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Joseph Bastianich, David Lynch : *Vino Italiano Buying Guide: The Ultimate Quick Reference to the Great Wines of Italy* before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Vino Italiano Buying Guide: The Ultimate Quick Reference to the Great Wines of Italy*:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well worth it! By H. Rotblat-Walker This is a valuable companion to Bastianich and Lynch's book on Italian wines. It's small; we have taken it on our trips to Italy the last few years. Their reviews are succinct and informative, and not biased to the well-known vintners. We have especially liked finding what they call the "Rising Stars." We typically lookup the winery after we've had the wine -- and have found that we usually agree with their assessments of the product. The listings can be frustrating occasionally. There is no index by regions, so one really can't use the book to plan visits to cantinas unless you already know the names. And we have found inconsistencies in how wineries are listed. For example, Stefano Farina is listed as "Farina, Stefano", but Donatella Cinelli Colombini is listed as "Donatella Cinelli Colombini." Addresses are also inconsistent, e.g., Colombini's address in Montalcino is listed, but there is no mention of her property near Trequanda where one can sample and buy wines in very charming surroundings. Mention is made of Stefano Farina's "Le Bocce" label, but there are no assessments of the wines. And in a few cases, we haven't been able to locate a winery in the listing at all. These shortcomings are minor compared to what the book does offer. If you have an interest in Italian wines this is definitely a book to own.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *Vino Italiano* By Kathlene A. Mcdonough Received this book in time for Christmas. It made my husband's Christmas morning VERY HAPPY!

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. *Italian Wine Guide* By M. A. Augustine Great reference for Italian wines, either for use in the wine store or when traveling the Italian countryside. Small enough to carry with you yet packed with a lot of relevant information

From the Barolos of Piedmont to the Brunellos of Tuscany, Italian wines offer an incredible range of tempting choices. But how can you be sure to find the right bottle? In this pocket-sized buying guide, the companion to the award-winning *Vino Italiano*, Italian wine experts Joseph Bastianich and David Lynch show you the way, with vibrant descriptions and authoritative information. Profiles of a wide range of Italy's leading wine producers and their best and most accessible wines. Facts on availability, pricing, and even dining and accommodations. At-a-glance symbols for rising stars, great values, and truly exceptional wineries. An Italian wine-label decoder. Ratings for recent vintages. Extensive appendixes with detailed information about wine regions and classifications. A Barolo and Barbaresco vineyard guide for aficionados

From Publishers Weekly Oenophiles and gourmands alike will recognize Bastianich as the other half of Mario Batali's empire, which has put up such temples to food and drink as Babbo, Esca and Lupa in Manhattan. Bastianich also collaborated with Babbo wine director Lynch on *Vino Italiano*, and the two return with this companion, dedicated solely to listing vintners, vintages, prices and availability. They separate "elite" wineries from "premier," "rising star" and "value" wineries. They note how much wine each winery makes and whether or not it has a restaurant or accommodations available should anyone want to go the source. Entries range from Abruzzo and Molise to Toscana and Veneto and everywhere in between; Lazio, Puglia, Sardegna. The descriptions of each winery are short and punchy (of Castello di Verrazzano: "Their benchmark Chianti still has a rustic, wild edge") and there are literally hundreds of them. Seventy-plus pages of appendices do everything from "decode crus" to offer a full listing of all Appellations, or sets of official classifications for what grapes make up what wine and at what percentage. Sound complicated? Bastianich and Lynch infuse this guide with enough care to make readers want to puzzle it all out. Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "This book is a must-have for anyone who enjoys good wine! Joe Bastianich and David Lynch are not only great wine experts, they are true wine lovers. Their knowledge and passion shine through in every page of this invaluable book. They are the perfect team to give consumers the inside track on buying and enjoying Italian wines." —Angelo Gaja, Barbaresco, Italy "This is a great, compact wine book. You can stick it in your bag and take it with you to your local wine shop (or to Italy) and all the information you need will be right there at your fingertips." —Jamie Oliver

About the Author Joseph Bastianich is a co-owner, with Mario Batali, of the New York City restaurants Babbo, Esca, Lupa, Otto, and Casa Mono, as well as the wine shop Italian Wine Merchants. A two-time James Beard Award nominee for Outstanding Wine Professional, he is also the proprietor of an award-winning wine estate in Friuli, as well as a new estate in Tuscany called La Mozza. He lives in Greenwich, Connecticut. David Lynch is the wine director at Babbo restaurant, where he oversees one of the most ambitious wine lists in the country. A longtime contributor to wine and food publications as both a writer and an editor, he is also a two-time James Beard Award winner; for Outstanding Wine Service at Babbo and for his writing on spirits, wine, and beer. He lives in New York City.