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GAVI DOCG

The elegant white wine of Piedmont

It is one of the most peculiar and flagship wine in Piedmont which production is based in the south-western part of the region, on the border with Liguria. The surface planted with Cortese grapes used for the production of Gavi wines, represents the biggest portion of white wine production of Piedmont. Indeed, the total hectares of cortese amount nearly at 1500 spread over 11 municipalities of the Alessandria province: Bosio, Capriata d'Orba, Carrosio, Castelletto d'Orba, Francavilla Bisio, Gavi, Novi Ligure, Parodi Ligure, San Cristoforo and Serravalle Scrivia. The types of Gavi wineries are allowed to produce are: still, fizzy, sparkling, reserve, and reserve sparkling classic method.

The main features we find in Gavi are delicate hints that range from grapefruit to lime, white peach, dried fruit and bitter almond after some year of aging in the bottle. Its freshness and the savory become after some year more and more mineral, material and more over warm and rich.

The last harvest which has produced 13 million of bottles has been marked by a soft winter, a warm summer and a generous September. Generally, the acidity and the levels of sugars show a vintage balanced with an alcohol content not excessive.



Il Forte di Gavi

GAVI DOCG TOP LABELS :

La Raja - Gavi Docg 2019

Impressive, vibrant, floral notes, officinal herbes gets along with citrus very well ripe. Graphite hint and lime in the after taste end a complex savor.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

Villa Sparina - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg 2019

The iconic bottle of denomination is perfect even in the last vintage. Hints of sage and citrus. It is a very fresh sip, sensations of dew, verticality and great longevity.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

La Toledana - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Vigne Rade Docg 2019

From one single plot, it gives an explosive feeling of pineapple, wisteria, hawthorn. Intense and fibrous rich and material.

Score : 16.5/20 (93/100)

Broglià - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Bruno Broglià Docg 2019

Intense velvety, perfumed with citrine, peach hints and hazelnut. Material and deep. Always one of the most elegant sip of the denomination.

Score : 16/20 (92/100)

Bergaglio Nicola - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Minaia Docg 2019

Round, concentrated in the pulp, freshness enlivened by more vegetable and herbaceous parts. The ability to last over time is its greatest virtue.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Cantine dei Produttori del Gavi - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Maddalena 2019

A nice surprise, all the wines produced this year are emotional. Full bodied, racy, hints of ginger

melted with salty butter.
Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

Morgassi Superiore - Gavi del Comune di Gavi il Tuffo 2019

Balance, salty, softness in the centre of the mouth. It is always harmonious, with a long sip. A confirm of the denomination.

Score : 15.5+/20 (91/100)

La Giustiniana - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg Montessorà 2019

Powerful, wide, structured but slender and projected to the future with a harmonic and persistent density.

Score : 17/20 (94/100)

La Mesma - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Etichetta Gialla 2019

Tropical fruits, elegant and well balanced in its body, its always a nice daily sip, savory and fresh.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Castellari Bergaglio - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Fornaci 2019

A massive presence of drier fruits, nuts, hide a powerful nose and palate drawn by a large and salty texture and freshness.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

La Chiara - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg 2019

The intense bouquet drives you in a garden, helping to breath a rainbow of white dry flowers and mountain herbs. The minerality and the sulfur hints reminds a young riesling.

Score : 15.25/20 (90/100)

Cinzia Bergaglio - Gavi del Comune di Tassarolo Docg La Fornace 2019

Sweet, soft, rich in the palate for its mellow body

embraced by a lovely citrus after taste able to refresh the sip.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Magda Pedrini - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg 2018

A wonderful nose, open and kissed by ripe citrus; the sip is totally involved by a roundness creamy but sharp thank a nice acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

La Smilla - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg 2019

Full-bodied at the palate in contrast with white flowers with fresh apple juice. Acacia plant, almonds then for a fall in love with a salty and airy end.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

La Caplana - Gavi del Comune di Gavi Docg 2019

A true example of mineral and tropical electric and awesome balance among hints of salty and zesty feeling abilities in the after taste.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

Marchese Luca Spinola - Gavi del Comune di Gavi 2019

Clear, ripe, the floral bouquet is totally melted with those flavors gives by the yellow juices and an expansive texture.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

Temuta Raggio - Gavi Docg 2019

Powerful at the nose rich of herbal hints, peach and almonds. Simple and plenty of saltiness in the after taste.

Score : 14.5+/20 (88/100)

La Zerba - Gavi del comune di Tassarolo Primin Docg 2017

Ideal for special fish pairing, there is a right complexity and roundness well balanced from the acidity.

Score : 14.75+/20 (89/100)

