

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: BRONZE

2nd SHIPMENT: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018

Theme of the Shipment: Boutique wines, small wineries and stubborn wine makers

These wines have been selected by our staff of sommeliers, we firmly believe that this selection represents the best we can offer on this price range. Here there are great values and hidden gems of Italian viticulture, each one of the wines represents its terroir and the imprinting given by these great producers

FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

Centopassi "Argille di Tagghia Via di Sutta" Nero d'Avola 2016: A wine that pacifically declares war to Mafia. Centopassi is the winemaking soul of the Libera Terra social co-operatives that cultivate the lands seized from the Mafia in Sicily. The vineyards are located in the Upper Belice Corleonese, a beautiful region, particularly suited for high-quality production. This wine (only 3200 bts made) does not only represent the warmth, the finesse and the intensity of Sicily, but also the wish of these young folks of getting rid of the Mafia and the corruption that rotten some areas of this incredible island. This wine is dedicated to the love and courage of Ninetta Burgio, mother of the young Pietrantonio, murdered at 18 by the mob in Niscemi: so, besides of being a great wine, it has a special and deep value to it. 100% Nero d'Avola. 2018-2025. Open 2h before. 2Bt in shipment.

Bruno Giacosa Nebbiolo Vigna Valmaggione 2016: I wanted to pay a tribute to one of Italy's most talented wine makers, Mr Bruno Giacosa, who unfortunately passed away this year. He has been an example of commitment and dedication, from the vineyard to the cellar. One of the main figures of Barolo and Barbarescos 'Golden generation', Bruno Giacosa has brought the great terroir of Piedmont on top of world's viticulture, by making top quality wines strictly linked to his philosophy of production, working hard in the vineyard to provide great grapes for a great wine. 100% Nebbiolo. Drink Between 2018-2025. Open 2h before. 1Bt in Shipment

Sanguineto Rosso di Montepulciano 2016: A great micro-winery led by Mrs Dora and Mrs Patrizia: in my opinion one of the greatest values in Italy. This wine has become a gem among natural wine lovers and the 'stubborn' producers a legend in Italian viticulture. I believe that what makes the difference here is the passion of the wine makers and a rare clone of a great Tuscan grape variety named Canaiolo, that Dora's father planted in Sanguineto decades ago. Canaiolo gives a floral smell that makes this wine unique, the great Sangiovese gives body to the structure for a perfect combination with spiciness of rare Mammolo. Sangiovese 80% Canaiolo 15% Mammolo 5%. Drink between 2018-2020. Open 2h before. 2bts in shipment

Casa Vinicola Scarpa Rouchet Briccorosa 2015: it would be offensive to reduce Piedmont wines to the only Nebbiolo grape. Take this wine as an example of unique, vibrant and floral Rouchet grape, produced by this historic estate in northern Piedmont. From its lively deep pink color you can read the light structure and the fruitiness of this great wine. I recommend to drink it at lower temperature in order to preserve its acidity and its inviting chamomile notes. One of a kind wine. 100% Ruché(Rouchet) 2018-2022. Open 1h before. 1 bts in shipment

Begali Amarone Classico 2014: What selection can be without the warmth and the full bodied complexity of Amarone? This wine is obtained from the drying of grapes that have been left to rest during the months of September and October, after a first careful selection in the vineyards and a second in the fruit house and they remain there until January. Intense, ethereal, spicy: definitely a full body meditation wine, this Amarone can also be a perfect pairing with game and grilled meat. Powerful. 65% Corvina, 30% Rondinella, 5% other grapes. 2018-2030. Open 4h before. 1 bt in shipment

La Casella Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva 2012: Such a great value, this wonderful Nobile Riserva from this organic micro-winery run by Alberto Brini. The warmth of a Vino Nobile for this “Classic Montepulciano Blend” of Sangiovese, Canaiolo, Mammolo and Colorino: the Sangiovese gives the structure and the firm tannins, the Canaiolo a nice and wide bouquet of cherry and red roses, the Mammolo (a local grape you can only find in Montepulciano) gets some spicy nuances of white pepper and the Colorino some herbal notes and an inviting red ruby color. I love this 'old style' Vino Nobile, I personally believe that Alberto is taking this winery among the top ones in our beautiful town! Pair with Game and Red Meat. 85% Sangiovese, 15% betw Canaiolo, Colorino and Mammolo. 2018-2025. Open 3h before. 2 bts in Shipment

Terre Nere Brunello di Montalcino 2012: My good friend Francesca Vallone, since she took over the management of this micro-winery in Montalcino from her father, has brought her knowledge and her touch of class to this great Brunello. Located in one of the best areas of Montalcino, close to the beautiful Sant'Antimo abbey, Terre Nere offers a powerful yet elegant Brunello, fruit of the warmth of the 2012 Vintage and the richness of the soil of the area. This intense, deep, complex, full bodied Brunello, offers one of the very best values in Montalcino. It is not easy to find such a complexity on this price range, especially in 'booming' Montalcino. 100% Sangiovese. 2018-2030. Open 4h before. 1Bt in shipment

Chianti Classico Val delle Corti 2015: Radda in Chianti is a small Town in the Chianti Classico region, famous for giving birth to some of the finest wines in Tuscany. This is one of most sublime expressions of Sangiovese: the wine is elegant, dynamic, vibrant and extremely delicious, harmonious. This small estate, led by owner Roberto Bianchi, is becoming more and more popular in the last years, typical example of boutique winery that manages to make great wines by respecting the terroir and the tradition, keeping a good price point for a wine that you can enjoy now or keep for 15 years! 95% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo. 2018-2030. Open 2h before. 2Bts in shipment.