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## **Aperitivo and Amaro Nonino awarded in the world: the successes besides grappa**

*Two new successes for two labels of the distillery from Percoto. Both, the games of fate, homage to two important persons in the company history*



The ascent of Italian distillation doesn't stop anymore. A Further proof of this, in case it should be needed, is given by the two new medals that one of Italy's historic distilleries, Nonino, recently received. The Aperitivo Nonino Botanical Drink, in fact, was elected for the second year in a row, 'Aperitif of the Year International' at the ISW International Spirits Award 2022 and Amaro Nonino Quintessentia® Riserva aged 24 months received the Chairman's Trophy in the Bitter category at the Ultimate Spirit Challenge 2022!

Awards, acknowledgements that come following the victory as the Best Distillery in the World in 2019, according to Wine Enthusiast. It was the first time this happened to an Italian distillery, and more generally, the first time this happened to a distillery that deals primarily with grappa. The enthusiasm of Giannola Nonino (currently at the helm of the company) and her daughters had been irrepressible, as it is normal for an icing on a cake with more than a century of history.

It was in fact 1897 when Orazio Nonino established in Ronchi di Percoto the headquarters of his distillery, which until then had existed only in the form of an itinerant still, assembled on wheels. And World War II had not yet broken out (1933), when his grandson Antonio started the

production of Nonino liqueurs. He created Amaro Carnia, an infusion of herbs from the Friulian Mountains, using the grappa he distilled as the alcohol base. The same production, the same birth, which today has led to the creation of products known even beyond our borders.



Amaro Nonino Quintessentia® Riserva. In memory of Antonio Nonino, the third generation of the family of distillers, Amaro Nonino Quintessentia Riserva was created as a grand tribute. Antonio, because steel was prohibitively expensive, stored Amaro Carnia - the original recipe for today's amaro - in small wooden casks. It is that need and that legacy they looked at during the experimentation that eventually led to this amaro aged two years.

Instead, the aperitif is dedicated to Silvia Nonino, the first woman who, in 1940 after becoming a widow, became the head of the family distillery. Passionate and a great connoisseur of botanicals, Silvia created the first Aperitivo Bianco Nonino, an alcoholic and spirituous drink that actually opened not only a new door to the company's production, but also marked the arrival of a new kind of sensibility in distillation.