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WHAT IS PROSECCO? HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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It certainly is a mouthful, but wines labeled Valdobbiadene Superiore Prosecco DOCG come from grapes grown on the hills between the towns of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene in the Treviso province. It is the heart of Prosecco production and at the top level of Prosecco designations. The very best of the best Prosecco vineyards are labeled Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore di Cartizze DOCG and come from a very select region within the DOCG region. If this is all a little confusing to you, this visual from the consortium of Prosecco producers may help make the Prosecco designations more clear.



Ca' Di Rajo Cuvee del Fondatore Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Millesimato Brut: This is a delightful wine for day drinking, (and at 11% alcohol—why not?) It's a pale, golden wine with luscious floral and tropical aromas. It offers good structure and refreshing acidity that make me want to drink it all day long.

Anna Spinato Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Brut: This is my pick for a pre-dinner Prosecco. A lovely, feminine wine, it offers apple and stone fruit aromas. It offers stone fruit flavors and Meyer lemon acidity. It has a faint sweetness that makes me crave salty finger foods.

Riva dei Frati Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Dry: This wine was more pale and more gentle than most of the Prosecco sparkling wines I tried for this article. On the nose it gave off the perfume of honeysuckle. Ripe melon, particularly honeydew, was the predominant flavor but a hint of pineapple gave it a memorable flavor.

Val d'Oca Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Millesimato Extra Dry: This is a remarkably pretty wine. Perhaps it is too pretty for some because it kept making me think of ladies who lunch! Ultra-refined with floral aromas and an almost ethereally light body, it's a wine for anyone who wants to drink something "lovely."

La Gioia Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Spumante Extra Dry: This wine easily rates among my all-time favorite Prosecco. It is more intense than most of the wines reviewed here. On the nose, there are freshly cut apple and floral aromas. On the palate, it bursts with unexpected papaya and dried mango flavors.

