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Great success for Donnafugata's Ben Ryé 2010 **All the 2013 guides agree on its excellence**

Antonio Rallo: “A gratifying result for Ben Ryé Passito di Pantelleria, our winery and the island’s heroic viticulture

Cross-referencing and comparing the ratings given by 2013 wine guides, **Donnafugata's 2010 Ben Ryé** scored the highest, along with **Bertani's 2005 Amarone** della Valpolicella. It's a rare event when all the guides concur on excellence in spite of the various tasting teams' different orientations and rating methods.

Eight of Italy's best-read guides gave unanimous kudos to the **2010 Ben Ryé** Passito di Pantelleria DOP: an extraordinary result, whose splendid precedent was the 2006.



Donnafugata's Ben Ryé is a well-confirmed icon of Italian wine, a winner of myriad national and international honors over the past 20 years.

And it swept the field in 2013: **Tre Bicchieri** from **Gambero Rosso's Guida ai Vini d'Italia**, **Cinque grappoli** from **Bibenda** published by the AIS Rome, a **Vino Slow** rating from **Slow Wine**, a **Super Tre Stelle Blu** from **I Vini di Veronelli**, **Eccellenza** from **L'Espresso's Vini d'Italia**, a **Corona** from the **Touring Club's Vini Buoni d'Italia**, inclusion among the **TOP 100** in **D'Agata & Comparini's Guida ai Migliori Vini d'Italia**, **95/100 points** from **Luca Maroni's Annuario dei Migliori Vini Italiani** and, lastly,

a rating of **95/100** from **Wine Enthusiast's Top 100 Wines of the Year**.

“We are delighted for our Ben Ryé, which once again succeeds in getting the greatest attention and highest opinions from the best wine critics, for itself and for the island of Pantelleria,” says **Antonio Rallo**, head of production at Donnafugata. “A worthy result for our Passito di Pantelleria and the extreme viticulture whose child it is”.

Joining the Italian guides is **Traveller** magazine, rating Ben Ryé among the **10 Top Wine Travel** attractions, a “reason to visit” the territory from which it comes.

Completing Ben Ryé's success is response on the web. On the **vinievino.com** site wine-lovers can vote for their favorite among the top ten preferences of the guides: the 2010 Ben Ryé is currently in first place, followed by the **2008 Barbaresco** from **Gaja** and **Conterno's 2004 Barolo Monfortino Riserva**. Last but not least, Ben Ryé is one of the finalists for Best White Dessert Wine in the *Luxury* category at www.snooth.com, the biggest online wine-lovers community, with more than a million registered users.

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