




Learning Objectives

- Name and locate some lesser known Italian appellations
- Describe the primary grapes and wine styles found in those Italian appellations
- Give examples of some Italian indigenous grapes and the flavors of the wines they're used in

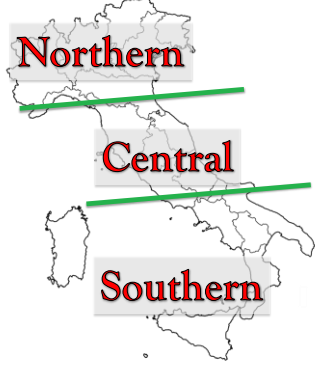
Italian Wine



334 DOCs
74 DOCGs

 350
Indigenous
Varieties
(~2000 may exist)

Back Roads Trip for Italian Wine



Northern Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Friuli Venezia Giulia



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White Grapes:

- Friulano**
(2911 ha)
- Picolit**
(128 ha)
- Verduzzo**
(1516 ha)

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Friuli Venezia Giulia

Friulano



- Fruity
- Lively
- Mineral
- Almond/Citrus



Lison DOCG

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Sweet wines

Picolit

Verduzzo



Colli Orientali del Friuli Picolit DOCG

Ramandolo DOCG

Subzone: Cialla

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Friuli Venezia Giulia



White Grapes:

Friulano
(2911 ha)

Picolit
(128 ha)

Verduzzo
(1516 ha)

Red Grapes:
Refosco

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Friuli Venezia Giulia

Refosco

Refosco dal Perduncolo Rosso

- Dried red cherries
- Herbs
- Lavender
- Rough tannins

Refosco Nostrano

- Smoother Tannins
- Acidic
- Red licorice
- Spices (cinnamon)

Subzone: Faedis

Friuli Colli Orientali DOC

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Veneto



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White Grapes:

- Chardonnay
- Friulano
- Manzoni Bianco
- Verduzzo

Red Grapes:

- Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot
- Carmenère
- Raboso

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Veneto

Raboso



- Deep color
- Tannic
- Acidic
- Low Alcohol



Piave DOC

Piave Malanotte DOCG

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Trentino-Alto Adige



Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Trentino-Alto Adige



White Grapes:

- Chardonnay
- Pinot Grigio

Red Grapes:

- Schiava
- Lagrein
- Teroldego
- Pinot Nero

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Trentino -Alto Adige



- Soft Tannin
- Red Cherry
- Ink, Tar



- Harsh Tannin
- Black fruit
- Black tea

Teroldego

Teroldego Rotaliano DOC

Lagrein

Trentino DOC

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Trentino -Alto Adige



Schiava (Vernatsch)

a.k.a
Schiava Gentile
Schiava Grossa
Schiava Grigia



- Light/Medium Body
- High Acid
- Intense Strawberry, Cherry, Cranberry, Pomegranate

Lago di Caldaro DOC
Santa Maddalena subzone (Südtirol DOC)

Northern Italian Wine

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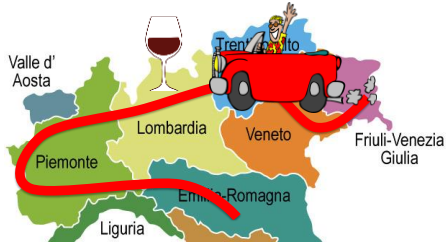
Schiava

Lago di Caldaro DOC
Südtirol DOC

- Südtirol subzones for Schiava*
- Colli di Bolzano
 - Meranese di Colina
 - Santa Maddalena

Valdadige DOC
(Etschtaler DOC)

Northern Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Lombardia



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Valtellina
Valtellina Rosso DOC
Valtellina Superiore DCG
Sforzato di Valtellina DCG

Oltrepò Pavese DOC

Northern Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Lombardia - Valtellina Region



Valtellina
Valtellina Rosso DOC
Valtellina Superiore DCG
Sforzato di Valtellina DCG

Nebbiolo
a.k.a Chiavennasca

Superiore Subzones: Grumello, Inferno, Maroggia, Sassella, Valgella
Superiore Aging: 2 years (one in barrel), 3 years (Riserva)
Sforzato: Appassimento Process, Minimum alcohol: 14%

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Oltrepò Pavese DOC

- 10 – Oltrepò Pavese DOC
- 19 – Oltrepò Pavese Metodo Classico DOCG
- 21 – Pinot Nero dell'Oltrepò Pavese DOC
- 23 – Pinot Nero dell'Oltrepò Pavese DOC
- 23 – Bonarda dell'Oltrepò Pavese DOC
- 20 - Sangue di Guida Oltrepò;
- 22 - Buttafuoco dell'Oltrepò Pavese

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Bonarda dell'Oltrepò Pavese



Croatina

- Dark Cherries
- Blackberry
- Tangy Plum
- Medium Tannin
- Full, Rich



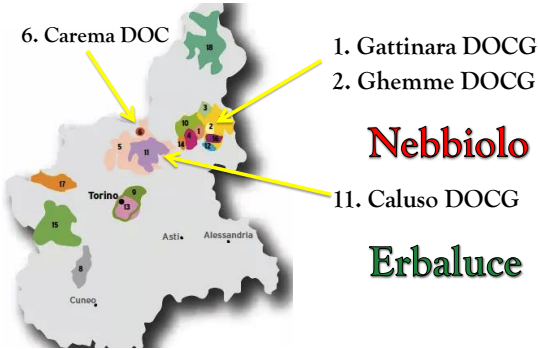
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Back Roads Trip Stop: Piemonte



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Back Roads Trip Stop: Northern Piemonte



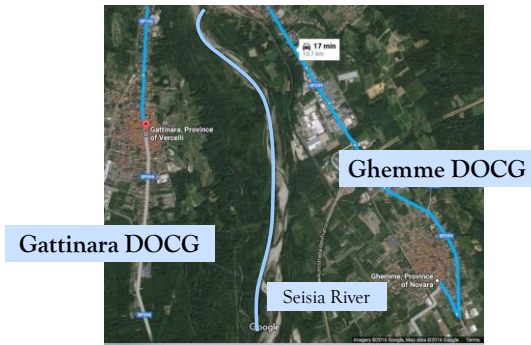
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- 2. Ghemme DOCG

Nebbiolo

Erbaluce

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Gattinara DOCG

Ghemme DOCG

Seisia River

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Nebbiolo = **Spanna**

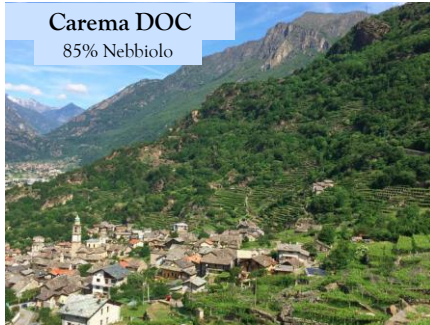


Gattinara DOCG
 90% Spanna
 10% Uva Rara, 4% Vespolina

Ghemme DOCG
 85% Spanna
 15% Uva Rara and/or
 Vespolina

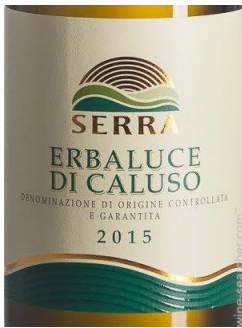
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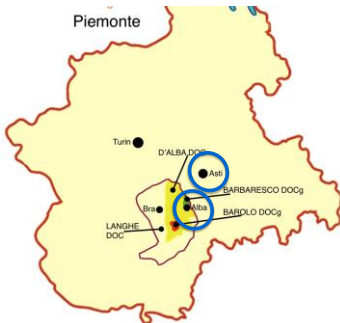
Caluso DOCG
 Erbaluce di Caluso
 DOCG

Erbaluce

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|----------------|---------------|
| Dry: | Spumante: |
| • Light Bodied | • Fresh Fruit |
| • Crisp Apples | • Mineral |
| Sweet: | • Acidity |
| • Peaches | |
| • Almond | |

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Southern Piemonte



- Grapes:
- Cortese**
 - Barbera**
 - Grignolino**
 - Freisa**

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Southern Piemonte



1. **Cortese di Gavi**
DOCG

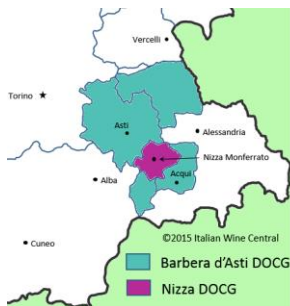
(or Gavi DOCG)
Cortese

- Very High Acidity
- Minerality
- Lemon
- White Flowers
- Herbs
- Light & Fruity

Gavi di Gavi

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Back Roads Trip Stop: Southern Piemonte



Barbera

Barbera d'Asti DOCG

Nizza DOCG

Barbera d'Alba DOC

- High Acidity
- Low Tannin
- Tart Red Fruit
- Dried Herbs
- Lavender

Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Southern Piemonte



Grignolino

Freisa

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| • High Acidity | • High Acidity |
| • High Tannin | • High Tannin |
| • Light Body | |
| • Light Color | |
| • Cranberry | • Strawberry |
| • Fresh Flowers | • Sour Red |
| • White Pepper | • Cherry |
| | • Earth |
| | • Sandalwood |

Grignolino d'Asti DOC

Grignolino del Monferrato Casalese DOC

Freisa d'Asti DOC

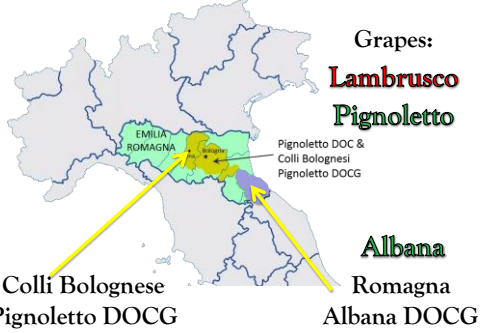
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Back Roads Trip Stop: Emilia-Romagna



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Northern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Emilia Romagna



Albana

- High Acidity
- Light Body
- Nutty
- Dry
- Passito

Pignoletto Grechetto

- Lemon
- White Flowers
- Yellow Apple
- Anise

Romagna Albana DOCG

Colli Bolognesi Pignoletto DOCG

Central Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Toscana



Central Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Toscana



Carmignano DOCG



- Minimum 50% Sangiovese
- 10-20% Cabernet Franc or Cabernet Sauvignon
- Max 20% Canaiolo Nero
- Max 10% Canaiolo Bianco / Trebbiano

Central Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Marche & Abruzzo



Central Italian Wine Grapes

Back Roads Trip Stop: Marche



Grapes:
Pecorino
Passerina
Montepulciano

Offida DOCG

Central Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Marche



Montepulciano

- Red Cherry, Herbs
- Light to Full Bodied

Pecorino

- High Acidity
- High Alcohol
- Apple, Pear
- Delicate Herbs (Sage, Thyme, Mint)

Passerina

- High Acidity
- Citrus
- Tropical Fruit

Offida DOCG, Marche, Italy

Central Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Abruzzo

Trebbiano d'Abruzzo DOC



Trebbiano
Bombino Bianco

- White Flowers
- Citrus
- Peach

- Trebbiano Varieties*
- Trebbiano Abruzzese ← Highest Quality
 - Trebbiano Toscano ← a.k.a Ugni Blanc
 - Trebbiano di Soave
 - Trebbiano Giallo ← a.k.a Verdicchio
 - Trebbiano Romagnolo ← Trebbiano di Lugano
 - Trebbiano Modnese
 - Trebbiano Spoletino

Central Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Lazio



Central Italian Wine Grapes Back Roads Trip Stop: Lazio



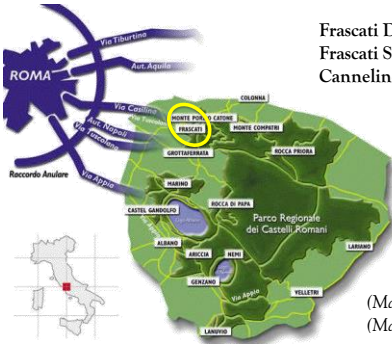
Grapes:

Malvasia
Trebbiano

Frascati DOC
Frascati Superiore DOCG
Cannellino di Frascati DOCG

Est! Est!! Est!!! di Montefiascone DOC

Central Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Lazio



Frascati DOC
Frascati Superiore DOCG
Cannellino di Frascati DOCG

Malvasia

(Malvasia Bianca Candia)
(Malvasia del Lazio)

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Back Roads Trip Stop: Lazio

Est! Est!! Est!!! di Montefiascone DOC

Trebbiano

(Trebbiano Toscano 50-65%, a.k.a Procanico)

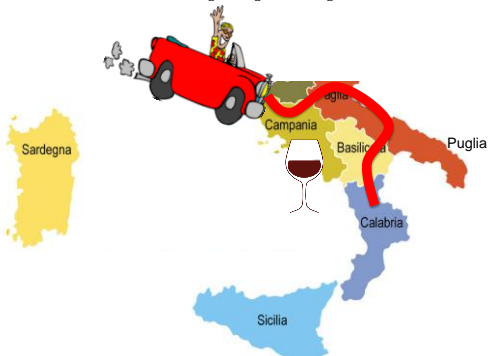
(Trebbiano Giallo, 25-40% a.k.a Rossetto)

(Malvasia, 10-20%)



Southern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Campania



Southern Italian Wine

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Grapes:

Coda di Volpe

Piederosso

Southern Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Campania

Vesuvio DOC

Coda di Volpe

- High extract color
- Low acid
- Medium body
- Peach, Pineapple,

Papaya

35% required in Vesuvio Bianco

35% required in Lacryma Christi
or Lacryma Christi Spumante



Verdeca

Falanghina or Greco

Southern Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Campania

Vesuvio DOC

Piederosso

- Red Berries
- Floral
- Tar, Herbal
- Deep ruby color
- Full bodied, soft tannin

50% required in Vesuvio Rosso or Rosato

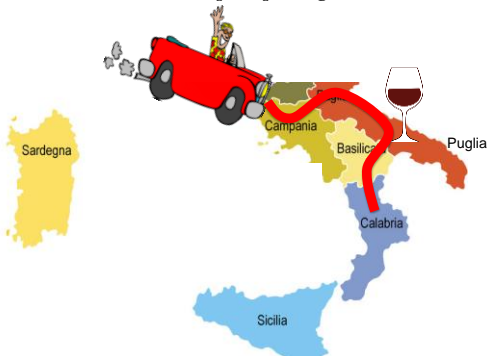
50% required in Lacryma Christi Rosso or Rosato



Sciascinoso (30%)

Aglianico (20%)

Southern Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Puglia



Southern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Puglia



- Castel del Monte DOC
- Castel del Monte del Bombino Nero DOCG
 - Castel del Monte Nero di Troia Riserva DOCG
 - Castel del Monte Rosso Riserva DOCG

Southern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Puglia



Castel del Monte

Grapes:

Bombino Bianco

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc

Aglianico

Bombino Nero

Uva di Troia

Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon

Southern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Puglia

Castel Del Monte
Bombino Nero DOCG

Bombino Nero

- 90% Bombino Nero
 - Intense color
 - High acid
 - Light to medium body
 - Flavors: red berries, floral, citrus



Southern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Puglia

Castel Del Monte
Nero di Troia Riserva DOCG

Nero di Troia

- 90% Uva di Troia (Nero di Troia)
- Moderate acid
- Full body
- Flavors: red cherry, dark fruit, plum, licorice, black pepper, underbrush

Castel Del Monte Rosso Riserva DOCG
(65% Uva di Troia)



Southern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Basilicata



Southern Italian Wine

Back Roads Trip Stop: Basilicata



- 1 - Aglianico del Vulture DOC
- 5 - Aglianico del Vulture Superiore DOCG

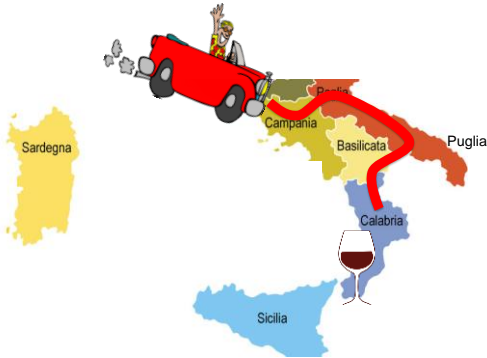
Aglianico (100%)

- Red Roses
- Sour Cherry
- Plum
- Very high acid & tannin

Southern Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Basilicata



Southern Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Calabria



Southern Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Calabria

- 2 - Cirò DOC

Greco

Gaglioppo
(min 80 %)

- Red Berries
- Citrus Zest
- Underbrush
- High acid & rough tannins

Southern Italian Wine Back Roads Trip Stop: Calabria



Road Trip for Italian Wine



Cincin!



Italian Wine Additional Resources

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Websites:

- <http://italianwinecentral.com/>
- <http://winefolly.com/>
- <http://www.wine-searcher.com/regions.lml>
- <http://www.wine-searcher.com/grape-varieties.lml>
- <http://www.localwineevents.com/>**
