

## Ian D'Agata's Great Italian Wines of 2022

Once again, it's that time of year when we all begin looking back and take stock of what happened during the previous twelve months or so in trying to put events and discoveries in perspective. In my line of work, that also means compiling a list of top, great and/or unmissable wines that were released during the year. I have been putting together such a list annually since more or less 2004 and I always have a lot of fun with it: the goal, *my* goal at least, is never to just list a long lineup of superexpensive, usually hard to get a hold of wines, but rather to draw a hopefully complete picture of what the wine production of Italy in 2022 was like. Which means a list of wines that will include many different wines, different because of the grape varieties they are made with and because of the regions they are made in but also the wine style/category they belong to as well as their respective price points. Hopefully, there will be something for everyone, not just the collectors among us.

- **WINERY OF THE YEAR**

It has been a few years now that this group of wineries, run by Claudio Tipa with flair, class and real competence, not to mention passion, have been putting out one great wine after another. This year the list of wines made by these four estates was just too good to ignore: the 2016 Brunello Riserva from Poggio di Sotto would be reason enough to award this winery group with the year's "best of" award, but fact is, there are a bunch of other memorable wines made this year. Well done!

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**Vini Franchetti/Passopisciaro** 2020 Contrada R Sicilia 94

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