

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: GOLD

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 Montepulciano Wines and Italian Music'.

FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

Salcheto Vino Nobile Cru Salco 2015 Song: Sally by Vasco Rossi. One of the most iconic Single Vineyards of Montepulciano, Salco is easily recognizable for its strong and marked personality, very much like Italian singer Vasco: earthy, raspy yet extremely deep and complex. Multicolored and rich bouquet with intense ripe red fruit, spices of star anise and earthy notes: taste is broad, powerful, rich with a marked, grippy tannin as a combination of the warm vintage and age of the vines (more than 20 years old). Perfect paired with succulent dishes such as BBQ, game and stews. Another great expression of Sangiovese from Montepulciano, a wine of terroir by a winery always committed to organic production, eco-sustainability and quality Vino Nobile. **100% Sangiovese. 2 bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2026. Open 3h Before. Price range: \$38**

Boscarelli Nobile Riserva 'Sotto Casa' 2015 Song: I Migliori Anni della Nostra Vita by Renato Zero. Renato Zero is without doubt the most intense and multicolored performer of Italian music and intensity is also the main adjective that comes to my mind while tasting this wonderful Vino Nobile Riserva. A kaleidoscopic wine with hints of ripe cherry, blueberry, plum, an herbal touch of bell pepper, notes of leather and a slight touch of smoke: broad structure, extremely warm yet perfectly balanced with a creamy tannin and an endless depth. The most 'international' wine by Boscarelli with a small percentage of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot that enrich and elevate the structure of a great Sangiovese by one of the most iconic estates of Montepulciano, basically an elegant Tuscan gentleman with an elegant French suit. Top notch as usual. **85% Sangiovese, 10% Cab Sauvignon, 5% Merlot. 2bts. Drink 2020-2025. Open 4h before. \$60**

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. 1 bt in shipment. Drink Through 2020-2024. Open 2h before. \$25**

Dei Igt Supertuscan Sancta Catharina 2015 Song: Quello che le Donne non Dicono by Fiorella Mannoia. A song dedicated to Women by one of the most important female singers of our country and a wine made by a strong woman, Maria Caterina Dei, leader of her great family winery. This Supertuscan shows how international grape varieties can find a great complexity and finesse in our terroir: intense, earthy, robust, notes of sour cherry, raspberry, black currant and hints of underwood, hummus, coffee. Structure is broad and important with a silky and velvety personality but a finish marked by the grippy tannins of the Cabernet Sauvignon: as elegant as a Tuscan Woman wearing a beautiful French dress by Coco Chanel. **30% Sangiovese, 30% Cab Sauv, 30% Merlot, 10% Petit Verdot. 1bt in Shipment. Drink 2020-2025. \$ 48**

Poliziano Nobile Cru Asinone 2016 Song: **Impressioni di Settembre** by PFM. Asinone is probably the most widely recognizable Vino Nobile, definitely one of most important and iconic Single Vineyards of Tuscany. The Nobile Asinone, that is name after the 'Donkey's back' shape of the vineyard, represents one of the highest expression of Sangiovese in Montepulciano and the most accomplished synthesis between tradition, territory, and enological innovation: it expresses a recognizable style and a defined character, but also has wide-ranging appeal to international palates. Intense bouquet, rich in complexity and finesse, with hints of ripe red berries, cherry under spirit, pot pourri, leathery notes, sweet chocolate, underwood and a balsamic touch: sip is extremely fulfilling and generous, fresh and slightly mineral for a long-lasting aroma with a creamy tannin. A wine with extraordinaire longevity that can be enjoyed also now despite the relatively young age, if paired with roasted meat or game. Always a safe bet, the Asinone found an incredible consistency throughout the years, bringing Vino Nobile on the Wine lists of the most important restaurants in the world. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in Shipment. Drink 2020-2026. Open 3h before. \$ 55**

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. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2022. Open 3h before. \$ 34**

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. 2 bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2025. Open 3h before. \$ 55**

La Braccasca Nobile Riserva 'Santa Pia' 2016: **La Canzone dell'Amore perduto** By Fabrizio De André. A great combination of the most important Italian songwriter and poet of the XX century and the most important family in the Italian wine scenario, the Antinori, wine makers since year 1385: both the wine and this song speak about love and passion. This Vino Nobile Riserva is ample and extremely delicate with soft notes of chocolate, tobacco, blueberry and cherry under spirit: delicate notes of sweet spices such as cinnamon and cardamom and a note of sandalwood. Palate is fresh and rhythmical with a vibrant structure with a beautiful round tannin that would match perfectly with roasted meat. **100% Sangiovese. 2 bts in Shipment. Drink 2020-2024. Open 3h before. \$ 45**