

Grappa...the Italian Brandy

Devoted producers say that grappa is made from the soul of the grape because grappa is made from the "press cake" of skins, seeds, pulp and stems after grapes are pressed in winemaking. Water, yeast and sugar are added to the cake, it is fermented. It is distilled twice and removed from the still at 100 to 130 proof (50-65) percent alcohol. It is then diluted, bottled or aged in oak. The mouthfeel can range from light and tingly, not fizzy, to very viscous and oily. Grappa is traditionally enjoyed after dinner like brandy, sipped slowly, drawing air over the spirit on the tongue. Because they are normally not aged as long as other brandies, nor are they blended with older spirits, they tend to taste hotter in the finish, and are often called fiery.

- ★210 Grappa di Cabernet by Alexander \$9.00
Palate entry shows a ripe richness. Mid-palate is firmly structured. Finishes off dry with tastes of red grapes. Rated 92 points
- 121 Grappa Platinum by Alexander 9.00
Displays aromas of unripened pear, grape pomace and white raisins. In the mouth, it's plump, ripe, fruity.
- ★105 Grappa by Alexander 8.50
Moscato grape character leads to smooth supple entry, medium-bodied, fruity grape flavor finish. Rated 91 points.
- 211 Grappa Bianca 'Alex' by Alexander 8.50
A fruit forward Grappa with a friendly nose and a palate reminiscent of the summer countryside. Rated 90 points
- 148 Grappa Chianti Classico Riserva by Barberino Alma Toscana 9.50
A delightful golden grappa which is spicy and complex. Aged for 24 months in Italian wine barrels.
- 151 Grappa Brunello Montalcino by Barberino Alma Toscana 10.00
Made from Sangiovese Grosso grapes it is clear and rich of unusual scents and intense fragrances.
- 152 Grappa di Vin Santo by Barberino Alma Toscana 10.00
From the marc of Italy's premier dessert wine, clear, fruity redolent with scent of dried raisins.
- 153 Grappa di Moscato by Barberino Alma Toscana 9.50
Transparent and clear in color, aromatic and distinctive aromas. Intense yet smooth flavors.
- 156 Grappa di Recioto by Allegrini 9.00
A fiery entry that is long on the complex mouth coating palate, a touch of grapefruit and citrus finish.
- 144 Grappa di Altesino by Altesino 9.00
Fragrant aromas. Sweet tart cherry flavors, a touch of carrot. Thick, warm, wonderfully textured and long.
- 205 Gaia & Rey by Gaja's Castello di Barbaresco 10.50
Herbaceous Chardonnay aromas, warm and inviting. Full and round, with spicy notes, lingering finish.
- 147 Grappa Calabrone by Bastianich 9.50
Across the palate it opens to richness and complexity. Finish is warm and very long without harshness.
- 136 Elisi Grappa, by Berta 13.50
A blend of 8 yr old Nebbiolo grappa, 5 yr Barbera, 3 yr Cabernet, aged together for 1 more year in oak.
- 206 Grappa di Moscato d'Asti 'Bric del Gaian 1998' by Berta 21.00
Aged 10-years in cask, scents of vanilla and citrus, rich with a silky sensation that persists in the mouth. Put in wood November 1998, drawn from wood February 2008. Rated 5 stars
- 207 Grappa da Barolo d'Asti 'Tresolitre 1998' by Berta 21.00
Aged 10-years in cask. A concert of sensations where ripe blackcurrant, apricot, Morello cherries prevail. Distilled in 1998 and bottled in 2008. Rated 4.5/5

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208	Grappa di Barbera d'Asti 'Roccanivo 1998' by Berta <i>Aged 10-years in cask, bouquet of Morello cherries, chocolate, fine wood tones of peaches in long finish. Distilled in 1998 and bottled in 2008. Rated 4/5</i>	21.00
162	Grappino Bianco by G. Bertagnolli <i>A blend of Teroldego, C-hardonnay, Gewurztraminer pomace. Notes of melon, grapefruit and lemon.</i>	9.00
108	Torre di Luna by G. Bertagnolli <i>Fragrant nose, scents of green pepper, cactus and parchment. Smooth with a fruity, clean, minty, long finish.</i>	8.50
148	Grappa di Amarone by Bonollo Umberto <i>Scents of black grapes, plums and licorice. The palate is mildly juicy and grapy and displays finesse.</i>	8.50
203	Grappa Ruta by Candolini <i>Flavored with the strong-scented herb, Rue. Lightly spiced, a clean, tight palate. A bit of heat in long finish.</i>	8.50
103	Capezzana Carmignano Riserva by Villa di Capezzana <i>Medium-bodied. Dried leaves, incense, marjoram. Quite subtle aromatically with a forward brawny palate.</i>	9.50
119	Grappa di Vinaccia Recioto di Soave by Ca'Rugate <i>Aromas of apple, pear and almond, intense flavors in the mouth with balanced sweetness and roundness.</i>	10.50
200	Grappa di Sangioveto by Castellare di Castellina <i>Pressed from grapes of old vine Sangioveto, tart like aroma, peppery, grassy flavors, intense, concentrated.</i>	9.50
110	Grappa Brunate di Nebbiolo da Barolo by Ceretto <i>Moderately full-bodied. Quite forceful in the nose with complex aromas and a hint of spirit.</i>	9.50
120	Grappa di Vinacce di Barbera d'Asti by Michele Chiarlo <i>Medium-bodied. Dried herbs, minerals, anise. Full but drying in the mouth, a noticeable burn to the finish.</i>	9.50
129	Grappa di Vinacce di Barolo by Michele Chiarlo <i>Moderately full-bodied. Rich in the mouth with a viscous mouthfeel. Quite smooth, with very little burn. Rated 93 points</i>	9.50
★137	Grappa di Moscato d'Asti 'Nivole' by Michele Chiarlo <i>Has the delicate floral aromas and elegant smooth velvety flavors of pomace from Moscato grapes. Rated 92 points</i>	10.00
131	Grappa di Vinacce di Gavi by Michele Chiarlo <i>Vanilla, sweet herbs. Full and rounded in the mouth but shows a bit of fire which bites into the finish.</i>	9.50
101	Grappa di Coltibuono by Badia a Coltibuono <i>Soft, very bright, clean. Delightful plum middle, very fruit-driven; long, almost sweet strawberry finish.</i>	8.50
155	Grappa di Fresia di Valdivilla 'Mondaccione' by Coppo <i>Bright, confectionary sweet with a range of orange, raspberry, peach, with caramel hints. Clean finish.</i>	10.50
112	Etter Suisse Grappa by Etter <i>Made from four different grapes pomace, intensely floral. Soft and mild in the mouth. Lemony throughout.</i>	9.00
220	Grappa Oak Aged by Francoli <i>Amber colored due to its aging in wood, soft floral notes with grassy flavors. From pressings of Nebbiolo.</i>	8.00
218	Grappa One Hundred by Francoli <i>A full aroma, mid-palate of grapefruit and dried orange peel flavors, and hearty potent lingering finish.</i>	8.00
214	Grappa Bianca by Francoli <i>Delicate with a distinctive taste, orange rind, dried apricot and eucalyptus, crisp spiciness and full flavor.</i>	8.00

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219	Grappa di Moscato by Giori. <i>Bouquet of sweet hay with a fiery taste of herb's and flowers. Balanced flavor and texture though to the finish.</i>	9.50
213	Grappa Trentina di Nosiola by Giori <i>Smooth and dry with a hint of green tomatoes and spice with a tingling weight on the tongue. Well-integrated.</i>	9.50
143	Grappa Trentina La Bianca by Giori <i>Medium bodied, pleasant warmth, bright floral flavors, a hot peppery entry with a spiciness to the finish.</i>	8.00
215	Grappa di Chardonnay by Giori. <i>Complex layering, hints of dried peaches. Rich bouquet of flowers and fruit characteristics, enveloping.</i>	9.50
114	Grappa La Novella by Giori. <i>Sweet floral bouquet, clean, peppery middle with sweet hay, intensity in the long, charming and full finish.</i>	8.00
118	Grappa Martinenga by Marchesi di Gresy <i>Medium-bodied. Plums, sweet herbs, minerals. Forceful in the mouth, some heat through the finish.</i>	9.00
150	Grappa di Moscato 'La Serra' by Marchesi di Gresy <i>Ripe, grapey richness, a hint of sweetness. Finishes off-dry with a taste of ripe white grapes, green pears. Rated 90 points</i>	9.00
134	Grappa di Moscato by Inga <i>Clean and vibrant aromatics show complexity and style. Bright favors of dried orange peel, pear. Rated 93 points.</i>	9.00
133	Grappa Pinot Chardonnay by Inga <i>Very aromatic, recalling wild berries, delicate, and slightly fruity. Flavors are well-balanced, long finish.</i>	9.00
132	Grappa di Pinot Noir by Inga <i>Moderately light-bodied, aromatic with a citrusy character. Smooth, a bit of heat sneaks into the finish.</i>	9.00
★135	Grappa di Barolo by Inga <i>This is Barolo grappa at its best. Rustic and wild, with a subtle peach & pear to balance the long finish. Rated 93 points.</i>	10.00
104	Grappa di Rubesco by Cantine Lungarotti <i>Produced with fresh Rubesco marc, with a rich but delicate bouquet, round, balanced flavor, not aggressive.</i>	8.50
217	Goal Grappa by MT International <i>It is very dry. It has a grassy, spicy mouthfeel. Relatively smooth on the palate with a flavorful finish.</i>	9.50
111	Grappa di Chardonnay by La Marca <i>Distilled in copper stills from Chardonnay grape marc. Aromatic, harmonious body. Very smooth, clean.</i>	8.00
★126	Grappa di Moscato, by Marolo <i>Unique fragrant thumbprint of orangey/flowery Moscato, intensely fruity, elegance and harmony. Rated 94 points.</i>	10.50
140	Grappa di Brunello by Marolo <i>Exquisite rich flavors of the Sangiovese grape come through with vividness, roundness, elegance. Rated 92 points.</i>	9.00
212	Grappa di Barolo by Marolo <i>Aromatic fragrance with a flavor of Nebbiolo grapes and scents of charred wood with amber overtones.</i>	10.00
139	Grappa di Barolo, 12 years old by Marolo <i>This has imparted layers of chocolate, coffee and cinnamon spices notes to the high quality grappa. Rated 92 points.</i>	11.50

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141	Milla Grappa & Chamomile by Marolo <i>A grappa liquor made by infusing chamomile blossoms in Nebbiolo grappa, very mild, inviting. Rated 90 points.</i>	9.00
107	Grappa Novia Aglianico di Taurasi by Mastroberardino <i>Plums, straw, citrus peel. Aromatic, with a lush viscous mouthfeel. Smooth on the palate, pleasant finish.</i>	10.50
138	Grappa Novia Greco di Tufo by Mastroberardino <i>Interesting aromatically with a fruity quality. Light and delicate with very little heat. Intense finish. Rated 89 points.</i>	9.00
125	Grappa di Arneis by Mazzetti d'Altavilla <i>Dried herbs, tomatoes, cheese. Aromatics are forceful, persistent. In the mouth it is well rounded.</i>	8.00
130	Grappa di Nebbiolo da Barolo by Mazzetti d'Altavilla <i>Palate entry is ripe, sweet; mid-palate shows pear, plum, white raisin tastes. Aftertaste is full, sweet, long. Rated 93 points</i>	8.00
102	Grappa di Moscato by Mazzetti d'Altavilla <i>Rich, bold texture. Pungent attack with heady scents, exotic stuff with plenty of weight into the finish.</i>	8.00
128	Grappa di Barbera by Mazzetti d'Altavilla <i>Flavors of plums, brown spices, earth. Deeply aromatic, rich, well balanced on the palate, touch of heat. Rated 92 points.</i>	8.00
117	Grappa di Arnesi by Moletto <i>Rich, silky medium-full body, long, golden raisin, nutmeg and cola nut finish, exceptional grappa. Rated 95 points.</i>	10.50
115	Distillato d'Uva Grappa by Moletto <i>Medium-bodied, packed dense mouthfeel. Peasant sweetness. Balanced flavors of apple and nectarines.</i>	9.50
★113	Grappa di Barbara by Moletto <i>The warm scent of red fruits and spices emerge in the taste of the full-body. Finishes crisp and balanced. Rated 92 points</i>	8.50
142	Grappa di Moscato by Moletto <i>To the taste it offers a balanced aroma with pleasingly generous sense of flowers and ripe citrus fruit. Rated 92 points</i>	8.50
★106	Grappa di Nebbiolo da Barolo by Moletto <i>Silky entry leads to dry fruity Nebbiolo structure. Finishes long, with a dash of white pepper. Rated 94 points.</i>	9.50
127	Grappa di Prosecco, by Moletto <i>Moderately full-bodied. Rich in the mouth, complex aromas and quite smooth with very little burn.</i>	9.50
122	Aquavite Grappa, by Bartolo Nardini <i>Sweet, light cherry flavors; orange-tangerine sweetness carries to the finish. Old school but complex.</i>	9.00
★204	Grappa 'Mandorlo' by Bartolo Nardini <i>First whiff is of almonds, palate is medium-bodied moderately sweet with mild almond flavor, Very nice. Rated 93 points.</i>	9.50
123	Aquavite Grappa Riserva by Bartolo Nardini <i>Almond and caramel notes along with toasty peach and marzipan. Full, firm and balanced with good length. Rated 93 points.</i>	9.00

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202	Lo Chardonnay di Grappa by Nonino <i>Light amber. Scents of bread, vanilla and pastry with subtle hints of chocolate and almonds. Smooth. Rated 91 points.</i>	9.50
★201	Grappa di Merlot by Nonino <i>Palate entry is dry and grapey; midpalate, flavors turn sweet, ripe, compelling. Aftertaste is concentrated. Rated 93 points.</i>	9.50
216	Grappa di Monovitigno Cru Fragolino by Nonino <i>Lovely cherries, blue fruits, hint of lemony oak. Well balanced, delicious, red cherry flavors; long and rich. Rated 93 points</i>	11.00
221	Grappa Selezione Cuore by Piave <i>A bright clean nose of sweet lemon with a core of attractive fruit flavors. Balanced, a clean rounded finish.</i>	8.00
145	Grappa di Brunello by Poggio Antico <i>Smooth attack leads to a medium-bodied palate. Lengthy, flavorful finish with a minimal burn. Aromatic.</i>	10.00
★222	Grappa di Brunello by Il Poggione <i>Abundant, luscious flavors that sing on the palate – very alluring. Superbly balanced. Rated 93 points.</i>	10.00
116	Grappa Traminer by Pojer & Sandri <i>Full bodied, tart licorice and spice flavors with a hint of grapefruit. Develops to a full dried fruit finish.</i>	9.50
109	Sarpa di Poli by Jacopo Poli <i>The taste is sweet and fruity at entry; mid-palate the taste features a richness rarely found in grappa.</i>	12.00
161	Grappa Amorosa di Pinot by Jacopo Poli <i>A lush entry leads to medium-bodied palate with a touch of heat. It has a soft round tapered finish.</i>	13.50
149	Luce by Jacopo Poli <i>Made from Luce marc, a bouquet edged with fruit and spice, supple, smooth palate exhibits elegance.</i>	9.50
160	Chiara di Tocai Rosso by Jacopo Poli <i>From Tocai rosso grapes. Laid back bouquet has a powerful start that is full flavored and mouthcoating.</i>	12.50
158	Chiara di Moscato by Jacopo Poli <i>Mildly aromatic immature Moscato grape brandy. A touch of oily citrus flavors mingle with a bit of anise.</i>	12.50
★209	Cleopatra Moscato Oro Grappa by Jacopo Poli <i>Dedicated to Cleopatra from one of the finest grappa producers. Refined 10 months in French oak, elegant. Rated 95 points.</i>	13.00
157	Grappa Amorosa di Merlot by Jacopo Poli <i>Smooth attack leads to a moderately full-bodied palate with a touch of heat and exceptional flavor intensity. Rated 93 points.</i>	12.00
159	Chiara di Fragola by Jacopo Poli <i>Immature grape brandy made from the highly aromatic red grape called Fragola, which means strawberry.</i>	12.50
★124	UvaViva di Poli by Jacopo Poli <i>Rich, complex, lemon-orange, almost confectionary. Easy and very friendly, a bit sweet in style. Immature grape brandy. Rated 98 points</i>	11.00
163	Grappa di Barolo by Veglio <i>Aged in oak, dry and delicate taste that harmonizes with the scent that leads back to the vines of origin.</i>	9.00
154	Grappa di Cartize by Zardetto <i>From Prosecco grapes. Orange and peach aromas. A bit peppery, but long, clean, and very bright.</i>	8.50

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