WE LOVE OUR TOP 100 ITALIAN WINES IN 2018 If you are reading this you probably aren't surprised that our Italian Wine of the Year 2018 is the Antinori Solaia 2015. Some of you might find it predictable, even boring. But I believe that when something is amazing quality and is a historical game-changing-icon wine from Italy, it deserves the honor. Think for a moment what Italy would be without Solaia. It is a wine that revolutionized the world of Italian wine forever when it was created in 1978. Of course, it was launched seven years after its sibling Super Tuscan red, Tignanello. However, I argue that it became the icon for modern winemaking in Tuscany and a symbol for the new spirit of wine in Italy. Over the years, I have heard the patriarch of the Antinori clan, Piero Antinori, say that he made Solaia to show the world that Italy could make world-class wines that could compete

and character that shows an incredible depth and strength. It's a wine that makes your mind race with subtle thoughts and passion for its great quality. It is emotionally charged with all of its provenance and pedigree. This is why I rated it 100 points and why we choose it as our Italian Wine of the Year 2018. Solaia's sublime quality highlights how Tuscany shined so, so brightly in the 2015 vintage, which is why five of the Top 10 Italian Wines of the Year came from Italy's premier wine region from that year. We also chose an amazing Barbaresco from a challenging year, a legendary red from Campania, and a magnificent old-vine white from Collio. I personally want to taste (or I should say, drink!) them all again. "The 2015 Solaia is the best Solaia ever. It's a wine that makes your mind race with subtle thoughts and passion for its great quality." Our no. 2 wine, Argentiera

here. Try from 2022.