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Wine from Goriška Brda

The Brda Region is proud to be home to a number of the top 100 winemakers in the world. Goriška Brda is the northern sub-region of the Primorski wine region in western Slovenia, named after the two towns around which it is formed; Goriska and Brda. Located at the foot of the Julian Alps, Brda finds itself wedged between snow-capped mountain peaks and sun-baked Adriatic coastline.

The name Brda translates literally as 'hills', and the area fits snugly around the sub-alpine topography here. Just 45 miles (72km) separate the highest peak of the alps, the 9400ft (2864m) Triglav, from Montefalco on the Gulf of Trieste. Located half-way between the two, Brda experiences the climatic effects of each. The local geology means that the soils around Brda are mostly the product of orological erosion.

Brda is best known for red wines from Teran (the local name for Refosco) and Barbera, long established in this region, but also French imports such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Berry-scented Pinot Noir (Modri Pinot or even Modri Burgundec here) is a successful red wine style emerging from Brda. Sweet white dessert wines are also made in this area, often in the style of Ramandolo, from the Colli Oriental just across the border.

