



## Gianluca Bisol on Venice's lost grape and Venissa wine

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VENICE — We spoke to Gianluca Bisol at Venissa, the walled vineyard on the sleepy island of Mazzorbo that has just been voted second in the 2026 Wine Travel Awards global must-visit public poll, ahead of estates in California, South Africa and France. Heir to Bisol 1542, a Prosecco dynasty with more than five centuries behind it, he rescued the Dorona di Venezia, a golden-hued grape thought lost forever after the catastrophic 1966 Acqua Grande flood. Today, just one hectare of vines inside a 14th-century monastery wall produces roughly 3,500 bottles a year. Each is sealed with Murano glass and labelled in 24-karat gold leaf, hand-hammered by the last surviving *battiloro* (gold beater) family in Venice. Bottles sell for well above 100 euro.

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