

## IL GAZZETTINO

The prestigious acknowledgement awarded to the famous writer Ismail Kadare and to Giorgio Agamben, one of the greatest Italian philosophers. With them the “Risit d’Aur” to the charity project P(our), a community of bartenders, distillers and wine producers. The awarding ceremony on January 27<sup>th</sup> in Ronchi di Percoto (Udine)

Three for the Nonino between Albania and cocktails

### THE PRIZE

An Albanian writer and poet committed in the possibility of living together for the peoples of the Balkans as Ismail Kadare; Giorgio Agamben, a philosopher of international reputation and, last but not the least, the international charity project P(our), a global community of bartenders, barmen and sommeliers of international level. These are the winners, in the various sections, of the 43<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Nonino Prize, chosen by a jury presided by V.S. Naipaul and composed by Adonis, John Banville, Ulderico Bernardi, Peter Brook, Luca Cendali, Antonio R. Damasio, Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie, James Lovelock, Claudio Magris, Norman Manea, Edgar Morin and Ermanno Olmi. The winners are all names in line with the spirit of the prize, born in 1975 to rediscover and safeguard the rural traditions, starting from the ancient autochthonous vine varieties of Friuli (Ribolla, Schioppettino, Tazzelenghe and Pignolo) whose growing, at that time, was forbidden and later resumed thanks to the farsightedness of Giannola and Benito Nonino, who from the Risit d’Aur (Gold vine shoot) created the prizes Nonino Literature and Nonino “Master of our time”.

### A GLOBAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

An appointment grown in the years with guests bound later to win also Nobel prizes as it happened in 1992 for the Guatemalan Rigoberta Menchù who already in 1988 had received a special prize following a suggestion by father David Maria Turoldo. The union between tradition and a sight addressed to the future remains also on the occasion of the 2018 edition, which will award the acknowledgements at the Nonino Distilleries in Ronchi di Percoto (Udine), on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Interrupting a procedure consolidated in time, this year the return to the origins will be represented also by the choice of awarding three prizes instead of the four awarded in the past.

“We have decided to give more space to the prizewinners, reducing their number – says Antonella Nonino, who with her daughters represents the new generation of the family of Friulian distillers – stimulating therefore a greater attention on the personalities who will be the guests. There will also

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be a web live streaming of the ceremony and in the future we hope to propose again dialogue-meetings with each prizewinner, open to the public.

### ALBANIA IN THE HEART

“Kadare is a great writer and Europeanist, who sets himself in the center of the Mediterranean matters – Antonella underlines – a man of Islamic faith open to the dialogue”. From Albania, where he was born in 1936, the author of books like *The general of the dead army*, critical against the communist dictatorship in 1990 chose the exile in Paris, narrating the Balkan-Ottoman world, committing himself against totalitarianisms and in favor of peace.

### THE MASTER OF ETHICS

“The philosopher Giorgio Agamben is probably less known by the general public – says Antonella Nonino – but his investigations on religious morals, the right and ethics are important contributions for our contemporary society”. A society in crisis, which often neglects the values that are at the basis of civil cohabitation. A friend of Pier Paolo Pasolini’s, he played the part of the apostle Philip in the film *The Gospel according to St. Matthew*.

### INTERNATIONAL COCKTAILS

“P(our) is a charitable association of seven bartenders from all over the world, and one of the members is the Italian Simone Caporale – explains Antonella Nonino – who join the passion and care for cocktails with a social and supportive commitment. They have undertaken the task of saving the Ajè Negro, a fermented sauce made with bitter manioc, the result of a thousand year old culture prepared by the native tribes of Amazonia, as well as every year they organize an international meeting to face the fundamental themes of the society, as the matter of the Gender, also in the sector of the community of bartenders”. The devotion to their work, bound to the world of distilleries, united to the desire of knowing and changing the world have made the group worth of receiving the Nonino prize most bound to tradition.

**Lorenzo Marchiori**

### THE NONINO DYNASTY

A group photograph for the family women with Giannola. Once more Percoto is in the center of attention for the 43<sup>rd</sup> edition of the prize dedicated to Italian and foreign authors of literature, science and entrepreneurs.

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### THE PRIZEWINNERS

ISMAIL KADARE Born in Gjirokastër in 1936 is an Albanian writer, poet, essayist and script writer. Author of many books and collections of poems he is known for the novel “The general of the dead army”.

GIORGIO AGAMBEN Roman, 75 years old is one of the greatest Italian philosophers. For years, thanks to several publications, essays, books and teaching in Italy and abroad, he has been working on the relation between right and life and on the dynamics of the models of sovereignty.

THE P(OUR) PROJECT Alex Kratena (left) and Simone Caporale (right) are among the founders of the benefit project that joins bartenders, barmen, sommeliers, brewers, distillers and wine producers. The group was established in 2016.

### THE CHOICES OF THE JURY PRESIDED BY THE CARIBBEAN WRITER V.S. NAIPAUL

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