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close. de Grazia Imports, LLC. *Editors' Choice*. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$17

91 Le Fraghe 2019 Rodon (Bardolino Chiaretto). Made with organically farmed grapes, this savory rosato offers delicate, enticing aromas of spring wild flower, yellow stone fruit and botanical herb. Juicy, refreshing and delightfully drinkable, the tangy palate doles out pomegranate, sour cherry, orange zest and white pepper alongside crisp acidity. It closes on a saline note. Oliver McCrum Wines. *Editors' Choice*. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$16

90 Gorgo 2019 Bardolino Chiaretto. This crisp rosato opens with aromas of woodland berry and botanical herb. Made with organically grown grapes, it's tangy and vibrant, featuring wild strawberry, pomegranate and fennel before an orange zest finish. Crisp acidity gives a mouth-watering finish. Ideal Wine and Spirits. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$NA

90 Monte del Frà 2019 Bardolino Chiaretto. For full review see page 19. *Editors' Choice*.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$16

89 Guerrieri Rizzardi 2019 Classico Keya (Bardolino Chiaretto). Pretty aromas of spring blossom and peach waft out of the glass. On the vibrant, refreshing palate, crisp acidity lifts sour cherry, red currant and a hint of white pepper. Elixir Wine Group. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$16

89 Le Tende 2019 Classico (Bardolino Chiaretto). Delicate scents reminiscent of spring blossom, wild herb and apple form the shy nose. Made with organically farmed grapes, the palate is more expressive, offering juicy sour cherry, pomegranate and a dash of white pepper alongside zippy acidity. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$NA

88 Rocolo del Lago 2019 Classico (Bardolino Chiaretto). Crisp and savory, this bright rosé features sour cherry, wild strawberry and white-pepper flavors accompanied by vibrant acidity. A saline note marks the dry, tangy finish. Wines LLC. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$17

87 Santi 2019 Infinito (Bardolino Chiaretto). Tangy and refreshing, this bright, enjoyable rosato has strawberry and sour cherry flavors set against crisp acidity. A hint of wild herb gives it a savory close. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$13

86 Montesor 2019 Brolo Alto Rosé (Bardolino Chiaretto). Grapefruit and sour cherry aromas waft out of the glass. The aromas carry over to the light-bodied, informal palate together with crisp acidity. It's simple but well made, with a tangy finish. Saranty Imports. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$15

86 Zeni 2019 Classico Vignealte (Bardolino Chiaretto). Aromas of red berry and vanilla form the nose. Mirroring the aromas, the simple palate offers juicy red cherry, raspberry and a candied note alongside bright acidity. Monsieur Touton Selection Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 12% **Price:** \$15

85 Benazzoli 2019 Tecla (Bardolino Chiaretto). Simple and light bodied, this informal rosato has a shy nose while the palate suggests hints of red berry and citrus. It's crisp, with almost brisk acidity. Domenico Valentino. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$19

85 Zenato 2019 Bardolino Chiaretto. Light-bodied and easygoing, this has aromas suggesting banana and red berry. The aromas carry through to the informal palate along with crisp acidity. Winebow. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$NA

84 Cà Vegar 2019 Bardolino Chiaretto. This has a shy nose that eventually releases whiffs evoking thyme and citrus. The aromas carry over to the light-bodied, rather diluted palate along with brisk acidity before a rather bitter close. Alwaysgood. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$15

84 Tinazzi 2019 Cà de' Rocchi Campo delle Rose (Bardolino Chiaretto). The shy nose doesn't give anything away while the lean, diluted palate offers mere suggestions of red berry and a hint of herb. It's bracing, with brisk acidity. Caput Mundi Wine Import. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$11

OTHER ROSATOS

90 Feliciano 2019 Chiaretto Feudo (Riviera del Garda Classico). This savory rosato has inviting aromas of grapefruit, wild berry and crushed aromatic herb. It's rounded, delicious and tangy, featuring juicy red cherry, crushed strawberry and baking spice alongside tangy acidity. Ribevi Wine Int. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$18

88 Cà Maiol 2019 Chiaretto Riviera del Garda Classico (Valtènesi). This has delicate aromas evoking red berry, wild herb and spring wild flower. It's bright and tangy, with strawberry, red-cherry and orange-zest flavors lifted by fresh acidity. Santa Margherita USA. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$15

87 Avanzi 2019 Chiaretto Riviera del Garda Classico (Valtènesi). Vinous aromas of grape must lift out of the glass. On the straightforward palate, fresh acidity accompanies strawberry, wild cherry and a hint of citrus. The Harvest Importing. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$20

SFORZATO DI VALTELLINA

95 La Perla Marco Triacca 2015 Quattro Soli (Sforzato di Valtellina). Steeped prune, menthol, wild rose and new leather aromas are front and center. It's full bodied but has a weightless finesse, doling out juicy black plum, fleshy Marasca cherry, licorice and tobacco. Tightly knit velvety tannins provide support, while fresh acidity keeps it fresh and balanced. Drink 2022–2030. Regal Wine Imports Inc. *Cellar Selection*. —K.O.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$50

95 La Perla Marco Triacca 2014 Quattro Soli (Sforzato di Valtellina). Aromas of flint, baked plum, wild rose and thyme lead the nose on this full-bodied red. Velvety and enveloping, the smooth palate boasts weightless concentration and elegance, delivering dried cherry, raspberry compote, botanical herb and cooking spice framed in seasoned tannins. Bright acidity keeps it fresh and balanced. Drink through 2026. Regal Wine Imports Inc. *Editors' Choice*. —K.O.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$50

95 Nino Negri 2016 Sfursat 5 Stelle (Sforzato di Valtellina). Aromas of exotic spice, coconut, pine resin and baked plum shape the nose. It's full bodied, delivering steeped prune, raspberry jam, French oak, tobacco and the warmth of evident alcohol set against a backbone of close-grained tannins. Give it time to fully integrate. Drink 2023–2036. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. *Cellar Selection*. —K.O.
abv: 16% **Price:** \$96

93 Nino Negri 2016 Sfursat Carlo Negri (Sforzato di Valtellina). Graphite, underbrush, steeped prune and dark baking spice mingle with a whiff of pine resin. Reflecting the nose, the brawny palate offers fruit cake, baking spice and the warmth of alcohol framed in tightly knit, velvety tannins. Drink through 2026. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 16% **Price:** \$51

90 Scerscè 2018 Nettare Rosso (Valtellina). Aromas of wild rose, red berry and a whiff of wet stone form the delicate nose. Bright and linear, the polished palate offers alpine strawberry, star anise and a hint of botanical herb alongside lithe tannins and vibrant acidity. Drink through 2023. Dalla Terra Winery Direct. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$28

90 Scerscè 2017 Infinito (Sforzato di Valtellina). Stewed prune, nail polish, dried herb and pine-resin aromas mingle together in the glass. On the brawny palate, the warmth of alcohol underscores dried cherry marinated in spirits, hazelnut and tobacco leaf alongside smooth tannins. Showing the heat of the vintage, this is evolving fast so drink sooner rather than later. Dalla Terra Winery Direct. —K.O.
abv: 15% **Price:** \$60

VALTELLINA SUPERIORE

95 La Perla Marco Triacca 2014 Riserva Elisa (Valtellina Superiore). Captivating aromas of pressed rose, forest berry, camphor, wild herb and smoke emerge on this perfumed red. Taut, with youthful tension, the racy palate shows extreme elegance, delivering juicy red cherry, alpine strawberry, white pepper and botanical herb. It shines with intensity and vibrance thanks to bright acidity while taut, refined tannins provide firm but lithe support. Drink 2022–2030. Regal Wine Imports Inc. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$39

93 La Perla Marco Triacca 2015 La Mossa (Valtellina Superiore). Red-berry, rose-petal, wet stone and menthol aromas form the fragrant nose, along with an earthy whiff of new leather. The chiseled, elegantly structured palate features spiced cranberry, juicy red cherry and dark spice framed in taut refined tannins and vibrant acidity. Drink 2021–2027. Regal Wine Imports Inc. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$27

93 Nino Negri 2016 Sassorosso (Valtellina Superiore Grumello). Aromas of rose petal, wet stone and wild red berry form the enticing nose along with whiffs of alpine herb and new leather. The ethereally elegant, vibrant palate continues where the nose began, delivering crushed strawberry, sour cherry and baking spice alongside taut, polished tannins and bright acidity. It closes on notes evoking mint and flinty mineral. Drink through 2026. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$38

93 Nino Negri 2016 Mazèr (Valtellina Superiore). Aromas of pressed rose, camphor and a whiff of Christmas cake form the nose. The elegantly structured savory palate offers Christmas cake, dried cherry baking spice and a hint of star anise alongside taut polished tannins and fresh acidity. Drink 2022–2036. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$38

92 Nino Negri 2016 Inferno Carlo Negri (Valtellina Superiore). Aromas of dark-skinned berry, dried rose, tobacco and new leather slowly take shape in the glass. On the elegantly structured medium-bodied palate, bright acidity and fine-grained tannins lithely support dried cherry, cranberry and cinnamon before an orange-zest and almond finish. Best 2022–2028. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$40

91 La Perla Marco Triacca 2014 La Mossa (Valtellina Superiore). Fragrant and loaded with finesse, this 100% Nebbiolo from the mountains has enticing aromas of wild rose, woodland berry, flint and alpine herb. Focused and all about elegance, the graceful palate offers strawberry,

pomegranate, white pepper and a hint of clove set against polished tannins. Vibrant acidity keeps it balanced. It may too ethereal for some while others will be enchanted. Drink through 2026. Regal Wine Imports Inc. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$27

91 Nino Negri 2016 Le Tense (Valtellina Superiore). Delicate scents of wild herb, red berry and rose waft out of the glass along with a whiff of camphor. It's racy and linear, offering juicy sour cherry, raspberry and star anise framed in taut refined tannins and vibrant acidity. It closes on a savory, almost salty mineral note. Best through 2025. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$38

90 Nino Negri 2016 Inferno (Valtellina Superiore). Strawberry, smoke and alpine herb aromas follow over to the linear, elegant palate along with hints of coffee bean and rusty nail. Bright acidity and polished tannins provide the framework. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$29

90 Nino Negri 2016 Quadrio (Valtellina Superiore). Linear and bright, this fragrant red opens with aromas of woodland berry, wild rose and aromatic herb. The racy palate doles out crushed strawberry, white pepper and clove before a minty, tangy finish. Great value for the quality and the sheer drinking pleasure. Drink through 2024. Frederick Wildman & Sons, Ltd. *Editors' Choice.* —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$20

90 Scerscè 2017 Essenza Nettare (Valtellina Superiore). Underbrush, ripe dark-skinned cherry, scorched earth and a whiff of eucalyptus shape the nose. On the firm palate, tightly wound tannins frame dried cherry, star anise and a hint of hazelnut. Dalla Terra Winery Direct. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$40

CAMPANIA

FIANO DI AVELLINO

93 Mastroberardino 2018 Radici (Fiano di Avellino). For full review see page 9.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$28

93 Mastroberardino 2016 Stilema (Fiano di Avellino). For full review see page 10.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$65

93 Villa Raiano 2018 Ventidue (Fiano di Avellino). Spanish broom, yellow stone fruit, honey and smoky notes waft out of the glass. Reflecting the nose, the elegant, radiant palate shows apricot, golden apple and a hint of honey alongside smoky flint and bright acidity. Wine Icons. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$29

92 Feudi di San Gregorio 2019 Pietracalda (Fiano di Avellino). Spring blossom, orchard fruit and a whiff of wild herb form the nose. Elegantly

structured, the fresh, enveloping palate features mature peach, lemon drop and a hint of nutmeg alongside tangy mineral. Terlato Wines International. —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$33

92 Mastroberardino 2015 More Maiorum (Fiano di Avellino). Subtle but enticing scents of yellow pear, smoke, citrus and hazelnut lift out of the glass along with hints of cedar. The aromas follow through to the elegantly structured palate, together with citrus zest and a hint of acacia honey. Showing the aging potential of Fiano di Avellino, this is a serious white made to accompany an entire meal rather than being poured as an aperitivo. Taub Family Selections. —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$35

92 Villa Raiano 2018 Alimata (Fiano di Avellino). Linear and elegant, this has delicate but enticing aromas of acacia, beeswax, stone fruit and a whiff of honey. The aromas follow through to the racy palate, together with yellow pear, hazelnut and a hint of smoky flint that lends mineral tension. Some may find this too ethereal, while others will be captivated. Wine Icons. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$29

89 Feudi di San Gregorio 2019 Radici (Fiano di Avellino). Crisp and linear, this has delicate scents of yellow pear, hawthorn and a whiff of hazelnut. Reflecting the nose, the tangy palate shows yellow apple, white peach and a hint of Myer lemon alongside a saline note. Terlato Wines International. —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$22

89 Torricino 2019 Fiano di Avellino. Aromas of acacia, peach and exotic fruit take center stage. It's crisp and linear, offering yellow-pear, Meyer lemon and hazelnut flavors accompanied by tangy acidity. Premium Brands. *Best Buy.* —K.O.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$14

89 Villa Matilde 2019 Montelapio (Fiano di Avellino). Yellow spring flower, Mediterranean herb and citrus aromas lead the nose. The linear, vibrant palate offers yellow peach, lemon zest alongside bright acidity before a hint of honeyed nut marks the close. Kobrand. —K.O.
abv: 13.5% **Price:** \$25

87 Nativ 2019 Fiano di Avellino. Tropical fruit, honey and apple aromas lead the way. The aromas carry over to the straightforward palate, along with fresh acidity and a hint of nut. Montcalm Wine Importers. —K.O.
abv: 12.5% **Price:** \$25

GRECO DI TUFO

95 Feudi di San Gregorio 2017 Studi Chiantelle (Greco di Tufo). Inviting aromas of ripe apple, Bartlett pear and white spring flower are front and center on this fragrant white. On the vibrant savory palate, fresh acidity accompanies mature yellow

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