

PERBACCO WINE CLUB

9th SHIPMENT: SPRING 2022

Theme of the Shipment: "THE OLD SCHOOL OF ITALIAN WINES"

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THE MANIFESTO

'Old Schoolers', who are they → Wine makers whose goal is to carry on the legacy of their families and the tradition of their region, fiercely opposing the 'New School' of Italian wines. The peak of the 'Old School VS New School' reached its peak during the 90s, when all winemakers of the country were divided into two factions, one using the big barrels typical of the Italian tradition and the other importing small barrels from France, following the example and the success of the popular Super Tuscans. The traditionalists were accusing the innovators of treason, while on the other side their wines were considered harsh, unpleasant and not clean by the counterpart: even the press was divided, while the international newspapers were awarding the use of French oak and techniques, the Italian press fiercely defended the more traditional wine makers. This dispute led to an undeniable generational conflict within many wineries between parents and their adult children: I highly recommend watching the beautiful documentary 'Barolo boys' which explains the causes and effects of the dispute on Barolo and Italian wine in general.

Wine Making principles → First principle: low sophistication in the cellar. The barrel is only a recipient in which wine can rest, refine and slowly breathe, without adding other flavors. Second principle: the traditions of the region and the family legacy have to continue. While it is ok to expand the knowledge with new techniques or using new technologies, the taste of the style of the winery/appellation cannot mutate. Third principle: longevity. While they are making more approachable wines than their ancestors (also due to warmer temperatures of the last decade), their wines are meant to last for many years, so that the future generations will be able to recognize the style and the legacy of the winery.

Their wines → Elegant, sincere, and outspoken. They always have a rustic charm and are always coherent with the area of production, grape and vintage. The tertiary flavors (the ones given by the oak) are very subtle and delicate both in aroma and taste: grapes are the protagonists and their characteristics are never over-sophisticated or overshadowed by strong 'oaky flavors'. They are longevous and always on the vibrant side.

Francesco's considerations → Nowadays, the gap between the two different approaches (or we should say Philosophies) has been reduced, because both factions are following the principles of the tradition while welcoming new techniques and technologies, for a beautiful and charming 'back to the future effect'.

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: GOLD

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FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

Il Macchione Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg 2016 Song: **Tom Traubert's Blues by Tom Waits.** It is difficult not to be repetitive while talking about the greatness of the 2016 vintage, my love for Sangiovese and my admiration for Il Macchione wines, but this Vino Nobile Riserva is a stunningly elegant and a compelling wine, whose complexity and quality are second to none. A wine that needs its time to open up, as Simone, the older of the Francavilla brothers, says regarding their wines: "we need more oxygen, more patience, because our Sangiovese is very muscular, it's like a heavyweight athlete that needs more training to get in good shape compared to a skinny one". At the beginning the wine is dark, introspective with a charming, yet mysterious, personality like this brilliant song by Tom Waits: after a few minutes in the glass (or even better, after 6 hours in the bottle) the wine offers an incredible, wide and complex bouquet with a progressive crescendo of flavors of dried violet, maraschino chocolate, plum jam, black currant, tobacco, leather, licorice, rosemary and a peculiar, fascinating note of orange blossom that is evident in all Il Macchione wines. It's like having Tuscany in a glass, a wine that beautifully sums up the whole terroir of Montepulciano. Palate is generous, luscious, juicy and elegant in all the components, with a good freshness and a firm tannin: beautiful, never-ending finish with a mouthwatering explosion of red fruits, for an overall spectacular quality. A true champion. **100% Sangiovese. 2bts in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2030. Open 6h before. Price \$38**

Cava d'Onice Brunello di Montalcino cru 'Colombaio' Docg 2016 Song: **Fly me to the moon by Frank Sinatra.** Located right below the historical center of Montalcino, Colombaio is the single vineyard where the story of the Nannetti family as Brunello producers started in the early 80s by Valter Nannetti, cellar master of a historical winery in Montalcino. Still nowadays, Cava d'Onice, led by Simone, is a family-run business in which the Nannettis are fully involved in the whole cycle of production of their fabulous, old school Brunellos. Made in 2016 which is probably the most elegant vintage of the third millennium for Brunello, this wine dances beautifully between the grace of the vintage and the power of the terroir of Montalcino, with notes of red and white flowers, crunchy cherry, raspberry, orange peel, chocolate, tobacco and leather. Palate it vibrant, rhythmical with a beautiful aroma of ripe cherry and good freshness, with a firm, yet beautifully polished tannin for a lingering, succulent finish. It feels like having the beautiful rolling hills of the eastern-side of Montalcino, overlooking the breathtaking Valdorcia, in the glass: the triumph of Brunello, Tuscany at its finest! **100% Sangiovese. 1 bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2032. Open 3h before. Price range \$65**

Cava d'Onice Brunello di Montalcino 'Sensis' Docg 2015 Song: **Red right hand by Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds.** Cava d'Onice Brunello 2015: Another great vintage, 2015, in which the magical terroir of Montalcino shows its muscles, from the deep red ruby color and the intensity of aromas: powerful and introspective with notes of black currant, potpourri, cherry soaked in alcohol, dark chocolate, leather, sage and balsamic nuances typical of Sangiovese in warmer vintages. Palate is warm, intense yet perfectly balanced: a quintessential, fulfilling Brunello. With a seducing succulence and an assertive tannin that leads to a long, deep finish of black fruits. The epitome of a traditional, great Brunello di Montalcino. **100% Sangiovese. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2029. Open 4h Before. Price range: \$58**

Rizzi Barbaresco cru 'Pajoré' Docg 2018 Song: Somebody to love by The Queen. Pajoré is one of the most renowned crus of Langhe, right below the beautiful town of Barbaresco. This stunning Barbaresco offers a harmonious combination of elegance and strength, with an intense bouquet of violet, rose, raspberry, plum and an ensemble of spices such as chocolate, leather and black pepper. The incredible quality is confirmed by the palate, with a warm, powerful yet incredibly refined structure: it opens with a generous warmth due to the alcohol content, perfectly sustained by the freshness. A firm tannin of finest quality and a mouthwatering, endless finish in which savoriness and red fruit create a lascivious combination of grace and muscles, comparable to the great voice of the most iconic rock singer of all times. **100% Nebbiolo. 2bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2030. Open 4h before. Price range \$49**

Giaretta Amarone Classico della Valpolicella Docg 2018 Song: Con te partirò by Andrea Bocelli. Located in the heart of Valpolicella Classica, the birthplace of the worldwide famous Amarone, La Giaretta is a boutique winery, led by Francesco Vaona, that produces high quality wines that shine for their authenticity and elegance. Amarone (the 'big bitter' in Venetian dialect) is now one of the most popular wines in the world. However not many people know that the story of this wine originates from a miscalculation during the fermentation of the original dessert wine of the area, Recioto. Legend has it that in 1936, while tasting some barrels of Recioto left for too long in the cellar, Mr Adelino Lucchese, winemaker of the local cooperative cellar, called this wine 'Amarone' and found out about the qualities of this great dry version of Recioto. Amarone is obtained by an accurate selection of grapes that are left to dry in straw mats for 120 days in the spectacular fruit barn of the winery. Here is where the magic happens, when the grapes reach an incredible concentration of sugar and aromatic compounds, giving an incredible character to this fantastic wine. The bouquet is an explosion of red fruits, fig, blackberries, chocolate, black pepper and tea for a great intensity but a beautiful balance of all the compounds. Palate is broad, with a predominant warmth due to the alcohol but beautifully balanced by a nice freshness and a robust tannin that is perfectly integrated: a perfect example of Old school Amarone, a wine that is a perfect balance of warmth and class, just like the voice of Italian Tenor Andrea Bocelli. **40% Corvina, 40% Corvinone, 20% Rondinella. 1 bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2026. Open 4h before. Price range: \$45**

Arrighi 'Tresse' Toscana Igt 2018 Song: Tiny dancer by Elton John. Embedded in the Tyrrhenian Sea, a few miles by the shores of Tuscany, Elba is one of the most beautiful islands of the Mediterranean, famous for its beautiful beaches, lush vegetation and history: Terracotta jars, used to age and store wine, from the 1st Century B.C. have been found in the island, to testify the legitimacy of Elba as historical, high-quality, wine making region from the Roman Era. Antonio Arrighi inherited a beautiful piece of land from his family and decided to bring back the use of terracotta jars for his wines, with the purpose of having a vessel that would give a micro-oxygenation without adding too many oaky flavors, so that the terroir of Elba would be able to express itself, frankly, in the glass. This wine is a curious blend of Sangiovese (we are still in Tuscany after all!), Syrah and Sagrantino: intense aromas of black cherry, red rose, geranium, black tea and beautiful notes of Mediterranean scrub typical of the Elba Island, such as rosemary and lavender. Palate is lively, with a never-ending savoriness due to the vicinity of the Tyrrhenian Sea and a joyful explosion of red fruits, with a firm tannin typical of Sagrantino at the end that enriches the structure of the wine. A rare gem that puts Elba in the firmament of Tuscan wine making areas. **50% Sangiovese, 30% Syrah, 20% Sangrantino. 1bt in shipment . Drink through 2022-2027. Open 3h before. Price \$45**

Fattoria di Lamole Chianti Classico 'Le Stinche' Docg 2015 Song: **Postcards from Italy by Beirut**. Lamole seems like a micro-world, immersed in the heart of Chianti Classico, surrounded by luscious woodland and steep slopes that have been terraced in the centuries to practice high-quality viticulture: Paolo Socci is the fearless custodian of the tradition in this enchanting village that can count on less than 100 inhabitants, in which his family traces back to the year 1071 BC. Paolo, in his small piece of land, carries on the legacy of Sangiovese in the area, using the knowledge inherited by his great-grandfather, grandfather and father. Producing elegant, refined wines, with a distinct personality that brought this gem in the firmament of the best wineries in Tuscany, despite the small production. This Chianti Classico is the purest expression of this terroir: intense, precise and elegant, with defined notes of blackberry, red currant, wild rose, an herbaceous side of aromatic herbs such as thyme and a nuance of tobacco that immediately recalls Chianti Classico and Tuscan Old school wines. The palate is vibrant and rhythmical, with an incredible overall finesse and a plush tannin that makes Lamole wines unique compared to other Chianti Classicos. When the man is so rooted in its land and becomes one with the Terroir: in this Old School Sangiovese, you can taste the timeless charm of Tuscany. **100% Sangiovese (the ancient name of Sangiovese). 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2026. Open 2h before. Price Range \$35**

Fattoria di Lamole Chianti Classico Riserva 'Le Stinche' Docg 2014 Song: **Lovely day by Bill Withers**. I begin this description by saying that this wine is the most complex (and my personal favorite) Sangiovese 2014 I have ever tasted: despite the fully organic production and the rainy, cold summer of 2014, Paolo Socci managed not only to produce a Riserva, but to make a unique wine, suitable for aging. Paolo's secret is an incredible knowledge of the terroir of Lamole, inherited by his family and combined with the wisdom of patience: in a challenging vintage such as 2014, instead of harvesting the grapes in September in order to be sure to have something in the cellar, he took the risk of patiently waiting until mid October and the result is an intense, succulent and stunning Sangiovese. Notes of wild rose, violet, iris, maraschino cherry, red currants, a mineral touch of pencil case, leather, sandalwood and dark chocolate: good intensity and quintessential elegance. Palate is as groovy as this masterpiece by Bill Withers, luscious and extremely refined, with great intensity and a creamy, polished tannin, ending with a long-lasting flavor of red fruits for an overall stunning finesse. Lamole in a glass, with its incredible millennial history, its woodlands, its terraces and its timeless charm. **100% Sangiovese (the ancient name of Sangiovese). 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2028. Open 4h before. Price range: \$55**

Lunadoro Vino Nobile Selezione 'Gran Pagliareto' Limited edition 2016 Song: **Starman by David Bowie**. A warm, persuasive Vino Nobile by a great Old School winery in one of the best areas of Montepulciano, Valiano, close to the border of Cortona. A great Sangiovese that shows the gentle traits of the terroir of Montepulciano. With an intense bouquet of wildflowers, plum, blackberry, yellow peach, a touch of dark chocolate, cedar wood, sweet licorice and cloves. The palate is aristocratic, generous in warmth and extremely gentle, with a beautifully balanced structure and a firm, yet perfectly integrated tannin, for a long, mouthwatering finish with aromas of plum and blackberry. A Sangiovese that does not fear any comparison with any Brunello, a wine destined for greatness and a symbol of the renaissance of Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. **100% Sangiovese. 2bts in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2028. Open 3h before. Price range \$43**