

About Drink Italy

Drink Italy is run by **Donatella Bernstein**.

The charismatic **Donatella** began her career in the export of Antinori wines in Florence. Her subsequent life path took in a position at the United Nations, a stint on Fleet street, the creation of a theatre agency and finally the establishment of [Ethical Edibles](#) , an organisation focused on organic, sustainable and traditional food production from Italy. She read Anthropology at UCL and is a carnival specialist. Her Tuscan mother never drunk a drop of water in her life and she has continued this passion for wine, working only with small and little known wine-makers who "treat their wines as their babies". She is famed for continuing to deliver supplies all across London on her old freight bike.

Marco Scarpelli (sommelier) has recently joined DrinkItaly as a special advisor. Marco, of Tuscan roots but raised in Milan, moved to London for the second time in '08. He is a qualified professional sommelier with the [Italian Association of Sommeliers \(A.I.S.\)](#) . His experience on the restaurants floor stretches from the Oltrepò, to the Baglioni and Gordon Ramsey's Maze in London. He enjoys sharing his passion for good wines and hosting tastings. Unbiased in his assessment of wines from all over the world. In particular, he loves wines from his home country and in general those coming from the regions that were part of the ancient Roman Empire, nowadays referred to as the Old World.