



# GREAT WINES OF ITALY TASTING TICKET

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## Welcome to Great Wines of Italy Hong Kong!

JamesSuckling.com is elated to be able to bring this collection of great wines to Hong Kong. We have a fantastic selection of 40 of Italy's recent releases available for you to taste today, all rated 92 points or more, which means they are outstanding quality!

This cheat sheet is designed to make your tasting experience as convenient as possible. The wines are listed by region from north to south Italy, and grouped by category. Please order the wine by the order number with our wine team. The bottles will travel around the room, so if one is not available the moment you ask, simply come back to it again a little later.

If you share your experience on social media, don't forget to tag us **@james.suckling** and use the hashtags **#greatwinesofitaly** **#gwoi2022**.

Cheers, and we hope you enjoy the tasting!

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**Red**

- #1 Fratelli Ferrero Barolo Pinin 2016** 92pts  
A juicy red with berry and cherry character. Some plum and bitter chocolate. Full-bodied. Creamy finish. A little short. Better after 2024.
- #2 Giovanni Sordo Barolo Ravera 2018** 92pts  
Nutty, mushroomy aromas take on red cherries on the medium-bodied palate to give a pleasant flavor profile, with tannins that firm up as the palate progresses. This needs some time to even out. Nice intensity. Try from 2024.
- #3 Il Poggione Rosso di Montalcino 2020** 92pts  
Plum and berry with some smoky bark undertones. It's medium-bodied with delicious fruit and a crunchy finish. Drink now.
- #4 Renieri Rosso di Montalcino 2019** 92pts  
A fresh red with aromas of raspberries, redcurrants, baking spices and orange peel. Medium-bodied with sleek tannins. Creamy texture with bright acidity and a fruity, zesty and flavorful finish with excellent length. From organically grown grapes. Drink now.
- #5 Castelli del Grevepesa Chianti Classico Clemente VII Riserva 2019** 93pts  
Sour cherries, blackberries, cardamom, bark and grilled herbs on the nose. Medium-bodied with firm, tight tannins. Savory herb and bark character with toasty espresso notes at the end. Better after 2023.
- #6 Castello di Monsanto Chianti Classico Riserva 2019** 94pts  
Crushed stones with black cherries and fresh flowers. Medium to full body, firm tannins and a flavorful finish. Still so young and fruity with wonderful energy. Give it another two or three years, if you can bear to wait.
- #7 Ruffino Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Ducale Oro Riserva 2018** 94pts  
Black-cherry and cola aromas with hints of toasted oak. Medium-bodied with firm tannins and a tight, linear finish. Hints of mushrooms and cedar. Drink or hold.
- #8 Tenuta di Nozzole Chianti Classico La Forra Riserva 2018** 93pts  
Lots of sweet berries, cherries and vanilla, yet it's attractive and enticing. Medium-bodied with lovely fruit through the finish. Very fruity, but in-check. Give it a little time to come together in the bottle. Try after 2022.
- #9 Frescobaldi Chianti Classico Tenuta Perano 2019** 94pts  
A full-bodied red with plum and walnut aromas and flavors. Some meat and spice, too. Firm and silky. Flavorful. Real Chianti Classico. Drink now.
- #10 Castello di Albola Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Santa Caterina 2019** 94pts  
Intense nose of bramble fruit, truffles, porcini, white pepper, spice box and dried flowers. Medium-to full-bodied with a compact and delicious core of dried flowers, herbs and earthy elements. The oak only comes through at the very end with hints of toffee. All wrapped in a polished, firm-tannin structure. Try from 2023.
- #11 Fèlsina Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Colonia 2019** 94pts  
Intense nose of wild blueberries, dried cherries, mint, roasted espresso and toffee. It's medium-to full-bodied with a firm tannin frame. Structured and polished. Dense, toasty and compact for now. Try from 2024.
- #12 Volpaia Chianti Classico Gran Selezione Coltassala 2019** 95pts  
Aromas of black cherries and citrus with some graphite and smoke. Medium-bodied with firm, juicy tannins that are chewy now, but will soften with age. Racy and long at the end. From organically grown grapes. Better after 2024.

<b>#13 Castello di Bossi Chianti Classico Gran Selezione 2018</b>	94pts
Sweet berries and cherries with some vanilla and cedar character. Medium body and creamy, juicy tannins. Tangy acidity. Plum, citrus and vanilla undertones. Drink or hold.	
<b>#14 Corte dei Venti Brunello di Montalcino 2017</b>	93pts
Beautiful ripe fruit with freshness and floral character at the same time. Medium to full body with firm, creamy tannins and a long, linear finish. Very finely crafted tannins. Give it two or three years to soften.	
<b>#15 Cortonesi Brunello di Montalcino La Mannella 2017</b>	93pts
Extremely refined and together 2017, with round, fine tannins that show tension and balance. Medium to full body, creamy texture and a delicious finish. Savory and juicy. Drink now.	
<b>#16 Frescobaldi Brunello di Montalcino Castelgiocondo 2017</b>	93pts
Dark-cherry and walnut aromas with some dried flowers . Cedar comes through as well. It's full-bodied with round, juicy tannins. Needs some time to soften. Better after 2023.	
<b>#17 Piancornello Brunello di Montalcino 2017</b>	93pts
Sweet berries and cherries with some flowers. It's medium-to full-bodied with fine tannins and a fresh and an extremely long finish. Really nicely done for this hot vintage. Juicy. Just give it another year or two, to even it out Try after 2022.	
<b>#18 Uccelliera Brunello di Montalcino 2017</b>	93pts
A solid 2017, but there's tangy freshness to this, and relatively fine tannins that frame the wine nicely. Plenty of ripe fruit. Some fresh mushroom, too. Drink after 2023.	
<b>#19 Ventolaio Brunello di Montalcino 2017</b>	92pts
Cherries and dried berries with orange peel and dried flowers on the nose. Medium to full body, firm tannins and a chewy yet polished texture at the finish. Well done for the vintage. Drinkable now, but better in 2023 and onwards.	
<b>#20 Cordella Brunello di Montalcino 2016</b>	95pts
Gently perfumed with lavender, cedar and ripe blackberries. It's full-bodied and smooth with ripe tannins. Just the right amount of chewiness. Lovely chocolate and hazelnut notes on the finish. From organically grown grapes. Drink after 2024.	
<b>#21 Canalicchio di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino 2016</b>	94pts
A dusty, tannic red with plum, red berry and cedar, chocolate and walnut undertones. It's full-bodied, yet reserved and tight with ultra fine tannins and a vivid finish. A pretty, polished red. Drink after 2022.	
<b>#22 Ventolaio Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2016</b>	94pts
Plenty of ripe and fresh fruit with citrus and rose aromas that follow through to a medium body with fine tannins and a bright, vivid finish. Hints of orange-peel and light pie-crust flavors in the aftertaste. Drinkable now, but better in a year or two.	
<b>#23 Cerbaia Brunello di Montalcino Vigna Cerbaia Riserva 2015</b>	93pts
Lots of raw cacao nibs, black cherries and bark on the nose. It's full-bodied with firm, fine tannins. Dark chocolate and dried cherries with savory black-olive and tobacco notes at the finish. Best from 2022, but already open and attractive.	
<b>#24 Bonacchi Brunello di Montalcino Riserva 2012</b>	92pts
A juicy and fruity red with plum and chocolate-flake aromas and flavors. Some cedar, too. Full-bodied with chewy tannins and a savory finish. Slight bitter citrus and sandalwood at the end. Drink or hold.	

<b>#25 Podernuovo a Palazzone Toscana Therra 2019</b>	92pts
Pure aromas of graphite, purple fruit and lead pencil. Full-bodied, but tight and compact, with finesse and a lovely texture to the tannins. Good length. A blend of sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Drinkable now, but needs another year or two to soften and open. Try after 2024.	
<b>#26 Elena Walch Lagrein Alto Adige Vigna Castel Ringberg Riserva 2019</b>	93pts
This has a perfumed nose of violet essence, blueberry pie, cassis, nutmeg and pink peppercorns. Medium to full body with soft, velvety tannins and a plush and creamy texture. Polished and delicious. Drink or hold.	
<b>#27 Campo alle Comete Bolgheri Stupore 2020</b>	93pts
Sweet berries and roses with lots of rose stems and petals. Medium-bodied with firm and creamy tannins that have a minerally undertone and lovely length. Juicy acidity. Give it time to open. Better after 2024.	
<b>#28 Orma Bolgheri Passi di Orma 2019</b>	94pts
Very aromatic with flowers, cream and some vanilla. Currants and cherries come through. Medium-bodied, firm and creamy with tension and energy at the end. A little tight on the finish. Give it two or three years to come around.	
<b>#29 Bonacchi Toscana Badesco 2018</b>	93pts
A perfumed nose of blackberry, blueberry, smoked paprika, mushroom and earth. Medium-bodied with chalky tannins and lively acidity. Velvety, with spicy character and a savory finish. Fine texture at the end. Fresh. A blend of sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Drink or hold.	
<b>#30 Capezzana Toscana Ghiaie della Furba 2018</b>	93pts
Blackcurrant and crushed stone with some flint on the nose and palate. Lead pencil, too. Medium-bodied with tight, chewy tannins that are polished. Juicy finish. From organically grown grapes. Better after 2023.	
<b>#31 Castello di Bossi Toscana Corbaia 2019</b>	93pts
Blackcurrants and fresh herbs with spices and berries on the nose and palate. Medium to full body. Sweet fruit in the center-palate and dark-chocolate and spicy undertones at the end. From organically grown grapes. Unfiltered. Give it two or three years to soften. Better after 2024.	
<b>#32 Podere Sapaio Toscana Sapaio 2018</b>	92pts
Polished aromas of blueberries, mulberries, baking spice, sandalwood and rosemary. It's full-bodied with tight, chewy tannins. Structured and layered with a fleshy texture. Try from 2023.	
<b>#33 Fanti Toscana Poggio Torto 2020</b>	92pts
Savory red with aromas of cherry stones, mushrooms, bark and lemon peel. Medium-bodied with chewy tannins and tangy acidity. Energetic finish. Drink or hold.	
<b>#34 Tenuta Del Buonamico Toscana Cercatoja 2017</b>	93pts
Attractive and lightly velvety red with berry, light chocolate and cedar character. Medium-bodied with medium, round tannins and a savory finish. Nicely austere on the finish, giving this blended red a level of excitement. Drink or hold.	
<b>#35 Podernuovo a Palazzone Toscana Argirio 2017</b>	93pts
Lots of ripe fruit with dried berries, black olives and lavender. Tar, too. Full-bodied, chewy and flavorful. Sandalwood and walnut notes. This is very concentrated and rich. Give it time to soften and come together. Better after 2022.	
<b>#36 Rocca di Frassinello Maremma Toscana Baffonero 2019</b>	93pts
A velvety-textured red with lots of black-olive, raspberry and violet character. Medium-to full-bodied. Poised and energetic merlot. Drinkable now, but better in two or three years.	

- #37 Ruffino Toscana Modus 2019** 94pts  
Aromas of crushed stones, dark berries and blueberries follow through to a medium to full body with creamy tannins and a medium-chewy finish. Chocolate at the end. Sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and merlot. Two or three years of bottle age will bring this around nicely. Drink after 2024.
- #38 Donnachiara Taurasi 2017** 95pts  
A very polished, intense aglianico with blackberry, blueberry, rose-stem and wet-earth aromas and flavors. What really impresses is the polished nature of the tannins that caress and massage the palate. Love the finish, too. A special wine. Drink or hold.
- #39 Villa Saletta Toscana Saletta Giulia 2018** 94pts  
Pretty aromas of blackberries, herbs, green olives, and blood orange. Smoky. Full-bodied with tight grained tannins. Juicy and flavorful. Round and caressing. 60% cabernet franc and 40% cabernet sauvignon.
- #40 Zenato Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2017** 94pts  
Complex and deep nose with blackberries and subtle black dates, Chinese herbal medicine, porcini, chili chocolate and cocoa beans. Classic Amarone palate with an excellent balance between juicy freshness and dried fruit. Outstanding tannin quality here, with lots of resolve and finesse. Long and rather subtle, too. Textbook reference for quality Amarone today, with some modern drinkability despite the 16.5% alcohol. Delicious now, but better to hold for extra complexity.