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The best of 10,983 wines – every region, style and price

WHITE SINGLE VARIETAL UNDER £10

Fattori Giovanni, Motto Piane, Soave, Veneto, Italy 2008 (14%) £

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Tasted against the other Regional Trophies:

- Marks & Spencer, Secano Estate, Sauvignon Gris, Leyda Valley Chile 2009
- McGuigan, Bin 9000 Semillon, Hunter Valley, New South Wales, Australia 2003

For the second time in three years, Italy takes this title. It's a stellar victory; the winner having to hold at bay two forceful New World challengers. It also shows the quality that can be found in Soave, outside of the usual one or two big names.

One of the most positive developments of late in Soave has been the mapping of the DOC zone. The scientific survey highlights the fact that areas outside the prestigious Classico zone, although less regarded, contain many quality sites. Roncà is one of these, a hillside site with altitudes of 300m or more and the volcanic soils in which Soave's Garganega grape gives its tangy best.

It's here that oenologist Antonio Fattori makes this Trophy winner, bringing out the terroir of the cru. Motto Piane was originally conceived as a late-harvest wine, but now Fattori prefers to dry the grapes for a short period after picking, to achieve the same concentration of sugar and aromas. He leaves the skins with the must at low temperatures for 24 hours before fermentation, part in stainless steel and part in oak.

The result is a Soave typical of Roncà, in which excellent acidity is balanced by a full body and rich nose. It is a wine which drinks well after a year, but also has the ability to develop depth and intriguing complexity with up to six years' bottle ageing.



Regional Trophies

VENETO WHITE UNDER £10

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BRONZE WHITE

Fattori Giovanni, Danieli, Soave, Veneto 2009 (12.5%) £
Floral notes, with melon, apple, peaches, white blossom and hints of gravel. **C**

BRONZE WHITE SWEET

Fattori Giovanni, Motto Piane, Recioto di Soave, Veneto 2007 (14%)
Restrained aromatics of spice and candied fruit. Lively, tangy and really interesting. **F**
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