

# PERBACCO WINE CLUB

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## THE MANIFESTO

**'New Schoolers', who are they** ➔ Winemakers whose goal is to bring Italian wine into a more modern stage, using a more contemporary approach getting rid of certain cliches and traditional techniques. The dispute of '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, as the international newspapers were awarding the use of French oak and new 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: for the 'New Schoolers', tradition is a precious resource, not a burden. They don't necessarily have to follow the imprinting of their ancestors, if a different kind of oak or grape gives better results than the traditional way, there is no shame in breaking the rules and prove the 'Old Schoolers' wrong.

Second principle: the winemaker can give his/her imprinting in the cellar by using small barrels or blending different grape varieties. The style of the winery is its signature that is guaranteed (although more standardized) throughout the years and different vintages.

Third principle: more approachable wines. While traditional Italian wines are easily recognizable for their vibrant and straightforward character, 'New schoolers' like to produce more round and less edgy wines that can age well but are already enjoyable on their young age.

**Their wines** ➔ Intense, round, broad, fruity with good presence of tertiary flavors (the ones given by Oak). The presence of the man is perhaps stronger than the presence of the nature as the imprinting is mainly given in the cellar, although it is impossible to have a great wine without a great soil and healthy grapes. More opulent and 'operatic' than the straightforward and 'rock and roll' Old school wines, they have shown good longevity throughout the years.

**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: PLATINUM

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#### FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

**Carpineto Vino Nobile di Montepulciano cru Sant'Enrico Docg 2004** Song: **Dream On by Aerosmith**. Combining tradition with science and innovation, Carpineto is one of the most important winemaking groups in Tuscany, producing wines with incredible texture, elegance and surprising longevity. Made in one of the best vintages of the last 20 years, this stunning Vino Nobile shows aristocratic traits of balm, licorice, potpourri, cloves, prune, mushroom and leather. The palate is powerful, opulent and fulfilling, incredibly balanced by an elegant freshness, ending with a majestic, creamy tannin and a lingering sensation of wet forest and cherry under spirit. A magnificent wine that has aged beautifully, showing the greatness of both Sangiovese and Montepulciano's terroir. Best paired with Rock music masterpieces, like this iconic song from early Aerosmith. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2024. Open 6h before. Price range \$99**

**Carpineto Farnito Igt 2007** Song: **Comfortably Numb By Pink Floyd**. Intense red ruby with garnet shades typical of 'vintage wines', this stunning Cab Sauv from Carpineto offers an incredibly complex bouquet, with an intense predominance of roasted red pepper as perfect signature of the grape varietal, notes of prunes, blueberry, candied orange and scents of underbrush such as mushrooms, with a final touch of leather and eucalyptus typical of warm vintages. Mouth is rich, opulent: still fresh despite the 15 years of age, extraordinary complex with a firm tannin of majestic elegance, the wine offers an incredible effluvium of coffee, prune, underbrush and a lingering savory finish. A timeless masterpiece, for which I had to choose a special song by one of my favorite bands. **100% Cabernet Sauvignon. 1 bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2024. Open 5h before. Price range \$59**

**Cupano Ombrone Sant'Antimo Doc 2018** Song: **If I Ain't Got You by Alicia Keys**. It would be difficult to sum up Lionel Cousin in a few lines, so I will only say that the French cinematographer and the wife Ornella, have managed to tailor a beautiful French dress on Brunello, creating a unique combination of elegance and complexity by breaking out of the box of Tuscan tradition, becoming a legend of Montalcino wines that will be deeply missed and remembered for generations. The bouquet has impressive intensity with ripe fruit such as sour cherry and black currants, red rose and a neat note of roasted red pepper typical of Cab Franc, with a final touch of black tea. In the palate it is pure elegance, a succulent effluvium of sour cherry and Jasmine tea, balanced out by a good freshness and a majestic tannin for a long-lasting finish. The warm, soulful elegance of the voice of Alicia Keys is a perfect pairing for this beautiful French-style Montalcino blend. **60% Cab Sauv, 28%Merlot, 6% Sangiovese, 6% Cab Franc. 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2029. Open 3h before. Price range \$49**

**Cupano Ombrone Sant'Antimo Doc 2017** Song: **Roadhouse Blues by The Doors**. Seductive and luscious bouquet in which is evident the warmth of the vintage, with notes of black cherries and black currants, dark chocolate and toasted nuts, with a touch of roasted red pepper and black pepper. Palate is opulent, dense and energetic, with a good tannic texture and a long-lasting finish of cassis. A wine with a Rock-blues, seductive soul, perfectly paired with the voice of Jim Morrison and the groove of The Doors. **60% Cab Sauv, 28%Merlot, 6% Sangiovese, 6% Cab Franc. 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2027. Open 3h before. Price range \$51**

**Siro Pacenti Brunello di Montalcino Pelagrilli Docg 2017:** Song: **Back in Black by AC/DC.** And the moment finally came, in which the most feared vintage, 2017, was released on the market: yet Giancarlo Pacenti, shows us how good winemakers can step up the game in difficult vintages, taming the indomitable tannins of the hottest and driest summer of all time in Tuscany. Intense bouquet of blackberries, red currant, rose-hip, wild fruits, a gentle note of sandalwood given by small barrel and a recall to Brunello's more typical scents such as tobacco, leather and dark chocolate. The structure has a deep impact and is well-concentrated, generous in alcohol, with firm tannins typical of the vintage: the meticulous attention of the winemaker is evident, wine is succulent, ripe, complex, with a final effluvium of maraschino and tobacco, perfectly paired with a steak and Hard Rock music. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2029. Open 2h before. Price range \$53**

**Siro Pacenti Brunello di Montalcino Vecchie Vigne Docg 2017:** Song: **Rollin' Stone by Muddy Waters.** Made from the older vines planted by father Siro between the 70s and the 80s, this Brunello di Montalcino is deep and introspective: intense notes of cocoa, cigar, dark fruits such as blackberry, earthy notes of mushroom and a balsamic touch of eucalyptus, combining the elegance of Brunello with the intensity of 2017 vintage and the austere character of older vines, whose yields are much lower, delivering incredibly concentrated grapes. Palate is warm, intense and savory, with a great impact of wild berries and a balsamic touch that recalls the warm vintage: all this power is pleasantly balanced by the freshness typical of Sangiovese, the tannin has a firm grip due to the high concentration of the wine but it is tamed by the use of barriques and by the triumphant effluvium of red fruits for a never-ending, succulent finish. A wine of extraordinary complexity and a dirty-Blues personality. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2030. Open 4h before. Price range \$110**

**Gracciano della Seta Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg 2008** Song: **In a Sentimental Mood by John Coltrane & Duke Ellington.** One of the best wineries in Montepulciano, Gracciano della Seta combines the dictates of tradition with the use of a small percentage of Merlot, to enhance the complexity of Sangiovese, offering an elegant, gentle yet longevous Vino Nobile. 2008 is one of my favorite vintages in Tuscany, the real underdog that evolved surprisingly well in the years while nobody expected it to shine at first. Beautiful bouquet, very elegant and intriguing, with notes of red berries, Campari, cloves, leather, tobacco, a beautiful touch of mushrooms and an herbaceous-balsamic character of sage. Palate is deep and complex, yet vibrant and indulging, with a perfectly refined tannin and an harmonious, never-ending finish of maraschino cherry and underbrush. A wine whose hints recall blues and jazz notes of the finest quality, such as this masterpiece from two of the finest musicians of the 20th century. **90% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot. 1bt in Shipment . Drink through 2022-2023 Open 4h before. Price \$40**

**Gracciano della Seta Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Cru Rovisci Docg 2005** Song: **Suspicious Minds by Elvis.** This 17 years old Vino Nobile offers a deep, concentrated and incredibly refined bouquet, with an extraordinary complexity of notes: Campari(candied orange zest), dark chocolate, chinotto citrus, underbrush, leather, coffee, maraschino cherry and a herbal note of sage. Palate is rich, velvety, with a nice freshness that makes it even more pleasant and a complexity of aromas that goes from the balsamic notes of balm and eucalyptus to fruity notes of maraschino, candied orange zest and a majestic tannin, whose grace leads to a lingering, indulging finish. **90% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot. 1bt in Shipment . Drink through 2022-2023 Open 4h before. Price \$90**

**Talosa Igt Pietrose 2016** Song: **Madama Butterfly, Act 2: 'Un Bel di vedremo' by Giacomo Puccini.** Talosa is one of the historical wineries of Montepulciano and while their Vino Nobiles are fiercely representing the Old School of winemaking in this beautiful town, this Merlot is the proof of how a 'traditionalist' estate can offer its beautiful interpretation of a modern Super Tuscan: intense red ruby, this wine offers a deep bouquet with notes of prune, cherry under spirit, tobacco, black tea and all-Tuscan notes of juniper and sage. Structure is broad, velvety, with an aftertaste rich in red fruits and sage for a succulent, lingering finish. An opulent, operatic wine with great character. **100% Merlot. 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2025. Open 3h before. Price Range \$62**

**Andaras Carignano del Sulcis Doc 2016** Song: **Sparring Partner by Paolo Conte**. Located in the heart of the Mediterranean Sea, Sant'Antioco is an island that belongs to Sardinia, land of strong flavors in food and wine, rich soils and pristine beaches. Andaras is a beautiful project born in 2016 with the goal of producing a niche (1'200 bottles only!), high-quality Carignano in this little island from pre-phylloxera vines with original Sardinian rootstock. Intense red ruby, with notes of Maraschino Cherry, violet and with a marked, defined Mediterranean character typical of Sardinian wines: balsamic notes of sage, rosemary, mirth and an earthy touch of graphite (pencil case) given by the soil. Mouth has an opulent, lush texture, with a long savory finish and a neat and creamy tannin that is masterfully integrated in the structure. A hidden gem destined for greatness that recalls the warmth of the summers of the enchanted land of Sardinia and the voice of the best Italian jazzman Paolo Conte, this Carignano will soon become a cult wine! **100% Carignano. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2026. Open 3h Before. Price range: \$50**

**Attilio Ghisolfi Barolo Docg 2018** Song: **Cry to Me by Solomon Burke**. In the heart of Langhe, the Ghisolfi family transitioned their farm into a proper winery in 1988, the golden years of the 'Barolo boys', during which Langhe became the Mecca of Italian wine and younger winemakers started traveling to the USA to promote their wines. Light red ruby color typical of Nebbiolo, the wine offers a bouquet of quintessential elegance and complexity, with beautiful floral notes of red rose and violet, red currants, candied orange zest and a surprising mineral trait of graphite (pencil). Palate is also elegant, yet rich and textured, with good warmth and polished tannins that are perfectly tamed by the use of barriques, for a lingering and luscious finish. A beautiful Jazzy Barolo from a small family-run estate, a great value for a unique wine! **100% Nebbiolo. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2030. Open 3h Before. Price range: \$55**

**Galardi Terra di Lavoro Campania Igt 2012** Song: **Heaven on Their Minds (from the musical Jesus Christ Superstar) by Andrew Lloyd Webber**. I am glad to introduce Piediroso and Aglianico, two great indigenous varietals from southern Italy, in this beautiful journey of appreciation of Italian wines called Perbacco Wine Club. Galardi is one of the points of reference for the great wine making region of Campania, producing earthy, structured, yet elegant reds. Deep color, this authoritative and aristocratic blend, shows an incredible peak of quality of Campania region. Intense, complex, the bouquet opens with dark spices such as licorice, graphite and cloves, notes of dried prune, maraschino cherry, geranium and candied orange peels, with a balsamic touch of balm. Palate confirms the richness of flavors with prune and black currant, with a surprising freshness that shows a great aging potential despite being a 10 years old wine, with firm tannins typical of the grape varietals, that are beautifully managed thanks to the use of small barriques. Perfect paired with the Rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar, a milestone for every lover of Musicals. **80% Aglianico, 20% Piediroso. 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2024. Open 4h before. Price \$65**