

SPECIALE  
**PRO  
SECCO**

# Prosecco



GLERA

85%



15%

VERDISO / PERERA / BLANCHETTA

**Prosecco** is a wine produced in the Veneto region, in the northeastern part of Italy. The cultivation area today is rather wide, even extending to the vineyards of the plains into other Italian regions, for example the Friuli Venezia Giulia. However, the classic production zone is that which refers to the Treviso province (about 50 km from Venice), specifically in the hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene.

The hill vineyards are the best for the production of the Prosecco Superiore. This typology, protected by the DOCG of 2008, includes 15 municipalities, 13 hill slopes, and 107 hectares (264 acres) that characterize the Cartizze hill. This last, is probably the crown jewel of the Prosecco Superiore DOCG production.

The climate of the production zone of the Prosecco DOCG is, generally, continental. The soils on which the grapes are grown for this typology are rather variegated, in that they are derived from the former seabed. Here, it is possible therefore to encounter soils of sand, clay, and marl. To this is added the hilly character of the territory with very steep inclines.

The Prosecco DOCG is generally produced the spumante version, obtained through the Martinotti method or through the classical method. In the spumante by the Martinotti method - also called Charmat - the still wine is immersed in the stainless steel tank together with yeasts and sugar for a second fermentation, resulting in carbonation. With this method,

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generally, one seeks to preserve the primary aromas and flavors of the wine.

**Prosecco Superiore DOCG** is a typology and not a vine variety. The vines from which the typology is produced are:

- **Glera**: strictly speaking of percentages, the most important variety at the center of a Prosecco DOCG.
- **Verdiso**: variety that generally gives flavor
- **Perera**: confers a fruity aroma to the wine
- **Bianchetta**: gives smoothness to the wine

The last three varietals cannot make up more than 15% of the total.

The most common dosages of Prosecco

Superiore DOCG are:

- **Brut** with less than 12gr/l sugar
- **Extra Dry** with sugar between 12 and 17 gr/l
- **Dry** with a presence of sugar between 17 and 32 gr/l

Lastly, the Rive and Cartizze typologies can be vintage.

# Prosecco Superiore

## GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

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# 95



### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut nature 2018 SILVANO FOLLADOR

*Follador's masterpiece. Made with Glera grape, and a little contribution from Verdiso, Perera and Bianchetta. A supernatural talent in knowing raw material, skillfully interpreted in all its nuances following biodynamic aims in the vineyard. The nose is floral, from ripe citrus, aromas of hawthorn, fresh-cut grass, wildflowers. The mouthfeel is taut, clear, but rounder and more full-bodied rather than sharper. Excellent balance.*



# 95



### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut nature 2017 metodo classico 2017 SILVANO FOLLADOR

*A zero dosage traditional method, a real test of courage. Even in this case, what strikes more is the balance of flavours, which reveals a perfection that is both static and dynamic. Still Glera grape, again in blend with Verdiso, Perera and Bianchetta. On the nose, nuances of candied citron, tangerine, a sharpness due to grass mowing. On the palate it is clean, clear, full-bodied, elegant, with a great and long-lasting persistence.*



# 95



### Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut nature Rive di Ogliano 2018 BIANCAVIGNA

*This wine produced in the little cru area of Rive di Ogliano is savoury, intense and touching, even in its 2018 version. The Biancavigna winery counts on the freshness and the savoury taste of this wine and on its easy-drinking characteristics, which impress during gustatory and olfactory persistence. The nose is fresh, due to golden apple and pear, with herbaceous notes. On the mouth it is savoury, mineral and properly acid, with a great crunchiness.*



# 94



### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Dry Vigneto Giardino Rive di Colbertaldo 2018 ADAMI

*A very ancient cru, which indeed dates back to the beginning of the 20th century as for its first release. A wine that is floral, citrusy, with aromas of hawthorn and thyme. The olfactory profile is satisfying and lively, with a predominance of vegetal notes, fresh spices and apricot purée dominating. The sip is deep, round, ample, of great freshness and not exceedingly acid, for a very pleasant drinkability.*



93+



### Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Dosaggio zero Rive di Soligo 2018

BIANCAVIGNA

A good vintage wine (millesimato), which is Glera-based with a little contribution of Verdisio and Perera grapes. The subsoil of Rive di Soligo plays its part as for the definition of the fruit of a bottle whose main features are a savoury nose and a minerality in the mouth. The olfactory profile reveals fresh fruit, especially pear and apple, in addition to vegetal notes. In the mouth it is fresh, slender, full-bodied, definitely salty.



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### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut Col Credas Rive di Farra di Soligo 2018

ADAMI

Credazzo, a toponym in that area, which stands for adventurously cultivated soils. A marked minerality, that is therefore reflected in the fruit, even if it is less pronounced on the nose. A great floral profile, due to hawthorn, and a fruity trace from white-fleshed nectarine. In the mouth it comes back the mineral presence. Sharp, strong, never excessive, with a good persistence.



93



### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut Vecchie Viti 2018

RUGGERI

A complete blend for Ruggeri winery as for this Prosecco Glera, with the contribution of Verdisio, Bianchetta and Perera varieties. Nearly centenary vineyards offering a vivacious product: a complex nose where vegetal notes alternate with fruity ones. The sip displays a notable mineral note, very tasty and characterized by a remarkable persistence.



92



### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut nature Particella 232

SORELLE BRONCA

A 100% Glera which is the result of deeply-rooted organic beliefs carried out by Ersiliana and Antonella. About twenty hectares between Colbertaldo and Rua di Feletto, a demonstration of how a sustainable agriculture is possible even in the DOCG area. Thin, delicate, with a great olfactory profile, which reveals aromas of thyme, white-fleshed nectarine. In the mouth it is equally delicate, intense, with a good persistence.



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### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry

BELLUSSI

A great sparkling wine making process carried out in the firm owned by Enrico Martellozzo, the last generation of a family which has been producing wine for over 100 years. Finesse, precision and freshness are the three adjectives to describe this bottle. The nose is thin, from grass mowing, kiwi and pear. The mouth is mineral, sharp, with a marked acidity and a convincing persistence.



92



### Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartize Dry

BORTOLIN FRATELLI

A historic firm of Santo Stefano di Valdobbiadene, which has gained new motivation, inspiration and competitiveness in terms of quality, thanks to the younger generations. A great wine, which is characterized by freshness and a boost of flavours. The initial aroma is very fresh, due to apple and hawthorn above all. The mouth is full-bodied, creamy, pleasantly crunchy and persistent.



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### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry Bandarossa Special Reserve

BORTOLOMIOL

An ancient winery which has, however, been among the creators of the development of Modern Prosecco. An impressive packaging, which hides sustainable beliefs, both in the company and in the vineyard. The work in the winery is, instead, perfect. Clear, careful and slender. This experimentation, in particular, concerning only few samples, reveals aromas of pineapple and kiwi on the nose, while the mouth is savoury, full, mineral and pleasantly vertical.



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### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut nature Gran Cuvèe del Fondatore Motus Vitae

BORTOLOMIOL

San Pietro in Barbozza vineyard. This bottle, which is dedicated to Giuliano, the innovative founder of Bortolomiol winery, reveals all the knowledge of this firm. A great aroma on the nose, with a predominance of floral notes (broom) and ripe fruit. The sip is pleasantly full-bodied, crunchy, ample, agreeably savoury and balanced.



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### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut nature Particella 68

SORELLE BRONCA

Here is one of the most representative wines of the designation, a parcel (cru) from which a blend of 90% Glera, 5% Bianchetta and 5% Perera grapes. It shows the quality of the territory and the excellent work carried out in vineyard. The fruit is balanced and intense, already clear on the nose, with nuances of little wildflowers, yellow-fleshed citrus fruits, peach above all, while the mouth is firm, mineral, enveloping, savoury and persistent.



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### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry

MACCARI

Here is a firm which has just celebrated a history lasting 120 years, with an interesting project between the old, sometimes unreasonably forgotten territorial wines and the must for this area: the Prosecco. A properly made wine, which shows all its freshness with aromas of camomile, golden apple and white-fleshed nectarine on the nose. In the mouth a nice minerality, a convincing persistence and a pleasant freshness.



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### Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry millesimato 2018

CA' DI RAJO

A good wine made with 100% Glera grape variety for this interesting winery situated in the province of Treviso, which has been the creator of numerous successful projects between tradition and innovation. This Prosecco, produced in the area of Guida di Valdobbiadene, shows a very citrusy nose dominated by pink grapefruit and kiwi, supported by a vegetal note. The mouthfeel is very tasty, fresh and held by a nice acidity.



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**Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Extra Dry**  
CANEVEL

A good interpretation for this Canevel, which stands out for its balanced and measured representation of this extra dry wine. The nose is floral with a nice texture made of green-skinned fruit, dominated by Val di Non apples, from the homonymous valley. In the mouth it is equally floral and vegetal and again, it is measured, creamy and crunchy.



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**Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut Isabella Rive di Collalto 2017**  
CONTE COLLALTO

A good wine produced by one of the most significant wineries in this appellation, which has been associated to Valdobbiadene since about a thousand years. This long history comes back in the bottle with a label of strong effect: a very complex, multifaceted nose with aromas of acacia, lemon, fresh spices such as the marjoram. The mouthfeel is very quick, fresh with a mineral touch, backed by a nice acidity. Properly persistent.



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**Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut Gerardo Rive di San Pietro di Barbozza 2018**  
LE COLTURE

Since 1500 in the town of Santo Stefano di Valdobbiadene, the Ruggeri family has taken care of forty-five hectares of vineyards following the natural tendency of the crops themselves. This is confirmed in this label which is dedicated to its founding father. An unusual (but pleasant) olfactory profile, showing a good intensity and more complexity rather than a vivacious character. Vegetal notes from candied citrus. The mouthfeel is mineral, compact with a good persistence.



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**Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut Fagher**  
LE COLTURE

Even this less complex bottle of Gerardo wine displays a nice flavoury texture of Le Colture products. On the nose, it is fresh, direct with notes of unripe citrus fruits and grass mowing. The mouth is vertical, mineral with a nice persistence enhanced by an interesting acidity.



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**Valdobbiadene Superiore di Cartizze Brut**  
RUGGERI

A convincing interpretation for this Cartizze by Ruggeri. The area of San Pietro di Barbozza shines for a fresh and spontaneous energy released by the blends of grapes: golden apple and hawthorn on the nose. The mouthfeel shows an extraordinary and crunchy balance, proving an interesting persistence as well.



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**Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut millesimato biologico 2018**  
TOFFOLI

A wonderful position in the area of Refrontolo for this recent winery dating back to the 60s. Perhaps its "relatively young" history is the reason why it is able to combine tradition and innovation. An organic vintage wine deriving from "Balbi" variety and displaying aromas of citrus fruits (citron and lime) and wild yellow flowers. The sip shows its crunchiness with a nice acidity and a convincing persistence.



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## Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut

DAL DIN

A good winery with a nice family history which carries out projects about sparkler labels based on accurate care for the territory and varietal expression. Like in this bottle, which represents the cornerstone of the wine production. On the nose, aromas of green apple and lemon. The mouthfeel is held by a nice acidity and a minerality trace with a pleasant persistence.



90+



## Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut

DRUSIAN

A very enjoyable product, easily adaptable when it comes to food pairing thanks to its softness. The nose displays aromas of golden apple and grass mowing. A pleasant fragrance. Properly balanced on the palate, full, fat, with a good crunchiness.



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Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore Brut nature  
Sommaval Rive di Guia 2018

BORTOLIN ANGELO

From a single vineyard called "Sommaval" by the family winery, a convincing product which stands out for its aromas of acacia flowers and apricot purée, a touch of bergamot adding a fresh and mineral note on the nose. Very long-lasting persistence. In the finish, distinctly herbaceous notes from grass mowing.



90

Astoria Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore  
Extra Dry millesimato 2018

ASTORIA

"Costa del Sol" vineyards of Refrontolo town, a 100% Glera which is slender, dynamic, very citrusy and with a great herbaceous character. The olfactory profile is fulfilling, with notes of citron peel, green apple and fresh-cut grass, which ensure a good balance between acidity and aroma. The mouthfeel reveals a marked acidity, it is savoury with a good persistence lasting until the end of the tasting.



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