

# Wine Spectator

## TASTING HIGHLIGHTS

### 8 Lesser-Known Italian Reds You Should Be Drinking

To explore the full boot, start with these newly reviewed wines, which are all \$20 or less and hail from eight different regions



Donnachiara has been a quality leader in the southern region of Campania since the winery was founded in 2005. (Courtesy of Donnachiara)

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Sangiovese is the most commonly planted red grape in Italy, but southern regions such as Campania and Basilicata bank on **Aglianico**, which makes full-bodied, complex wines, such as the examples from Donnachiara.



## DONNACHIARA

Aglianico Irpinia 2017

Score: 90 | \$20

**WS review:** A smoky note up front underscores the baked cherry and dried fig fruit on the palate of this medium- to full-bodied red. Accents of cured tobacco and spice linger on the finish, firmed by well-knit tannins. Drink now through 2024. 1,700 cases made; 550 cases imported. - *A.N.*