

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: BRONZE

6th SHIPMENT: FALL 2020

Theme of the Shipment: "MONTEPULCIANO IS NOBILE"

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.

In these strange times, since most of our members could not make it to Italy due to Covid restrictions, Francesco has decided to bring Montepulciano and Italy to your home, with a stunning selection of wines by the six most important Vino Nobile wineries, this time paired with the greatest Italian songs. This is our way to show how great the Terroir of Montepulciano is and how many beautiful Italian songs have marked the 20th Century for our beloved country: we consider this selection as the perfect combination of the 'Greatest hits of both Montepulciano Wines and Italian Music'.

FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

Salcheto Rosso Igt Obvius 2018 Song: **Prisencolinensinaiculusol** by **Adriano Celentano**. Unconventional, natural, unfiltered, unique: both the song with "Anglicized non-sense lyrics" by Italian performer Adriano Celentano and this wine by Salcheto are shocking and innovative. This Sangiovese is fully organic, not filtered, with no sulphites added and fermented with indigenous yeasts only; the result is a crunchy, vinous, floral and herbaceous wine, perfect for an aperitif or to sit by the pool. Hints of violet, sour cherry and wild rose, if you drink it at slightly lower temperature it can reach a spicy herbal note of freshly cut grass and a fulfilling freshness. Something different, this wine shows how the past of wine making can be innovative and futuristic. **100% Sangiovese. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2021. Open 30min Before. Price range: \$25 *Serve 14-15C/57-59F**

Salcheto Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva 2015 Song: **Estate** by **Bruno Martino**. Is this a Vino Nobile or an Amarone? Warm and gentle like this beautiful jazz ballad by Bruno Martino, the Nobile Riserva by Salcheto is vinified through the ancient technique of 'Governo Toscano' with part of the grapes over-ripe by drying in the vines: the result is a rich, elegant and intense bouquet of cherry under spirit, violet, dry flowers and a slight tobacco spice. Warm, rich and generous with a creamy tannin, beautiful integrated with the polished structure and fruit of the wine. Another old school, yet futuristic, use of the Sangiovese by this great organic winery. **95% Sangiovese, 5% Colorino. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2024. Open 2h Before. Price range: \$35**

Boscarelli Merlot Igt 2017 Song: **Via con Me** by **Paolo Conte**. Not being the biggest fan of Tuscan Merlots especially made in warm vintages such as 2017, I was a bit skeptical before trying this one out. Well, I was wrong. Big time. As well as all other wines by iconic estate Boscarelli, this Merlot is fresh, clean, neat and incredibly precise. Ripe red fruit with an intriguing note of bell pepper, palate is extremely enjoyable and leads to a compulsive drinkability, with a Jazzy, vibrant structure and a gentle tannin. Boscarelli's consistency throughout the years is a guarantee to their deserved success. **100% Merlot. 2bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2022. Open 1h before. \$27**

Dei Nobile di Montepulciano 2017 Song: **La Donna Cannone** by **Francesco de Gregori**. A classic Vino Nobile by Maria Caterina Dei, fearless leader of this great estate in Montepulciano: Red berries, a hint of licorice, tobacco leaf and an earthy note, palate is juicy, rich and well balanced by a pleasant freshness despite the extremely warm vintage, during which Maria Caterina had to sacrifice more than 30% of the production in order to bring only the best grapes to a perfect ripening and turn them into a great Vino Nobile, comparable for passion and intensity to this love ballad by Francesco De Gregori, songwriter I was named after (for real!). **70% Sangiovese, 30% Colorino, Mammolo, Canaiolo. 2 bts in shipment. Drink Through 2020-2024. Open 2h before. \$25**

Poliziano Nobile di Montepulciano 2013 Song: **Il Cielo in una Stanza** by **Gino Paoli**. One of most popular Italian songs of all time, sung by many great artists in the world, reminds me of this classic wine: on its perfect peak, this Vino Nobile by one of most important estates in Tuscany, shows a beautiful balance and great intensity. Ripe sour cherry, vanilla, cocoa and dried rose, broad structure and a warm soul: a wine that has aged beautifully and faithfully represents its Tuscan Origins and the ancient bond between land, man and culture in our beautiful region. **85% Sangiovese, 15% Canaiolo, Colorino, Merlot. 2 bts. Drink Through 2020-2022. Open 3h before. \$ 34**

Avignonesi Nobile di Montepulciano 2015 Song: **Che coss'è l'Amor** by **Vinicio Capossela** Under the fearless leadership of Virginie Saverys, Avignonesi has become a true ambassador of the biodynamic production in the last decade, combining the commitment for a great Sangiovese and the respect for the environment. Through an incredible work of experiments and studies on Sangiovese clones, soil, indigenous yeasts, yields and aging materials, Virginie and her team made this wonderful Vino Nobile, fruit of her love and passion for Tuscany: great intensity due to 2015 vintage with notes of red fruit, wild berries, pomegranate and sweet spices. The taste is elegant, round, structured, with velvety tannins and a lingering finish, with an overall rhythmic structure: a traditional Tuscan Sangiovese that looks to the future. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in Shipment. Drink through 2020-2023. Open 2h before. \$ 25**

Avignonesi Nobile di Montepulciano Cru 'El Grasso' 2016 Song **Caruso** by **Lucio Dalla** Both the wonderful voice by Lucio Dalla and El Grasso by Avignonesi are rich, opulent, warm, harmonious and extremely intense: Virginie Saverys is putting an incredible effort into underlining the different nuances and characteristics of the Sangiovese in the different soils of Montepulciano and this Vino Nobile is the result of years of intense studies and experiments, which lead to an incredible wine, symbol of quality and diversity of our amazing terroir. Intense and opulent with notes of sour cherry under spirit, potpourri, cinnamon and mineral notes due to the 'blue clay', extremely rare soil in Tuscany. The palate is rich and broad, a marvelous effluvium of red fruits with a round, yet 'grippy', tannin which is perfectly integrated with the structure. The pairing with this popular song will pervade you with nostalgia for Italy, close your eyes and imagine the rolling hills of Montepulciano, surrounded by vines and breathtaking views. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2025. Open 3h before. \$ 55**

La Braccesa Nobile di Montepulciano 2017 Song: **Pensiero Stupendo** by **Patty Pravo**. Patty Pravo and her silky, warm and lascivious voice, are a perfect pairing with this great Vino Nobile. A seductive Sangiovese, with intense hints of crunchy cherry, violet, plum and light herbal notes of freshly cut grass. Palate is extremely gentle, with a structure that underlines a perfect balance among all the components: a soft touch at the beginning leads to a pleasant freshness then ending with a round and creamy tannin, leaving a long-lasting aroma of red fruit at the end. One of my favorite Vino Nobile 2017, this wine is extremely enjoyable and ready to drink even now despite its young age. **95% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot. 2bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2023. Open 2h before. \$24**