

Best Italian Wines of the Year – Forbes 12/17/19

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It's that time again for my choices for the best Italian wines released in 2019. From beautiful white wines from regions such as Campania, Veneto and even Tuscany to brilliant reds from Piedmont, Umbria, Tuscany and several others, I've tried to organize a list that celebrates both the iconic wine types as well as others not as well known as they should be.

2016 Rizzi Barbaresco “Pajoré” - A combination of a great site, a superb traditional producer and an outstanding vintage. Expressive red cherry, currant and strawberry fruit, subtle wood notes, outstanding persistence, very good acidity and notable finesse and charm. A great Barbaresco! Peak in 12-15 years.

2016 Rizzi Barbaresco “Rizzi” - Beautiful red cherry fruit along with subtle notes of oregano and red poppies. Great richness on the palate, very good acidity and amazing harmony. Beautifully managed tannins. Rizzi is always one of the reference points for Barbaresco, yet still does not receive the praise it deserves. Perhaps this will change with the release of these 2016 Barbaresco.

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