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Top 100 Wines of Italy 2025: A Return to Value, Authenticity and Altitude The following is an excerpt from James Suckling's article: The main criteria for selecting our wines for the Top 100 Italian Wines 2025 list were quality and price, followed by what we call the "wow factor" – the emotional response a truly great wine gives us. Most of the wines on the list are rated 98 or 97 points and have an average price of about $125 a bottle, but we tried to find wines for much less than that, as you can see. A few are much more expensive, but we just could not leave them out because of their incredible quality. To qualify, wines needed to have a minimum production of 3,000 bottles. A few of the selections may not yet be available on the market but will be released soon. Others may be slightly less than the minimum production but we had to include them on our list. The rest

does nearly every year, with 44 of the 100 wines. Piedmont comes in second with 26 selections, followed by Sicily with seven and Trentino-Alto Adige with six. These numbers show just how concentrated the top wines still are in Italy's historic regions, while also highlighting the momentum building in the south and the far north. Barolo and Brunello di Montalcino remain the strongest appellations on our list, with 22 and 18 wines, respectively. This also reflects the outstanding vintages recently released from both zones – 2021 in Barolo and 2019 for single-vineyard and riserva Brunellos. These two appellations continue to define the standard for ageworthy Italian reds, even as other regions grow in stature. In Brunello, standout producers include Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona with its Brunello di Montalcino Pianrosso 2020, Il Marroneto and its Brunello di