

101 THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT ITALY

The call of *la dolce vita* brings millions of visitors to Italy each year, ready to explore the country's rich art and history, the thriving wine and food culture, stunning scenery and more. Enjoying Italy is as much about the broad, bucket list items (glimpsing Venice on the horizon as you speed across the lagoon from the airport) as it is the smaller details (enjoying the hustle-bustle of Rome's Campo de' Fiori with its stacks of fresh produce and flowers). Large and small, here are 101 things that remind us why we love Italy.



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On the northern slope of Mount Etna, Terre Nere vineyard produces Feudo di Mezzo *cru* bottlings from 60- to 80-year-old vines.

99 ETNA'S TERRIFIC TERROIR

Getting to know the wines of Mount Etna, one of Italy's trendiest growing regions, is as much about finding favorite wineries as it is about exploring *terroir* across several producers. Area wines are often labeled by their *crus*, known locally as *contrade*, a historic delineation that highlights the recognizable flavor and character of a special spot. —A.N.

TOP 5 CONTRADE TO LOOK FOR

- Calderara Sottana
- Feudo di Mezzo
- Guardiola
- Rampante
- San Lorenzo

The following wineries produce bottlings from one or more of the above *contrade*: Cusumano; Graci; Pietradolce; Girolamo Russo; Tasca d'Almerita; Tenuta delle Terre Nere; Vini Franchetti-Passopisciaro