

2021: In Memoriam

Remembering the standard-bearers, friends and family of the wine industry who died this year



Before we look ahead to whatever 2022 may bring, Wine Spectator's editors would like to remember the wine industry pioneers, innovators, leaders and chroniclers we lost this year, some of them to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year we bid farewell to Steven Spurrier, organizer of the famed 1976 Paris Tasting, as well as Châteauneuf-du-Pape star Philippe Cambie and Barolo champion Pio Boffa. We also lost California wine pioneers David Bruce and Au Bon Climat co-founder Jim Clendenen, and Hollywood producer-turned-Oregon vintner Mark Tarlov. We'll fondly remember these members of our community that we lost in 2021.

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Andrea Franchetti bought his Tenuta Trinoro farm as a retreat with the money he made selling a painting. The idea of planting vines came later. (Molchen Photo)

Andrea Franchetti

After creating a cult wine from the remote Val d'Orcia hills of Tuscany at Tenuta Trinoro, he became a key figure in the renaissance of Sicily's Mount Etna at his Passopisciaro winery.

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