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**A GUIDE TO THE WORLD  
OF ITALIAN WINES  
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AND WINE LOVERS**

**2,206 PRODUCERS  
16,000 WINES**

**282 THREE GLASSES  
25 RETROSPECTIVE  
THREE GLASSES  
AWARDS**

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Cannonau is the love of Giuseppe Gabbas' life. He has almost 20 hectares of vines in a fine area straddling Oliena and Orgosolo, where he's built a new cellar. He's planted some cabernet, merlot, sangiovese and syrah too, for use solely in blends. He makes the type of wines that he likes himself, although they also appeal to a broad band of consumers, the sort who want to be able to enjoy a bottle of wine without having to wait years for it to come round. Now that the new cellar is operational, it is more feasible to undertake the research that Gabbas has been keen to carry out, primarily on cannonau, in its ideal habitat around here. A considerable part of the character of the wines comes from the high-altitude vineyards and strong day-night temperature swings. When you add the consummate professionalism of the entire team here, high quality is practically guaranteed. A perfect example is Cannonau di Sardegna Lillové '05, which is youthful with cherry fruitiness on both nose and palate, and leaves the mouth fresh and clean. Cannonau di Sardegna Dule Riserva '03 is a touch low-key. The nose is full of Mediterranean scrubland and chocolate, and the palate is harmonious and balanced, but the structure is a little slim. Finally comes Arbeskia, from cannonau and cabernet aged almost two years in barrique, which again reached the finals, this year with the '03. Balsamic and mineral notes dominate the broad, complex nose and the palate has good acidity and a long, savoury finish.

● Arbeskia '03	5
● Cannonau di Sardegna Lillové '05	4*
● Cannonau di Sardegna Dule Ris. '03	4
● Arbeskia '00	5
● Cannonau di Sardegna Dule Ris. '01	4*
● Arbeskia '02	5
● Arbeskia '01	5
● Avra '01	4
● Dule '01	4
● Cannonau di Sardegna Dule Ris. '02	4*
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