

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.

163	Grappa di Cabernet, by Alexander	\$6.50
	<i>Palate entry shows a ripe richness. Mid-palate is firmly structured. Finishes off dry with tastes of red grapes.</i>	
165	Grappolo, by Alexander	8.00
	<i>On the tongue it is rich, grapey and the moderate textures enchant the taste buds. Aftertaste is ripe, raisiny.</i>	
121	Grappa Platinum, by Alexander	7.00
	<i>Displays aromas of unripened pear, grape pomace and white raisins. In the mouth, it's plump, ripe, fruity.</i>	
★105	Grappa, by Alexander	7.50
	<i>Moscato grape character leads to smooth supple entry, medium-bodied, fruity grape flavor finish. Rated 91 points.</i>	
152	Grappa di Amarone, by Allegrini	6.50
	<i>Mild entry with some oak aging notes. Medium to full-bodied with a full flavor that carries across the palate.</i>	
156	Grappa di Recioto, by Allegrini	7.00
	<i>A fiery entry that is long on the complex mouth coating palate, a touch of grapefruit and citrus finish.</i>	
144	Grappa di Altesino, by Altesino	7.00
	<i>Fragrant aromas. Sweet tart cherry flavors, a touch of carrot. Thick, warm, wonderfully textured and long.</i>	
153	Darmagi Grappa, by Gaja's Castello di Barbaresco	8.50
	<i>Delicate floral and spice aromas and a dense body, Finish is rich in Cabernet extracts, fresh, harmonious.</i>	
205	Gaia & Rey, by Gaja's Castello di Barbaresco	8.50
	<i>Herbaceous Chardonnay aromas, warm and inviting. Full and round, with spicy notes, lingering finish.</i>	
147	Grappa Calabrone by Bastianich	7.50
	<i>Across the palate it opens to richness and complexity. Finish is warm and very long without harshness.</i>	
136	Elisi Grappa, by Berta	11.00
	<i>A blend of 8 yr old Nebbiolo grappa, 5 yr Barbera, 3 yr Cabernet, aged together for 1 more year in oak.</i>	
206	Grappa di Moscato d'Asti 'Bric del Gaian 1995', by Berta	14.50
	<i>Aged 10-years in cask, scents of vanilla and citrus, rich with a silky sensation that persists in the mouth.</i>	
208	Grappa di Barbera d'Asti 'Roccanivo 1995', by Berta	14.50
	<i>Aged 10-years in cask, bouquet of Morello cherries, chocolate, fine wood tones of peaches in long finish.</i>	
162	Grappino Bianco, by G. Bertagnolli	7.00
	<i>A blend of Teroldego, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer pomace. Notes of melon, grapefruit and lemon.</i>	
108	Torre di Luna, by G. Bertagnolli	6.50
	<i>Fragrant nose, scents of green pepper, cactus and parchment. Smooth with a fruity, clean, minty, long finish.</i>	

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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>	6.50
207	Grappa di Monovitigno Prosecco, by Brotto <i>From Prosecco di Cartizze, smooth silky flavors of lemon and citrus with a very long aftertaste.</i>	6.00
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>	6.50
103	Capezzana Carmignano Riserva, by Villa di Capezzana <i>Medium-bodied. Dried leaves, incense, marjoram. Quite subtle aromatically with a forward brawny palate.</i>	7.50
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>	8.50
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>	7.50
204	Grappa di Moscato, by Ceretto <i>Moderately full-bodied. Citrus, tropical fruits. Pungent in style, aromatics are appealing. Finish flavorful. Rated 97 points.</i>	10.50
110	Grappa Brunate di Nebbiolo da Barlo, by Ceretto <i>Moderately full-bodied. Quite forceful in the nose with complex aromas and a hint of spirit.</i>	7.50
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>	7.50
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.</i>	7.50
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>	7.50
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>	6.50
151	Grappa di Barbera d'Asti 'Pomorosso', by Coppo <i>Lemon-lime aromas. Full, clean, blue fruits with sweet black cherry middle. Very good length, powerful.</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>	8.50
112	Etter Suisse Grappa, by Etter <i>Made from four different grapes pomace, intensely floral. Soft and mild in the mouth. Lemony throughout.</i>	7.00
308	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>	6.00
306	Grappa One Hundred, by Francoli <i>A full aroma, mid-palate of grapefruit and dried orange peel flavors, and hearty potent lingering finish.</i>	6.00
301	Grappa Bianca, by Francoli <i>Delicate with a distinctive taste, orange rind, dried apricot and eucalyptus, crisp spiciness and full flavor.</i>	6.00
127	Grappa McDowell Valley 1997, by Germain-Robin <i>Sweet lemon and apple middle, even blue plums and cherry hints; a fine full warm finish. Good length.</i>	7.50

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307	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>	7.50
300	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>	7.50
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>	6.00
302	Grappa di Chardonnay, by Giori. <i>Complex layering, hints of dried peaches. Rich bouquet of flowers and fruit characteristics, enveloping.</i>	7.50
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>	6.00
118	Grappa Martinenga, by Marchesi di Gresy <i>Medium-bodied. Plums, sweet herbs, minerals. Forceful in the mouth, some heat through the finish.</i>	7.00
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.</i>	7.00
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>	7.00
133	Grappa Pinot Chardonnay, by Inga <i>Very aromatic, recalling wild berries, delicate, and slightly fruity. Flavors are well-balanced, long finish.</i>	7.00
137	Grappa di Dolcetto, by Inga <i>Dried peach, orange peel, strawberry, with floral notes, it is soft with an aftertaste reminiscent of almonds.</i>	7.00
★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>	7.00
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>	8.00
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>	6.50
305	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>	7.50
111	Grappa di Chardonnay, by La Marca <i>Distilled in copper stills from Chardonnay grape marc. Aromatic, harmonious body. Very smooth, clean.</i>	6.00
★126	Grappa di Moscato, by Marolo <i>Unique fragrant thumbprint of orangey/flowery Moscato, intensely fruity, elegance and harmony. Rated 94 points.</i>	8.50
140	Grappa di Brunello, by Marolo <i>Exquisite rich flavors of the Sangiovese grape come through with vividness, roundness, elegance.</i>	7.00
139	Grappa di Barolo, by Marolo <i>Aromatic fragrance with a flavor of Nebbiolo grapes and scents of charred wood with amber overtones.</i>	8.00

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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>	7.00
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>	8.50
138	Grappa Novia Greco di Tufo, by Mastroberardino <i>Interesting aromatically with a fruity quality. Light and delicate with very little heat. Intense finish.</i>	7.00
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>	6.00
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.</i>	6.00
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>	6.00
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>	6.00
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>	7.50
115	Distillato d'Uva Grappa, by Moletto <i>Medium-bodied, packed dense mouthfeel. Peasant sweetness. Balanced flavors of apple and nectarines.</i>	7.50
★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.</i>	7.50
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.</i>	6.50
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>	7.50
122	Aquavite Grappa, by Bartolo Nardini <i>Sweet, light cherry flavors; orange-tangerine sweetness carries to the finish. Old school but complex.</i>	6.50
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.</i>	7.00
202	Chardonnay di Grappa by Nonino <i>Light amber. Scents of bread, vanilla and pastry with subtle hints of chocolate and almonds. Smooth.</i>	6.50
201	Grappa di Merlot, by Nonino <i>Palate entry is dry and grapey; midpalate, flavors turn sweet, ripe, compelling. Aftertaste is concentrated.</i>	6.50
303	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.</i>	9.00
309	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>	6.00

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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>	8.00
★310	Grappa di Brunello, by Il Poggione <i>Lovely, understated sweet tropical-fruit nose, with a dash of spice and peppermint in the background. Abundant, luscious flavors that sing on the palate – very alluring. Superbly balanced. Rated 93 points.</i>	8.00
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>	7.50
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>	7.00
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>	11.50
149	Luce, by Jacopo Poli <i>Made from Luce marc, a bouquet edged with fruit and spice, supple, smooth palate exhibits elegance.</i>	7.50
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>	10.50
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>	10.50
★164	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.</i>	9.00
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.</i>	10.00
159	Chiara di Fragola, by Jacopo Poli <i>Immature grape brandy made from the highly aromatic red grape called Fragola, which means strawberry.</i>	10.50
124	UvaViva di Poli, by Jacopo Poli <i>Rich, complex, lemon-orange, almost confectionary. Easy and very friendly, a bit sweet in style..</i>	7.50
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>	7.00
154	Grappa di Cartizze, by Zardetto <i>From Prosecco grapes. Orange and peach aromas. A bit peppery, but long, clean, and very bright.</i>	6.50

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