

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: PLATINUM

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:

Bruno Giacosa Barbaresco Asili 2015: I wanted to start with a tribute to one of Italy's most talented wine makers, Mr Bruno Giacosa, who unfortunately passed away this year. He has been an example of commitment and dedication, from the vineyard to the cellar. One of the main figures of Barolo and Barbarescos 'Golden generation', Bruno Giacosa has brought the great terroir of Piedmont on top of world's viticulture, by making top quality wines strictly linked to his philosophy of production, working hard in the vineyard to provide great grapes for a great wine. This Barbaresco is considered by the critic as one of best wines in Italy and I completely agree: elegant, refined, complex, the structure is perfectly balanced with a full body and a great mineral touch for a neverending finish. A majestic Barbaresco. 100% Nebbiolo. 2018-2060. Open 4h before. 1Bt in shipment.

Boscarelli Vino Nobile Costa Grande 2015: 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 Sangiovese is the new label by the Boscarelli estate and its small production, only 800 bottles, is one of highest expressions of the Vino Nobile: extremely elegant but earthy, noble but rustic at the same time. The balance is just perfect, a great Vino Nobile. Rare masterpiece! 100% Sangiovese. 2018-2045. Open 3h before. 2Bts in shipment

Brovia Barolo 2013: This stunning organic Barolo made by the Brovia family is now considered as one of Italy's most elegant wines; 2013 is a great vintage where the rustic charme of Nebbiolo is sublimed by an incredible finesse. I already find this wine extremely pleasant and complex despite its young age, of course it is recommended to let it sit for a few years but it can be enjoyed now as the bouquet is extremely charming: being a young Barolo, the tannin is very firm and wine has a vibrant acidity, but within years it will become more gentle and refined. The aromas of rose and red berries typical of Barolo are overwhelming, the wine is aristocratic and the finish extremely long. The unique charm of Piedmont. 100% Nebbiolo. 2020-2060. Open 3h before. 1Bt 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

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 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 2011: 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.

Pietroso IGT Villa Montosoli 2013: in a world where popular wine makers act like rockstars, Gianni Pignattai and his family are the most humble and down to earth people, even though the winery Pietroso reached a certain status among the top estates in Montalcino. This wine cannot be considered Brunello as it is a blend of Sangiovese, Colorino, Canaiolo and Ciliegiolo coming from the amazing hill of Montosoli, one of most venerated crus of Montalcino: the result is the structure of a Brunello, the finesse typical of the cru Montosoli and spiciness of other varieties. Rich, dynamic and persistent, extremely pleasant with a deep finish, this wine shines with its own peculiar identity among the great Brunellos. 90% Sangiovese, 10% among Canaiolo, Colorino and Ciliegiolo. 2018-2030. Open 3h before. 1bt