

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: GOLD

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

2nd SHIPMENT: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018

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. 1Bt 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. 2Bts in shipment

Begali Amarone Classico Monte Ca' Bianca 2013: What selection would be without the warmth and the full bodied complexity of Amarone? This wine is obtained from the drying of grapes of the cru Ca' Bianca 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 fruithouse and they remain there until January. Intense, ethereal, spicy, robust and solid: definitely a full body meditation wine, this Amarone from Begali family can also be a perfect pairing with game and grilled meat. Powerful. Corvina 40%, Corvinone 35%, Rondinella 20%, Oseleta 5%. 2018-2040. Open 4h before. 2 bts in shipment

Boscarelli Vino Nobile Riserva White Label 2013: I have never met two brothers so different from each others like the De Ferraris: Luca is this classy gentleman very attentive to etiquette, elegant and good mannered, Niccolò is this bearded 'messy' guy and loves to get his clothes dirty in the vineyard/cellar. Somehow, their wines inherit from both of them and the combination of this two different characters is perfectly blended in the soul of Boscarelli. This Riserva is the fruit of the hard work the family puts into the 40 acres of the estate: extremely elegant but earthy, noble but rustic at the same time. The balance is just perfect, a great blend for a great Nobile. 88% Sangiovese, 12% Colorino. 2018-2035. Open 3h before. 2Bts in shipment

Casa Vinicola Scarpa Barbera Superiore Bogliona 2010: Not only great and famous wines such as Barolo and Barbaresco are suitable for remarkable ageing, this amazing Barbera has a surprising longevity. This is one of the best wines I have tasted this year, I was stunned by the complexity I found, especially because we are talking about Barbera, a grape that does not get the credit that should have among critics and popular sommeliers: the aroma is intense and remarkable, strong plum flavor with balm notes, the taste is dry and severe with a good mineral vein. In the years will lose crispness and will gain persistence and complexity. A masterpiece by Silvio Trinchero, all wines from his boutique winery are superb. 100% Barbera. 2018-2040. Open 4h before. 2 bt in shipment

Perillo Taurasi 2008: If Nebbiolo is the 'king' of the grapes in the North and Sangiovese is 'his majesty' in Central regions, Aglianico is certainly the 'emperor' among grapes of Southern Italy. Michele Perillo is one of the most respected wine makers in Campania, his production is very limited but his Taurasi is considered as one of the best wines from Southern Italy: the grape Aglianico reaches its highest expressions in this particular area and after at least 10 years of aging. The tannin is firm, similar to a younger Barolo, but the intensity reached by this wine is overwhelming; deep, rich, structured but incredibly refined, Michele himself strictly advises to open it at least 2 hours before. This severe wine will open up with the time and will surprise with its power and finesse. The vines cultivated by the Perillo family are 85 years old, this guarantees high quality standards but the production is pretty small. 100% Aglianico. 2018-2045. Open 4 hours before. 1 bt in shipment

Brunello di Montalcino Capanna 2013: The Cencioni family with Benito, Patrizio and the young Amedeo is an institution in Montalcino. Producing Brunello (and a great Moscadello) for decades, this humble family makes a great Sangiovese in his estate in the northern side of Montalcino, area known for the finesse of its Brunellos. Red fruits and vanilla, bouquet is ethereal and persistent; taste is harmonious and extremely refined with a majestic tannin. 2013 Brunellos are always straightforward. This wine never disappoints, the Cencioni family is always rock solid. 100% Sangiovese. 2018-2040. Open 3 hours before. 1 bt in shipment.

Brunello di Montalcino Le Ragnaie 2013: When I met him, only a few years ago, Riccardo Campinoti was one of the rising stars in Montalcino and the popularity of his winery was quickly ascending. Now Le Ragnaie is considered one of the top estates of Brunello and Riccardos wines shine for their finesse and perfect balance: he firmly believes in organic production and in preserving the wonderful terroir of Montalcino. I love this organic Brunello, fruit of the blending of Sangioveses coming from three vineyards, located in different areas of Montalcino: the result is a stunning combination where you can taste the both finesse and elegance of the highest vines of Montalcino (1800 feet above sea level) and the powerful mineral touch of the Southern side (Castelnuovo dell'Abate). Well done Riccardo! 100% Sangiovese. 2018-2050. Open 3h before. 1Bt in Shipment.