

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: GOLD

4th 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:

Massimago Amarone della Valpolicella 2013 Song: You Know I am no Good by Amy Winehouse 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. Like the song, this Amarone has a catchy structure, it is full of passion and it is as deep, intense and complex as Amy Winehouse's stunning voice: an incredible mix of muscles and elegance that can be found only in great Amarones, intense red ruby color, plum notes and a spicy touch of black pepper, powerful and intense palate. Masterpiece. Corvina 65%, Corvinone 30%, Rondinella 5%. 2bts in shipment. Drink Through 2019-25. Open 3h before. Price Range 68\$

Oddero Barbaresco Cru Gallina 2016 Song: Total Eclipse of the Heart by Bonnie Tyler 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. We finally get to explore Barbaresco, inaccurately considered the smaller brother of Barolo: this Barbaresco is generous and intense, structure is rich and wine has an opulent complexity. Ripe red fruit and violets typical of the Nebbiolo, persistent in the palate with an assertive tannin: the wine reminds me of the voice of Bonnie Tyler in this classic from the 80s, deep with some raspy vocals to add intensity to the interpretation. 100% Nebbiolo. 2 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2019-2028. Open 3h Before. Price range: \$55

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. 2bts in Shipment. Drink 2019-2025. Open 2h before. \$55

Istine Chianti Classico Riserva Le Vigne 2015 Song: Because the Night by Patty Smith Angela is the eclectic, energetic leader of this winery located in my favorite area of Chianti Classico, Radda/ Gaiole, which I believe being the 'Mecca' of Sangiovese. This is their Riserva, an old school Sangiovese which is pure rock: cherry fruit, balsamic notes and slightly spicy, in the mouth has a subtle start like this song written by Bruce Springsteen and sung by Patty Smith, then it is a triumph of freshness and flavors, rhythm is progressive and culminates in grippy tannin and persistence. 2015 great vintage in Tuscany, this wine is a stunning example of class and structure of Radda terroir. 100% Sangiovese. 2bts in shipment. Drink Through 2019-2024. Open 2h before. Price Range 38\$

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). 2bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2019-2023. Open 1h before. Price Range \$32

Valdipiatta Vigna d'Alfiero Vino Nobile 2012 Song: **Killing me Softly by Fugess and Mrs Lauryn Hill** I have always believed that the personality of a wine is strictly related to the one of the wine maker: Miriam Caporali is a kind friend and classy woman, yet a strong and determined entrepreneur, the fearless leader of Valdipiatta. This wine is the product of a single vineyard planted by Mr Alfiero Carpini nearly 60 years ago on the East side of Montepulciano: old vines means lower production but top quality, after all these years the routes of the plants go deep into the soil, absorbing more minerals and delivering full bodied, rich and generous wines, suitable for aging. Ruby red with garnet shades, has pleasant and classy notes of ripe red fruit and chocolate: palate is warm and complex, tannins are evolved and silky, extremely persistent. Both Lauryn Hill's voice in this classic Pop song from the 90's and this great Vino Nobile are warm, profound, intense, smooth. Sangiovese at its finest. 100% Sangiovese. 1 bt in shipment. Drink Through 2019-2024. Open 4h before. 60\$

Elisabetta Foradori Sgarzon Teroldego 2017 Song: **Talkin' Bout a Revolution By Tracy Chapman** Elisabetta Foradori did not only elevate the Teroldego grape and the lowlands of Trentino to the top of Italian viticulture, but re-wrote the rules and broke the schemes of wine making in our country. She was one of the first wine makers to have a revolutionary, biodynamic approach to viticulture and to use Terracotta vessels for red wines where the wine slowly ferments for 8 months with the skins in order to have an attentive extraction of flavors: this Teroldego is intriguing, zests of red berries and wild flowers, structure is fresh and crispy, mid-bodied with light and silky tannins and unmissable mineral notes from the soil rich in limestone, granite and porphyry debris from the Dolomite Mountains. Pure elegance, do not expect a big-bold red this time but get ready to try something new and original. Sometimes revolution does not sound like a whisper, Elisabetta made some noise and decided to change the game, delivering some great wines with her new ideas. 100% Teroldego. 1bt in ship. Drink Through 2019-2025. Open 2h before. \$ 38