

## MEMBERSHIP PLAN: BRONZE

### 4<sup>th</sup> SHIPMENT: FALL 2019

#### Theme of the Shipment: “🎵🎵🎵 OH GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN 🎵🎵🎵”

These wines have been selected by our staff of sommeliers, we firmly believe that this selection represents the best we can offer in this price range. This time the selection offers amazing gems made by female wine makers of Italy, to understand the change brought by women to the Italian wine industry in the 80s, 90s and 2000s. Great wine makers and entrepreneurs who truly stepped up the game in a world that used to be predominantly a male business. Each of the wines will be paired with a song of a famous Female Singer, From Nina Simone to Janis Joplin, Aretha Franklin, Patty Smith, Madonna, Lady Gaga and other strong female entertainers of our time.

#### FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

**Oddero Langhe Nebbiolo Doc 2017 Song: True Colors by Cindy Lauper** Mariacristina Oddero took over the leadership of this incredible winery after his father Giacomo passed. She is a very passionate Wine Maker and brought a new perspective to the production of one of the most important wineries in Piedmont. Her wines are a multicolored, kaleidoscopic expression of the great terroir of Langhe. Quoting her: “As a girl, I thought I would be working with colors. I wanted to study fabric colors in interior design or for clothes. But today I think that I work with colors of the plants I cultivate, I gaze upon the colors of the sky, I study the colors of Barolo as it evolves slowly year after year. What is more wonderful than that?”: this beautiful quote reminds me of this classic from the 80s, sung by iconic singer Cindy Lauper. 100% Nebbiolo. 2 bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2019-2022. Open 1h Before. Price range: \$26

**Valdipiatta Pinot Nero IGT 2017 Song: Sunrise by Norah Jones** Not only Sangiovese is produced in Montepulciano. Miriam Caporali is the leader of this great winery and her Pinot Noir perfectly reflects her personality: an elegant, yet firm wine, fruit of the enthusiasm of Miriam for experimentation and of her love for the terroir of Montepulciano. Geographically, this should be considered a ‘Warm climate’ Pinot Noir, but it is impossible to categorize this wine, it is like the soul voice of Norah Jones, fresh and graceful, yet deep and soulful: a mix of Burgundy and Montepulciano for a unique gem(only 800bts made). 100% Pinot Noir. 1bt in shipment. Drink 2019-2021. Open 1h before. \$32

**Avignonesi Vino Nobile Cru Caprile 2015 Song: Respect by Aretha Franklyn** Virginie Saverys is a Belgian businesswoman who fell in love with Sangiovese and Montepulciano. Since she took over one of the most important estates of the town, she embraced Biodynamic production as approach to farming and life in general. Virginie’s keyword is ‘respect’: towards the ecosystem, her staff and the final consumer. The winery has started producing and crafting organic wines that are truly authentic to their origins yet singular and unique. This Nobile comes from the Single-Vineyard called Caprile: Virginie saw the potential of this vineyard and decided to create this label that represent a great and rare(2000bts made) Vino Nobile. Warm, powerful, deep and rich like the incredible voice of the ‘Queen of soul’ Aretha Franklyn,. 100% Sangiovese. 1bt in Shipment. Drink 2019-2025. Open 2h before. \$55

**Avignonesi Da.Di Rosso Biologico 2018 Song: Big Yellow Taxi by Joni Mitchell** Another wine from Virginie, but this one is like no other you have tasted before. This Biodynamic Sangiovese is an hymn to mother earth aged in terracotta vessels made in Tuscan clay: Chinese for “earth, soil”, the name Da-Di was chosen to underline this particularity. The clay gives this 100% Sangiovese a vibrant and unvarnished taste of red fruit. Da-Di is bursting with the freshness and elegance typical of amphora-ageing. Medium body, sleek texture and mouth-watering red berries and cherries tantalise the senses, giving way to a soft spicy finish. This wine sings a soft and meaningful melody in defense of Mother Nature, like the song Big Yellow Taxi by Joni Mitchell, one of first and most important environmentalist artists in the 70s. 100% Sangiovese. 2bts in shipment. 2019-2022. Open 1h before. \$ 25

**Massimago Profasio Valpolicella Superiore Doc Profasio 2014 Song: Million Reasons by Lady Gaga** Camilla is much more than just a good wine maker, she is also a business-woman very attentive to the importance of the brand and communication. A millennial who brought a new exciting touch of innovation and class to Amarone and Valpolicella wines. A strong young woman, conscious of her abilities and extremely passionate for her beloved Valpolicella, Camilla's keywords are excellence, creativity, respect for nature and innovation. This organic Wine is vertical, balsamic, intense and spicy, with a full body and surprising depth: a Valpolicella Superiore that has nothing to envy to his bigger brother Amarone. I drink this and I imagine this song and the powerful voice of Lady Gaga, another innovative millennial who is dominating the scene in music in the last 10 years with her incredible personality. 65% Corvina ,20% Corvinone, 15% Rondinella. 2bt in shipment. Drink 2019-2022.Open 2h before. \$35

**Istine Chianti Classico Docg 2017 Song: It's Oh So Quiet by Bjork** Angela is the eclectic, energetic leader of this winery located in my favorite area of Chianti Classico, Radda, which I believe being the 'Mecca' of Sangiovese. This is exactly what you'd expect from a Chianti, a vibrant, fruit-forward and mineral red, extremely pleasant to drink. I believe that all wines in general reflect the personality of the wine maker and this is the perfect example: Angela is full of life, dynamic and witty like this generous Chianti and this exuberant song from the Icelandic singer Bjork. 2017 was a difficult vintage in Tuscany due to dry and warm weather, but the terroir of Radda is so distinctive and unique that this wine has an incredible drinkability despite the vintage! 90% Sangiovese 10% Canaiolo. 2bt in shipment. Drink through 2019-2022. Open 1h before. \$19

**Antico Palmento Primitivo di Manduria Doc 2015 Song: Summertime by Janis Joplin** Mariangela Garofano is an example of strong business-woman from the South of Italy, she runs the family winery with her father Bruno in the heart of Puglia, one of Italy's most enchanting regions, the land of Primitivo grape(if you never heard this name you might have heard about Zinfandel, it is basically the same grape!). Both the song and the wine inebriate me with memories from the past Summers back when I was a kid, this Primitivo smells like mediterranean scrub typical of Puglia, which reminds me of the hot summers down in this incredible region: flamboyant, an explosion of flavors, dried figs, ripe berries, marzipan. Robust and generous, with incredible personality and firm tannins to balance the powerful structure, intense, warm and biting like the voice of my favorite female singer of all time, Janis Joplin. Italian Nostalgia at its finest, a positive feeling about memories of a beautiful childhood. 100% Primitivo(Zinfandel). 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2019-2023. Open 1h before. \$32

**Elisabetta Foradori Teroldego Igt 2018 Song: At Last by Etta James** Elisabetta is doubtless the Queen of Teroldego, amazing grape cultivated in the lowlands of Trentino, whose origins are closely tied to the Noce River, which, over the centuries, has deposited huge quantities of limestone, granite and porphyry debris from the Dolomite Mountains. The result between the Teroldego and this amazing soil is summed up in this great biodynamic wine: red ruby color, an explosion of berries, cassis and violets with distinctive mineral notes, light, cruspy, bright , juicy and saline. Elisabetta's name is linked to the renaissance of Teroldego, she gave voice to the wine makers of this area and most importantly she gave a soul to this incredible grape: she is an example of female wine maker and entrepreneur that stepped up the game for Italian wines and gave her imprinting to a whole area of production...at last! 1bt. 2019-2023. Open 1h before. \$28