**Top 100 Wines of Italy 2026: Pride of Place** "Almost everywhere in the wine world, you hear the same thing: young people don't drink wine. But perhaps we should be asking a different question. What kinds of wines are they drinking when, and if, they do? Wine is a traditional world, and trends should always be treated with some caution... Climate change obviously plays an important role in determining ripeness and alcohol levels, but many winemakers are doing their best to mitigate its effects and make balanced wines. Many of Italy's leading producers today are making wines that are fresher, clearer and less heavy... Choosing our Top 100 Wines of Italy for 2026 from about 7,000 Italian wines we tasted during the past year – out of the more than 30,000 wines in total we have rated ... Among the many Italian wines and vintages we reviewed coming onto the market, one

sandalwood and balsamic. Medium-bodied with a tight and rich center palate and a chewy and powerful finish. This needs time to come together and soften slightly. Best after 2029." Full article by James Scukling and Aldo Fiordelli:  https://www.jamessuckling.com/wine-tasting-reports/top-100-wines-of-italy-2026-pride-of-place