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## **VINITALY PRESENTS THE FIRST EDITION OF 5STAR WINES THE BOOK 2017 BANFI: BEST WINE CELLAR OF THE YEAR**

Four hundred and forty-one wines appear in the first edition of the only guide created by an International Wine Exhibition, alongside 17 wines from the Wine Without Walls selection. The complete list is available at <http://www.vinitaly.com/globalassets/pdf/concorsi-enologici/5-stars/classifica-5starwines--the-book-2017-ing.pdf>

**Verona, 6 April 2017** – Banfi based in Montalcino is the first winner of the Best Wine Cellar of the Year – Grand Vinitaly 2017 and opens the first edition of the guide: 5 Star Wines The Book 2017 after obtaining the highest average score with three wines in at least two different categories.

The first guide ever created by an International Wine Exhibition, the Best Wines 2017 by category – white, rosé, red, sweet, semi-sparkling and sparkling – were:

- Vermentino Di Gallura Docg Vendemmia Tardiva “Sciala” 2015 - Surrau Srl Società Agricola - Arzachena (OT) - Score 95;
- Lazio PGI Rosato “Albiola” 2016 - Casale Del Giglio Azienda Agricola Srl - Le Ferriere (LT) - Score 92;
- Barolo Docg Bussia 2013 - Agricola Gian Piero Marrone Snc - La Morra (CN) - Score 96;
- Moscadello Di Montalcino Doc Vendemmia Tardiva “Florus” 2014 - Banfi Srl - Montalcino (SI) - Score 95;
- Colli Piacentini Doc Malvasia Frizzante 2016 - Cantina Sociale Di Vicobarone - Vicobarone Di Ziano (PC) - Score 93;
- Vino Spumante Di Qualità Brut Rosé “Unique” 2014 - Medici Ermete & Figli Srl - Reggio Emilia - Score 94.

The Grand Prize of the Jury went to Vernaccia di Oristano Doc Superiore “Juighissa” 2008 by Cantina della Vernaccia Soc. Coop. Agr. – Oristano – Score 95.

The best price/quality category saw a joint award to Valdobbiadene Docg Superiore di Cartizze Spumante Dry 2016 de Le Bertole Di Bortolin G. & C. Soc. Agr. S.S. - Valdobbiadene (TV) - Score 93 and Marsala Doc Vergine Riserva Dry 2000 - Carlo Pellegrino & C. S.P.A. - Marsala (TP) - Score 90.

Barolo Docg Bussia 2013 - Agricola Gian Piero Marrone Snc - La Morra (CN) - Score 96 took the Banco Popolare Best Italian Wine Award for the best score among Italian wines selected for inclusion in the guide 5Star Wines the Book 2017.

A total of 441 wines achieved scores of at least 90 and were consequently included in the guide 5Star Wines the Book 2017. Between 31 March and 2 April, 2,153 wines from Italy, France, South Africa, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Mexico, Romania, Ukraine, Hong Kong, Turkey, Canada and China by 578 companies were assessed by the juries comprising leading international experts with specific geographic knowledge (Master of Wine, Master Sommelier, Sommeliers, expert wine writers, bloggers, journalists, etc.) coordinated by Ian D'Agata, the Scientific Director of the Vinitaly International Academy together

with four General Chairmen of 5 Star Wines-The Book: Bernard Burthschy, editor in chief of Figaro Vin, Robert Joseph of Meininger's, Paolo Basso, best sommelier in the world 2013, and Pedro Ballesteros Torres MW.

In addition, wines were also assessed for the Wine Without Walls selection: 5 with no added sulphites, 12 with sulphites not exceeding 40 mg/l out of 68 wines from 37 companies assessed by a specialist jury guided by Alice Feiring.

The wine list is available at <http://www.vinality.com/globalassets/pdf/concorsi-enologici/5-stars/classifica-5starwines---the-book-2017-ing.pdf>

5star Wines The Book 2017 will be published (printed and digital versions) by summer and can be used as a marketing tool by companies.

It will also be extensively distributed during exhibitions, B2B meetings, grand tastings and all initiatives organised by Vinality and Vinality International abroad.

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