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## Prosecco Hills Of Italy Named UNESCO World Heritage Site

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### Cin Cin! Salute!

It's time to celebrate with a glass of sparkling Prosecco or, if you prefer, an Aperol Spritz!

Culminating a lengthy nomination process that took over ten years, **UNESCO finally declared the Prosecco Hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene a UNESCO World Heritage Site** at the agency's recent meeting in Baku (capital of Azerbaijan).



Conegliano Valdobbiadene Hills

This coveted designation safeguards the cultural landscape of a small agricultural area in northeast Italy, known principally for its Prosecco, notes Innocente Nardi, President of the Consortium for the Protection of Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco DOCG, in a press release.

The UNESCO designation reads: *The landscape is characterized by 'hogback' hills, ciglioni – small plots of vines on narrow grassy terraces – forests, small villages and farmland. For centuries, this rugged terrain has been shaped and adapted by man. Since the 17th century, the use of ciglioni has created a particular chequerboard landscape consisting of rows of vines parallel and vertical to the slopes. In the 19th century, the bellussera technique of training the vines contributed to the aesthetic characteristics of the landscape.*

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