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## Winter Whites from Italy



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Chalk it up to unseasonably warm temperatures or holiday excesses, but sometimes a white wine in January is a most refreshing change. However, winter whites shouldn't be lightweight, summertime sippers – they should have good body and personality. These include high quality wines from northeastern Italy. Here are a few to try from <a href="Fattori">Fattori</a> and <a href="Attems">Attems</a>:

Fattori DOC Soave Classico – Soaves are traditionally made from 100% Garganega grapes. This one has notes of lime and minerals; it's crisp and medium weight.

Fattori Danieli DOC Soave – This wine also uses Garganega grapes, but includes a portion of sweeter late harvest grapes, all from a single vineyard. The nose is richer with floral, peaches, and minerality, and the wine is more generous in body and flavor than the classic Soave.

Fattori Roncha Bianco del Veneto – This is a delicious blend from northeastern Italy. The 50% portion of Garganega includes 5% of grapes that were dried for 5 to 6 months, which add bigger aromas and denser fruit flavors. The rest of the blend includes Pinot Grigio, Trebbiano de Soave and Durelli. The fresh, peach and floral flavors make it a lovely wine to drink on its own or paired with cheese, white meats, or foods with a bit of spice such as curries.

Fattori Runcaris Soave can be found at Astor Wines, 399 Lafayette Street, New York, NY.