

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: BRONZE

3rd SHIPMENT: APRIL/MAY 2019

Theme of the Shipment: "HEY HEY, MY MY, ROCK'N'ROLL CAN NEVER DIE!"

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. The wines are hereby compared to a Rock Music masterpiece by our 'Sommelier-DJ' Francesco ☺

FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

Dornach 1000cm³ 2017 Song: Rebel Rebel by David Bowie. In this white made in the extreme north of Italy, right by the Dolomite Mountains, there is all the rebellious passion of the wine maker Patrick. You can tell this is going to be something unique by looking at the 1LT bottle that will ensure a good remedy to thirst with its 2 extra glasses: its citrusy and exotic nuances make it extremely pleasant to the nose, the freshness and minerality given by the soil of the Dolomites will get you addicted after the first sip! Patrick believes in local grapes varieties and in biodynamic production to provide a great wine linked to its terroir and the result is just stunning. I cannot help but imagine the drum intro and the guitar riff of the song 'Rebel Rebel' by my idol David Bowie when I drink this wine. Grapes: Solaris, Sauvignon gris, Cabernet blanc. Open 1h before. Drink between 2019-2021 1Bt in shipment.

Podere Le Ripi Rosso di Montalcino Sogni e Follia 2015 Song: Under Pressure by Queen ft Bowie. 'Cause love's such an old fashioned word...' I would say this great line of this masterpiece by The Queen defines what Francesco Illy has done in these years since Podere Le Ripi started making wine in Montalcino in 2003: Mr Illy believes in love for our great terroir and in respect for our beautiful land. This 'baby-brunello' produced in epic 2015 vintage, is made in a very old fashioned way, following the criteria of biodynamic farming, avoiding chemicals in the vineyard so to preserve the original flavors of the wine and for not being harmful to the environment and the final consumer. One of my favorite wines, elegant and extremely complex for being a 'Rosso di Montalcino', one of the best values in Montalcino! 100% Sangiovese. Drink Between 2019-2022. Open 2h before. 2Bts in Shipment

Talosa Vino Nobile di Montepulciano cru 'Filai Lunghi' 2015 Song: Gimme Shelter by The Rolling Stones. It is certainly difficult to link this post-apocalyptic song about war to a great Vino Nobile, but the structure of the wine reminds me of the structure of this rock classic: the elegant start of this wine in the palate evolves in a deep and rich overwhelming sensation in the after-taste, like the subtle intro by Keith Richards leads to the unbelievable solo by gospel-soul female vocal Merry Clayton. Like most great Sangiovese the wine has a spectacular evolution in terms of taste. I have a special feeling with Talosa, their wines represent a great expression of Sangiovese in Montepulciano, a true classic among the Vino Nobile. 100% Sangiovese. Drink betw 2019-2025 Open 3h before. 2bts

Tenuta San Guido 'Le Difese' 2017 Song: Whole Lotta Love by Led Zeppelin. For the first time in our wine club we offer a true blockbuster but I wanted to pay tribute to Sassicaia, elected as best wine of the world by Wine Spectator last year, by including its 'little brother' Le Difese in our selection. In this vineyard the history of Italian wine was made, when in the '60s the wines from Tenuta San Guido were the first one to be able to compete with the great Bordeaux and the success of the winery gave a fundamental contribution to the fame of Supertuscans and Italian wines abroad. The wine is as powerful as the guitar riff by Jimmy Page and the spicyness due to Cab. Sauvignon can be compared to iconic solo by lead singer Robert Plant in an lustful evolution of the structure. Hats off, both to one of most popular wineries in Italy and to the most important band in Rock music. 70% Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Sangiovese. 2018-2022. Open 2h before. 2 bts in shipment

Grifalco Aglianico del Vulture Gricos 2016 **Song: Fire by The Jimi Hendrix Experience.** We were surprised in Montepulciano when in 2004, Cecilia and Fabrizio Piccin, two popular VINO Nobile producers, decided to start over a winery right by the Vulture Volcano and to make great Aglianico: this couple had a vision and saw the potential of this terroir and this majestic grape variety. They were led by love for great wines, looking for adventure, for a new challenge. Their sons Lorenzo (wine-maker) and Andrea (salesman) inherited this passion and after 15 years, with the help of the whole family including the 3 dogs, Grifalco wines are now rated by the most important newspapers and wine magazines of the world. If Aglianico and Volcanic soils are considered as the symbols of the Renaissance of Southern-Italian wines, the Piccin family has a bright future ahead having in Lorenzo one of the best young wine makers in the whole country. This Aglianico is earthy and intense, yet easy to enjoy, with bittersweet flavors of red fruits and minerals due to volcanic soil of Vulture. Song I have chosen for the 'music-pairing' is Fire by forerunner of all Guitar-Heroes Jimi Hendrix to represent the fiery passion of the Piccins and the soul of this great volcano. 100% Aglianico. 2018-2022. Open 1h before. 2 bts in shipment

Barolo Marengo 2015 **Song: My Generation by The Who.** If you have never heard of the 'Barolo boys', they were the generation that brought a distinctive change to the wine culture in Langhe area: these 'Yuppies' introduced Barriques in Piedmont and brought new wine making techniques. Marco Marengo was one of the first wine makers to adopt the French Oak for Barolo in the '90s starting a 'generational conflict' with old-style wine makers: the Barolo boys were innovative and projected to change like the Mods from the '60s were projected to future and this song by The Who is the revolutionary anthem of the younger generations trying to give their imprinting to the present. This wine represents the harmonious blend between a classic Barolo, with beautiful ripe cherry and violet flower nuances, and hints of Truffle, Vanilla and Cigar due to French Oak. Pure elegance. 100% Nebbiolo. 2019-2030. Open 3h before. 1 Bt in shipment

Montemercurio Rosso di Montepulciano 'Petaso' 2016 **Song: Another Brick in the Wall part 2 by The Pink Floyd.** Remember the two kids that were driving the teachers crazy in your class? Well, in my class their names were Marco and Francesco of course: Marco Anselmi and I grew up together and have been great friends for years. Most of our unfortunate teachers had predicted an unpromising future for the both of us as we were a bit too lively and not very studious: things changed for Marco when, aged 20, he decided to convert his Grandfather's farm into a proper VINO Nobile winery. Since then, he has been working hard and developed great wine-making skills, becoming one of the most respected VINO Nobile producers. This time I am glad to introduce his fabulous Rosso di Montepulciano, a rich 'baby Nobile' that shines for its vibrant and mineral verve. A Rosso that does not fear a food pairing with game, grilled meat and steaks, a wine that represents the strong personality of its wine maker: "Hey, teachers, live us kids alone!". 95% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot. 2019-2021. Open 2h before. 2bts in shipment