

# ITALY'S *lighter red wines*

Reds of lighter body can be found all over Italy, where varieties of both big and small renown have adapted to the country's ideal growing conditions to produce an increasingly in-demand style. Our expert picks 20 delicious buys

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## Rubinelli Vajol, Valpolicella Classico, Veneto 2021

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The wines of this 10ha estate at San Pietro in Cariano are characterised by their understated elegance and finesse. This regular Classico bottling is one of my go-to light reds and is fermented and stored in stainless steel only, to emphasise its freshness and fruit. A pale ruby colour, it shows floral and red berry fruit aromas with hints of fragrant liquorice and pepper. Lithe, fresh and clean with juicy and peppery fruit flavours, it's so light on its feet.

**Drink** 2023-2025

**Alc** 12%

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