

The Moscato Maven

ANNOUNCING THE WINNER OF OUR LATEST BLIND TASTING: **TROPICAL BY LUCA BOSIO**

SIX EDITORS AT *The SOMM Journal* were recently tasked with blind tasting and comparing a group of 12 sparkling fruit-flavored Moscatos wrapped in brown paper bags and grouped in four categories: orange, green, red, and purple. Our first and second place winners are as follows:

ORANGE

First place: Tropical Mango

Second place: Barefoot Mango Fruitscato

GREEN

First place: Tropical Ginger Lime

Second place: Barefoot Lemonade Fruitscato

RED

First place: Stella Rosa Cranberry

Second place: Tropical Cranberry

PURPLE

First place: Tropical Passion Fruit

Second place: Roscato Tropical



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Luca Bosio is a third-generation winemaker from Italy and the creator of Tropical Moscato.

Created by Italian winemaker Luca Bosio, Tropical by Luca Bosio—a fusion of premium Moscato from Piedmont and 100% real fruit—claimed victory in three out of four flavor categories, scoring the highest out of the selection of competitors as the best-tasting brand of sparkling fruit-infused Moscato. Made with all-natural ingredients and without added sugar or artificial additives, it contains top-quality fruit sourced from notable regions such as the Italian Alps. 

Here are some notes from our team:

TROPICAL MANGO

If mango lassi was made without dairy. Strong fruit flavor with a burst of effervescence on the palate. Rounded, smooth mouthfeel. —*Stef Schwab*

Clean, sweet, and ripe mango notes arise in an unctuous, spritzzy frame. Floral tones of white petals, pineapple, and candied ginger. —*Meridith May*

TROPICAL GINGER LIME

Refreshing, with a subtle spicy lift that serves as a nice counterpoint to the sweetness. —*Brian Freedman*

Pale golden yellow in the glass, this Moscato boasts a powdery floral bouquet with hint of almond and nostalgic notes of gummy candy, paving the way for notes of mandarin orange, Meyer lemon, and key lime that leave behind a mouth-coating texture. —*Kate Newton*

TROPICAL PASSION FRUIT

Subtle passion fruit on nose, good as a fruit accent. This is a very well-balanced wine, lifted with racy acid and juicy fruit. Refreshing, not syrupy sweet. —*Alissa Bica*

Lush note of the tropics, with gardenia, plumeria, and orange sorbet. —*M.M.*

Smells appealingly like a strawberry-banana smoothie and tastes like it too, with a lively texture and a bit of mango on the finish. —*Ruth Tobias*

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