of Veronafiere Maurizio Danese and Vitaly Managing Partner Stevie Kim.



After the announcement at wine2wine Business Forum 2023, OperaWine 2024 producers were called on stage to pose for the traditional group photograph.



During Veronafiere and Vinitaly's annual wine2wine Business Forum (November 13-14 2023), *Wine Spectator* senior editors Bruce Sanderson and Alison Napjus announced the OperaWine 2024 lineup of Italian wine producers chosen by the American wine magazine. OperaWine, which is the only tasting event that *Wine Spectator* organizes outside the United States, has been an important collaboration between Wine Spectator and VeronaFiere, and has become a signature event for Vinitaly each year. In 2024, OperaWine producers and guests will gather on Saturday, April 13th, the day before Vinitaly starts, highlighting Italy's most outstanding wineries and showcasing some truly exceptional wines.

At the end of the first day of wine2wine Business Forum 2023, attendees gathered in the main auditorium for the official announcement of the OperaWine 2024 selected producers. Stevie Kim opened proceedings with Federico Bricolo, Matteo Zoppas and *Wine Spectator's* senior editors Bruce Sanderson and Alison Napjus, then called on stage the selected producers. There are 131 wineries for the 2024 edition, compared to 130 in 2023 and 2022, 186 in 2021's special 10th anniversary edition, 103 in 2019, and 107 in 2018. In this year's edition, *Wine Spectator* featured six wineries that will be returning to the event after a hiatus of a year, as well as three new producers – including Argiano, winner of Wine Spectator's 2023 "Wine Of the Year" award – who will pour their wines for the first time at OperaWine 2024.

President of Veronafiere Federico Bricolo and President of ITA – Italian Trade Agency Matteo Zoppas stressed the role of OperaWine in promoting Made in Italy abroad: *«Among Veronafiere's initiatives»,* stated Bricolo, *«OperaWine is the jewel in the crown of our commitment to promoting Italian wine in the United States, a key market for Italian producers. The event would not be possible without the collaboration of Bruce, Alison and Wine Spectator, nor without the unwavering support of ITA – Italian Trade Agency».*

Matteo Zoppas added: *«Of 624 billion euros totaled by Made in Italy exports, eight come from wine. It seems like a small figure, but it actually confirms that wine is a key sector for Italy. For this, I thank Veronafiere, OperaWine, Wine Spectator and all the 131 great Italian producers for their contribution to our economy».*

In his opening speech, Bruce Sanderson commented on the 13th anniversary of OperaWine: *«This year we have three new producers that will be pouring at OperaWine for the first time. Plus, we are showcasing Sicily. We invited not only a range of top producers in Sicily, we also asked wineries with estates in Tuscany and Piedmont to pour a wine from their Sicilian estate this year».*

Alison Napjus remarked: *«Each year we change the mix of wineries invited to OperaWine, with some worthy producers stepping back for a year or two so that new faces can have their chance. All together it's an exciting group, each pouring a wine that illustrates the strength, diversity and high quality on offer from Italian wine».*

The full list of Italian wine producers selected by *Wine Spectator* is available below and at the following link: <https://www.vinitaly.com/en/events/operawine/operawine-2024/>.

OperaWine 2024 | *Finest Italian Wines: Great Producers Selected by Wine Spectator*

Abruzzi	La Valentina
Abruzzi	Masciarelli
Basilicata	D'Angelo
Basilicata	Elena Fucci
Basilicata	Grifalco
Calabria	Vincenzo Ippolito
Campania	Colli di Lapio di Romano Clelia
Campania	Feudi di San Gregorio
Campania	Mastroberardino
Campania	Quintodecimo
Campania	Salvatore Molettieri
Campania	Az. Agricola San Salvatore 1988
Campania	Terredora di Paolo
Emilia-Romagna	Tenuta Pederzana
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Bastianich
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Jermann
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Livio Felluga
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Marco Felluga - Russiz Superiore
Friuli/Venezia-Giulia	Vie di Romans
Lazio	Famiglia Cotarella
Liguria	Terenzuola
Lombardy	ARPEPE
Lombardy	Bellavista
Lombardy	Ca' del Bosco
Lombardy	Conte Vistarino
Lombardy	Guido Berlucchi
Lombardy	Nino Negri
Marche	Bisci
Marche	Garofoli
Marche	Umani Ronchi
Molise	Catabbo Cantine
Northeast	Masottina
Northeast	Nino Franco
Northeast	Villa Sandi
Piedmont	Poderi Aldo Conterno
Piedmont	Cavallotto
Piedmont	Elvio Cagno
Piedmont	Bruno Giacosa
Piedmont	COMM. G.B. Burlotto

Piedmont	G.D. Vajra
Piedmont	Mascarello Giuseppe & Figlio
Piedmont	Sandrone Luciano
Piedmont	Marchesi di Barolo
Piedmont	Massolino Vigna Rionda
Piedmont	Oddero Poderi e Cantine
Piedmont	Paolo Scavino
Piedmont	Pecchenino
Piedmont	Pio Cesare
Piedmont	Produttori del Barbaresco
Piedmont	Prunotto
Piedmont	Ratti
Piedmont	Roagna
Piedmont	Vietti
Puglia	Masseria Li Veli
Puglia	Tormaresca
Sardinia	Agripunica
Sardinia	Argiolas
Sicily	Benanti
Sicily	Carranco
Sicily	Cusumano
Sicily	Donnafugata
Sicily	Azienda Agricola Francesco Tornatore
Sicily	Feudi del Pisciotto
Sicily	Feudo Maccari
Sicily	Feudo Montoni di Fabio Sireci
Sicily	Graci
Sicily	Morgante
Sicily	Passopisciari
Sicily	Pietradolce
Sicily	Planeta
Sicily	Tasca d'Almerita – Tenuta Regaleali
Sicily	Tenuta delle Terre Nere
Sicily	Zisola
Trentino/Alto Adige	Nals Margreid
Trentino/Alto Adige	Cantina Terlano
Trentino/Alto Adige	Elena Walch
Trentino/Alto Adige	Ferrari Trento
Trentino/Alto Adige	San Leonardo
Tuscany	Altesino
Tuscany	Marchesi Antinori
Tuscany	Argiano

Tuscany	Ricasoli
Tuscany	Biondi-Santi Tenuta Greppo
Tuscany	Boscarelli
Tuscany	Canalicchio Di Sopra
Tuscany	Carpineto
Tuscany	Casanova di Neri
Tuscany	Banfi
Tuscany	Castello di Albola
Tuscany	Castello di Ama
Tuscany	Castello Di Monsanto
Tuscany	Castello Di Volpaia
Tuscany	Fèlsina
Tuscany	Fontodi
Tuscany	Il Poggione
Tuscany	Isole e Olena
Tuscany	Istine
Tuscany	Lamole di Lamole
Tuscany	Le Macchiole
Tuscany	Marchesi Frescobaldi
Tuscany	Ornellaia
Tuscany	Petrolo
Tuscany	Poggerino
Tuscany	Rocca delle Macie
Tuscany	Rocca di Montegrossi
Tuscany	San Felice
Tuscany	San Filippo
Tuscany	Fattoria San Giusto a Rentennano
Tuscany	Tenuta San Guido
Tuscany	Valdicava
Tuscany	Vecchie Terre di Montefili
Umbria	Arnaldo Caprai
Umbria	Lungarotti
Umbria	Scacciadiavoli
Umbria	Tabarrini
Valle d'Aosta	Les Crêtes
Veneto	Allegrini
Veneto	Bertani
Veneto	Gerardo Cesari
Veneto	Gini
Veneto	Pieropan
Veneto	Masi
Veneto	Monte del Frà



Veneto	Graziano Prà
Veneto	Anselmi
Veneto	Dal Forno Romano
Veneto	Suavia
Veneto	Tedeschi
Veneto	Tommasi
Veneto	Bussola Tommaso
Veneto	Zenato Winery

About Vinitaly:

Vinitaly 2024 will be held from April 14th to the 17th. Vinitaly 2023 counted 93,000 visitors of which 29,600 were top international buyers from 143 different countries. The première event to Vinitaly, OperaWine “*Finest Italian Wines: Great Producers Selected by Wine Spectator*” which was held on the 1st of April, one day prior to Vinitaly, united international wine professionals, offering them the unique opportunity to discover and taste the wines of the 130 Best Italian Producers, as selected by Wine Spectator. Since 1998 Vinitaly travels to several countries thanks to its strategic arm abroad, Vinitaly International. In February 2014 Vinitaly with Vinitaly International launched an educational project, the Vinitaly International Academy (VIA) with the aim of divulging and broadcasting the excellence and diversity of Italian wine around the globe. VIA this year launched the 26th edition of its Certification Course. To date, there are 340 Certified Italian Wine Ambassadors of which 16 are also Italian Wine Experts.

About Wine Spectator:

Wine Spectator is the world’s leading authority on wine. Anchored by Wine Spectator magazine, a print publication that reaches around 3 million readers worldwide, the brand also encompasses the Web’s most comprehensive wine site (WineSpectator.com), mobile platforms and a series of signature events. Wine Spectator examines the world of wine from the vineyard to the table, exploring wine’s role in contemporary culture and delivering expert reviews of more than 15,000 wines each year. Parent company M. Shanken Communications, Inc., also publishes Cigar Aficionado, Whisky Advocate, Market Watch, Shanken News Daily and Shanken’s Impact Newsletter.