

## MEMBERSHIP PLAN: PLATINUM

3<sup>rd</sup> SHIPMENT: APRIL/MAY 2019

### Theme of the Shipment: "HEY HEY, MY MY, ROCK'N'ROLL CAN NEVER DIE!"

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. The wines are hereby compared to a Rock Music masterpiece by our 'Sommelier-DJ' Francesco ☺

### FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

**Querciabella Bianco Igt Batar 2015 Song: Heroes by David Bowie.** When Sebastiano from Querciabella winery, in the heart of Chianti, decided to plant some Chardonnay and Pinot Bianco 1300-1800ft Above Sea Level, nobody would have imagined the success of this wine. Since its first vintage in 1988, this wine has been considered a 'White Supertuscan' and its name has made it to the top and it is now among the best white wines of the world. Aged in French Oak, this fabulous biodynamic white has an incredible complexity and surprising ageing potential. Batàr is graceful and polished, with vibrant minerality. A genuine expression of the Chianti hills rich in marl and clay. It is thank to visionary wine makers like Sebastiano that now Tuscany is no longer considered as a land suitable for red wines only. As the White Duke would say..."We can be Heroes, just for one day" 50% Pinot Blanc, 50% Chardonnay. Drink between 2019-2030. Open 2h before. 1bt in Shipment

**Podere Le Ripi Brunello Riserva Lupi e Sirene 2013 Song: Imagine by John Lennon.** "You may say, I am a Dreamer, but I am not the only one..." Francesco Illy is definitely a dreamer: when in 2003 he started producing Brunello following the criteria of Biodynamic farming, he was driven by respect for this terroir and this unbelievable grape, Sangiovese. This wine is a symphony of aromas that swing from the ripe cherry to balsamic notes of herbs, the bold structure is well balanced by minerality due to Clay and limestone soil. The intensity of the bouquet is typical from the Southern side of Montalcino, due to temperature swings between hot days and cool nights with a nice breeze from Amiata Mountain. A true masterpiece among Brunellos for a true masterpiece of music. 100% Sangiovese. Drink Between 2019-2029. Open 3h before. 2Bts in Shipment

**Speri Amarone Cru Monte Sant'Urbano 2013 Song: The Great Gig in the Sky by Pink Floyd** Harmonious, powerful, breathtaking: these are the adjectives for the unbelievable solo by the female vocal Clare Torry, starring in this unforgettable tune from The Dark Side of the Moon by Pink Floyd, a true milestone album in rock music. Her warm and powerful voice reminds me of this great Amarone: intense and elegant, with notes of sour cherry jam, dried rose and cinnamon, with a finish of coffee and rhubarb, warm and incredibly persistent in the palate. Pure perfection, if you'd like to have a taste of what heaven feels like, try it with seasoned Parmesan with a drop of Balsamico while listening The Dark Side of the Moon. Corvina 70%, Rondinella 15%, Corvinone 5%. 2019-2025. Open 3h before. 2bts in shipment.

**Barolo Cru Bricco delle Viole Marengo 2015 Song: Baba O'Riley (Teenage Wasteland) by The Who.** If you have never heard of the 'Barolo boys', they were the generation that brought a distinctive change to the wine culture in Langhe area: these 'Yuppies' introduced Barriques in Piedmont and brought new wine making techniques. Marco Marengo was one of the first wine makers to adopt the French Oak for Barolo in the '90s starting a 'generational conflict' with old-style wine makers: the Barolo boys were innovative and projected to change like the Mods from the '60s were projected to future and this song by The Who is the revolutionary anthem of the younger generations trying to give their imprinting to the present. This amazing single vineyard represents the great harmonious blend between a traditional Nebbiolo with its Violet and cherry nuances and the majestic elegance of French oak with hints of truffle and toasted nuts. A magnificent Barolo. 100% Nebbiolo. 2019-2035. Open 4h before. 1 Bt

**Grifalco Aglianico del Vulture Cru 'Daginestra' 2012 Song: With or Without You by The U2.** We were surprised in Montepulciano when in 2004, Cecilia and Fabrizio Piccin, two popular Vino Nobile producers, decided to start over a winery right by the Vulture Volcano and to make great Aglianico: this couple had a vision and saw the potential of this terroir and this majestic grape variety. They were led by love for great wines, looking for adventure, for a new challenge. Their sons Lorenzo (wine-maker) and Andrea (salesman) inherited this passion and after 15 years, with the help of the whole family including the 3 dogs, Grifalco wines are now rated by the most important newspapers and wine magazines of the world. If Aglianico and Volcanic soils are considered as the symbols of the Renaissance of Southern-Italian wines, the Piccin family has a bright future ahead having in Lorenzo one of the best young wine makers in the whole country. This Cru is located at 1800ft A.S.L. and soil is rich in volcanic ash, clay and limestone, this Aglianico is earthy and deep, powerful and extremely complex, rich in tertiary flavors and minerality. Song I have chosen for the 'music-pairing' is With or Without you by The U2, in loving memory of Fabrizio, a true friend, good husband and father, great wine maker. 100% Aglianico. 2018-2028. Open 3h before. 1 bt

**Tenuta San Guido 'Guidalberto' 2017 Song: Light my Fire by The Doors.** For the first time in our wine club we offer a true blockbuster but I wanted to pay tribute to Sassicaia, elected as best wine of the world by Wine Spectator last year, by including its 'smaller brother' Guidalberto in our selection. In this vineyard the history of Italian wine was made, when in the '60s the wines from Tenuta San Guido were the first one to be able to compete with the great Bordeaux and the success of the winery gave a fundamental contribution to the fame of Supertuscans and Italian wines abroad, seducing the wine lovers all around Europe. This great wine is often compared to his elder brother Sassicaia but in these years managed to get its own credit among wine reviewers around the globe. Wine is more enjoyable in the short-term than Sassicaia, with a velvety side due to Merlot that makes this wine extremely seductive, a warmth that can be compared to the voluptuous voice of Jim Morrison. 60% Cabernet Sauvignon 40% Merlot. 2019-2025. Open 3h before. 2 bts in shipment

**Ciacci Piccolomini D'Aragona Brunello Cru 2013 Pianrosso Song: You really got me by The Kinks** An iconic rock song for an iconic Brunello. Vigna Pianrosso is one of the most important Crus in Montalcino, located in the south-west side of the town, one of the best terroirs for full bodied and warm Brunellos. The bouquet is intense, complex, fruit-forward with hints of ripe red berry fruits enriched by a spiciness that can be compared to the sound of lead guitar from the Kinks Dave Davies. Warm, soft and harmonic on the palate. Great balance among pronounced tannins, acidity and savouriness. This elegant wine has great potential for further ageing, easily 20 years. A proper Stunner... "Girl, you really got me now!" - 100% Sangiovese. 2019-2030. Open 3h before. 2bts in shipment

**Talosa Vino Nobile di Montepulciano cru 'Filai Lunghi' 2015 Song: Gimme Shelter by The Rolling Stones.** It is certainly difficult to link this post-apocalyptic song about war to a great Vino Nobile, but the structure of the wine reminds me of the structure of this rock classic: the elegant start of this wine in the palate evolves in a deep and rich overwhelming sensation in the after-taste, like the subtle intro by Keith Richards leads to the unbelievable solo by gospel-soul female vocal Merry Clayton. Like most great Sangiovese the wine has a spectacular evolution in terms of taste. I have a special feeling with Talosa, their wines represent a great expression of Sangiovese in Montepulciano, a true classic among the Vino Nobile. 100% Sangiovese. Drink betw 2019-2025 Open 3h before. 1bt in shipment