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Our Top Proseccos and Other Italian Sparkling Wines in 2018

One of the world's most popular sparkling wines, Prosecco is the perfect accompaniment for holiday celebrations. Here are the bottles we loved in 2018.

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Prosecco is Italy's most famous sparkling wine. Produced in the northeast regions of Veneto and Friuli-Venezia Giulia, it is made primarily from the Glera grape and usually undergoes its second fermentation—the majority of sparkling wines are fermented twice—in a tank. Bottle-fermented, or traditional method, Prosecco can also be found with bottlings labeled Col Fondo.

But Prosecco isn't the only Italian sparkling wine. You can find *metodo classico* wines from the northern regions of Piedmont, Trento and Lombardy. The latter is home to Franciacorta, where sparkling wines are made predominately from Chardonnay and Pinot Nero. Further south, you'll find food-friendly Lambrusco, the perfect companion for holiday meals. And for those who are looking for something beyond cooler-climate sparkling wines, keep an eye out for Campania's options made from Greco and Aglianico.

Here are our top bottles of Italian sparkling wine, including Prosecco, tasted this year.

Other Top Italian Sparkling Wines

Travaglino 2010 Riserva del Fondatore Vincenzo Comi Sparkling (Oltrepò Pavese); \$33, 92 points. Pressed wildflower, ripe white stone fruit and whiffs of baked bread take shape in the glass. The creamy, ethereal palate offers ripe Rennet apple, white cherry, orange rind and a hint of toasted hazelnut alongside bright acidity and a silky mousse. A ginger note lingers on the finish. *Editors' Choice.* –K.O.