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Italy, Umbria: New Releases

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Here is a batch of wines from Umbria, 92 in total, to get you through the chilly autumn and winter months ahead. Umbria is a land-locked region in central Italy, and although its production veers mostly toward hearty red wines, there are a few crisp and luminous white wines to consider as well.



Downtown Montefalco gears up for a local celebration. This is home to one of Italy's most powerful and structured red wines, Montefalco Sagrantino. Franciscan friars are said to have brought the Sagrantino grape to this area near Assisi to make sacramental wines.

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Marco Caprai faces off with his mini me. The Arnaldo Caprai estate makes some of the region's benchmark wines.



French consultant Michel Rolland now works with the team at Arnaldo Caprai. Two of the portfolio standouts are the Montefalco Sagrantino Spinning Beauty and the Montefalco Sagrantino 25 Anni.

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This is an Umbrian panorama of Sagrantino vineyards at Arnaldo Caprai.

Umbria takes its local traditions very seriously. The town of Bevagna puts on an annual festival called the Mercato delle Gaiete in which professions practiced in the Middle Ages—like ironsmiths, bakers, potters and basket weavers—are reenacted in costume.



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The queen of Torgiano is Chiara Lungarotti of the Lungarotti winery. Her family wrote the blueprint for Umbrian wine, and they run one of the most complete and worthwhile wine museums in Italy today.



Lungarotti is the main player in Umbria's Torgiano appellation that focuses on Grechetto (white) and Sangiovese (red) grapes among others. The estate's Torgiano Rosso Riserva Rubesco Vigna Monticchio is a selection of the estate's best Sangiovese.



The Cotarella family of Falesco Famiglia Cotarella (from left to right): Renzo Cotarella, Enrica Cotarella, Riccardo Cotarella and Paulo De Carvalho. The banner image above shows the new wine wall with library

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bottles at the family winery. They farm vineyards in Umbria and in neighboring Lazio.



The beautiful Castello della Sala owned by the Marchesi Antinori group of Florence makes one of Italy's iconic white wines, the Cervaro della Sala (an oak-aged blend of Chardonnay and Grechetto).



Umbria is black truffle territory. This fall dish sees scrambled eggs topped with shaved truffles.

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2014 Cecchi • Montefalco Rosso La Campana


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Rating: 87

Price: NA

Drink Date: 2019 - 2023

Reviewed by:

 [Monica Larner](#)

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Packaged with a pretty red label, the 2014 Montefalco Rosso La Campana is a mid-weight blend of 70% Sangiovese, 15% Sagrantino and 15% Merlot. The wine ages in barrique for 14 months. The results show a dark core of black fruit that is surrounded by balanced notes of spice and smoke. Pair this wine with pizza topped with smoked cheese or scamorza. Some 40,000 bottles were made.

Producer: Cecchi

From: Italy, Umbria, Montefalco

Color:  Red

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

Variety: Proprietary Blend

2012 Cecchi • Montefalco Sagrantino La Campana


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Rating: 89

Price: NA

Drink Date: 2019 - 2026

Reviewed by:

 [Monica Larner](#)

Issue Date: 17th Oct 2019

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The Cecchi 2012 Montefalco Sagrantino La Campana is an evolved, heavy and succulent expression of Umbria's powerful Sagrantino grape. This wine sits firmly on the palate, imparting stiff tannins and thick layers of dark fruit, tangy smoke and campfire ash. This vintage sees 16 months of aging in barrique. Some 32,000 bottles were made.

Producer: Cecchi

From: Italy, Umbria, Montefalco
Sagrantino

Color:  Red

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

Variety: Sagrantino

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2015 Tenuta Alzatura • Montefalco Rosso


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Rating: 91

Price: \$25

Drink Date: 2019 - 2024

Reviewed by:

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[October 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate](#)

Tenuta Alzatura is owned by the Cecchi family of Castellina in Chianti in neighboring Tuscany. The 2015 Montefalco Rosso is a blend of 70% Sangiovese, 15% Sagrantino and 15% Merlot, all aged in French barrique for 14 months. This is a nicely balanced red with lots of dark fruit layering, succulence and exuberance. That happy richness is very much a part of the vintage personality, and it's nice to see it transmitted to this wine in such a clear and seamless manner. Some 13,000 bottles were made.

Producer: Tenuta Alzatura

From: Italy, Umbria, Montefalco

Color:  Red

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

Variety: Proprietary Blend

2012 Tenuta Alzatura • Montefalco Sagrantino


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Rating: 92

Price: \$45

Drink Date: 2019 - 2028

Reviewed by:

 [Monica Lerner](#)

Issue Date: 17th Oct 2019


Source:

[October 2019 Week 3, The Wine Advocate](#)

The Tenuta Alzatura 2012 Montefalco Sagrantino is a deep and dark red wine with robust, full-bodied appeal. The bouquet opens to black fruit, prune, tar, smoke and Indian spice. In fact, there is an almost exotic quality to this wine, with cardamom and cumin buried in there somewhere at the back. This wine sees a long 16 months in French barrique. Some 6,000 bottles were released.

Producer: Tenuta Alzatura

From: Italy, Umbria, Montefalco Sagrantino

Color:  Red

Type: Table

Sweetness: Dry

Variety: Sagrantino