

## falstaff

tasting



APERITIVO TROPHY

## THE BEST COMES FIRST

The aperitivo sets the stage. Although the name suggests whetting the appetite before a meal, today this Italian term also stands for a moment of indulgence—and a wide variety of drinks. Falstaff has tasted its way through the selection and singled out the best.

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1st Place

Nonino Aperitivo

Nonino Distillatori, Pavia di Udine ③

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Aperitivo - Non-Alcoholic

94 Points

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Martini Floreale

Martini, Pessione

Floral-herbal base notes on the nose, reminiscent of camomile and yellow fruit. The mouthfeel is pleasant, initially carried by freshness and a little sweetness, before the tartness of unsweetened black tea emerges in the finish.

[martinierossi.it](http://martinierossi.it), €12.99

93 Points

2nd Place

Mionetto Aperitivo 0,0%

Mionetto, Valdobbiadene

0.5% ABV, Fresh on the nose with a typical rhubarb and bitter orange aroma, accompanied by tangy, greenish notes of zest. The taste constantly oscillates between clear sweetness and well-dosed bitterness, an exciting base for spritzing.

[mionetto.it](http://mionetto.it), €13.90

92 Points

and subtle mint freshness. The rooty bitterness is immediately present on the palate, the sweetness buffers it so that the overall taste is well balanced. Needs rather strong dilution.

[giffard.com](http://giffard.com), €14.50

90 Points

Mionetto Orange Spritz Alkoholfrei

Mionetto, Valdobbiadene

0.5% ABV, Quite a strong head when poured. The aroma of bitter orange is fruity. Tingling mouthfeel that gives a lot of freshness, citrusy acidity is present in the mouth for a long time. Long lasting.

[mionetto.it](http://mionetto.it), €13.90

Giffard Spritz Alkoholfrei

Giffard, Avrillé

Lots of freshness on the nose, especially pink grapefruit zest. Quite a full mouthfeel that benefits from a distinct sweetness at the beginning. A bitter note rises strongly from the middle and takes first place in the finish before a sweetish base.

[giffard.com](http://giffard.com), €14.50

Pallini Limonzero

Pallini S.p.A., Rom ①

0.5% ABV, Attractive, dark lemon yellow with a slight cloudiness. The nose brings a surge of zest - not only lemon, but also grapefruit comes to mind. Full-bodied and



dense aromas of rhubarb, bitter orange and tart juniper. Perfectly composed on the palate, sweetness and bitterness are close together. The finish gives the impression of olive brine. Molto bene.

[amaromontenegro.com](http://amaromontenegro.com), €11,60

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Apéro Aperitif

Stockholms Bränneri, Stockholm, Sweden ④

22% ABV, This is it, folks - a bright, natural fragrance of citrus, rhubarb, lingonberry, strawberry and a touch of orange, all drifting together with an ease that feels almost effortless. The sweetness lands exactly where it should, in clean balance

nizable in the finish. Close to the ideal image of a liqueur!

[zoechmeister.at](http://zoechmeister.at), €18

2nd Place

St-Germain

St-Germain, Marmande

20% ABV, Rich in the nose with elderflower and well-dosed citrus notes, plus a slight hint of lemongrass. Soft, tightly woven and well-balanced on the palate. These fine notes persist into the finish and the aftertaste with enormous length.

[stgermainliqueur.com](http://stgermainliqueur.com), €34.99

93 Points

Limoncè Aperitivo

STOCK SPIRITS GmbH &amp; Co. KG,

Hamburg ⑤

14.8% ABV, The very fragrant nose is reminiscent of freshly sliced Amalfi lemons and candied lemon peel. On the palate, a strong sweetness is noticeable, the citrus freshness becomes more subtle. Very refreshing with a strong sparkling soda.

[stockspirits.com](http://stockspirits.com), €11.50

## **Il meglio, prima di tutto**

L'aperitivo apre la scena. Sebbene il nome suggerisca di stimolare l'appetito prima del pasto, oggi questo termine italiano rappresenta anche un momento di piacere e convivialità, oltre a un'ampia varietà di drink. Falstaff ha degustato un'ampia selezione, individuando i migliori.

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**Note di degustazione:** Roland Graf, Erhard Ruthner e Alexander Thüerer

### **Aperitivo Trophy**

#### **1° posto**

#### **Nonino Aperitivo**

Nonino Distillatori, Pavia di Udine

21% vol. Colore giallo oro intenso, che anticipa i caratteristici sentori agrumati di lime e yuzu. Al palato è avvolgente e ancora più complesso; alle note agrumate si affianca la forza amaricante delle botaniche. Nel complesso mantiene un magnifico equilibrio, con la scorza di limone che lascia l'ultima, elegante impressione gustativa.

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