

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: PLATINUM

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FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

Biondi-Santi Rosso di Montalcino Doc 2018 Song: **Yesterday by The Beatles**. Il Greppo, the Biondi-Santi estate, is one of those magical places where you can breathe history, starting from their iconic cypress road to get to the Tenuta, the birthplace of one of the most iconic wines of the world, Brunello. It is here that Clemente Biondi in the 1860s, selected the clone of Sangiovese that still now is called BBS11, giving birth to the first Brunello di Montalcino: the name recalls the brownish color typical of the wines from Montalcino, especially when aged for a few years. The estate, with the generations of Ferruccio, Tancredi, Franco and Jacopo, lived the 20th century as the absolute protagonist of the wine scene not only in Tuscany, but throughout the world. Giving birth to some legendary wines that still currently shine for their longevity, elegance and complexity. Ever since the beginning of the dispute between Old vs New School, Biondi-Santi has been used as the main representative of the traditional style of winemaking. This Rosso di Montalcino, the 'younger' of the 3 wines made at the estate, is a brilliant, lively Sangiovese of quintessential sophistication: notes of small berries such as red currants, raspberries, red berries, violets and aromatic herbs. Very precise, neat and expressive. Palate is vibrant, energetic with a red-fruity core and a fine grained tannin, for a long, pleasant finish and a compulsive drinkability. The glass is a micro-cosmos of Biondi-Santi-ness, a perfect wine to enter in the philosophy of the iconic estate and to immerse into the history of Italian wine. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in shipment. Drink through 2022-2030. Open 4h before. Price \$79**

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 is 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 cru 'Colombaio' Docg 2015 Song: **You are so beautiful by Joe Cocker**. This beautiful Sangiovese offers the unique traits of the terroir of Montalcino, combined with the warmth of the 2015 vintage: structure, succulence and intensity, with notes of red blossoms, ripe cherry, plum jam, orange peel and sandalwood, a balsamic touch and dried tobacco. Palate is broad, rich, with an exceptional freshness and a sublime red fruit with chewy tannins of great intensity and firmness typical of a Brunello di Montalcino that is not afraid of showing muscles. A rare gem (only 2,000 bts made) that perfectly represents Sangiovese and Montalcino. **100% Sangiovese. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2032. Open 4h Before. Price range: \$68**

La Giaretta Amarone Classico della Valpolicella I Quadretti Docg 2016 Song: **Vesti la Giubba(Ridi, Pagliaccio)** by **Ruggero Leoncavallo interpreted by Luciano Pavarotti**. 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 of the world, but 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. This Amarone is obtained by an accurate selection of the best grapes from the older vines of the estate, 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, that reminds me of the incredible voice of the Maestro Pavarotti. A bouquet that shines for intensity and for the quality of all the compounds, with an effluvium of red fruits, raisins, soaked sour cherry, potpourri, sandalwood, chocolate and black pepper, for an overall great elegance. Get ready to get the fireworks in the palate, with an explosion of red fruits and dried plum: wine is warm, broad with a firm tannin that is majestically tamed and a lingering finish. I truly believe this is one of the hidden gems(only 2500 bottles made!) among Amarone, a true champion. **1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2029. Open 5h before. Price \$85**

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. 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2030. Open 4h before. Price range \$49**

Rizzi Barbaresco Riserva cru 'Vigna Boito' Docg 2016 Song: **We are the Champions by The Queen**. A wine dedicated to the early departed Kobe Bryant, that shares similar characteristics with one of the greatest sportsmen of all time: intensity, generosity, class and energy. Like the player that has dominated the NBA for 15 years, this wine is an authentic thoroughbred and one of the most important Barbarescos: intense aromas of dried violet, plum jam, cherry soaked in alcohol, dark chocolate, licorice and a noble underbrush nuance of mushroom. Palate is powerful, warm and generous in alcohol, but perfectly balanced by a firm, majestically handled tannin and a never-ending finish with good savoriness and an effluvium of dark fruits, Maraschino cherry and succulent dark chocolate. A true champion. **100% Nebbiolo. 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2028. Open 4h before. Price range \$80**

Fattoria di Lamole cru 'Le viti di Livio' Igt 2015 Song: Don't you forget about me by Simple Minds. One of the most iconic crus in Tuscany, Viti di Livio (Livio's vines) takes its name by the vines planted in 1973 by the farm bailiff who assisted the Socci family for 3 generations: as Paolo Socci says, Livio was not a simple farmer, he was an incredibly knowledgeable man and he became so involved in the family's farm that he became part of the Socci family and legacy. This wine, despite the small production, is known as one of the best Sangiovese in all Tuscany for its quality and complexity. Intense and rich, with notes of maraschino cherry, black currant, dried violet, orange blossom, tobacco, leather, dark chocolate, with a balsamic touch and an earthy note of underbrush mushroom. Palate is broad, intense, refined and elegant. With an ecstatic crescendo of aromas such as black currant and mushroom that leads to a perfectly integrated tannin and a never-ending finish of the finest quality. A true gem, the perfect combination between man and terroir, a wine where the legacy of the Socci family enhances the soil of Lamole. **100% Sangiovese (the ancient name of Sangiovese). 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2030. Open 5h before. Price Range \$76**

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. 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2028. Open 3h before. Price range \$43**

Il Macchione Nobile di Montepulciano cru 'Sileo' Docg 2015 Song: What a wonderful world by Louis Armstrong.

A true, authentic Tuscan Sangiovese, made by the Francavilla brothers, Simone & Leonardo, two passionate farmers/winemakers who moved from the mountains of Trentino to the delicate hills of Montepulciano in 2007, year in which they started producing amazing wines in this beautiful, enchanted land. This powerful, deep, lascivious and extremely rare (only 1 barrel produced!) Vino Nobile is the result of an attentive selection of the very best grapes of the vineyard, produced only in the best vintages. Stunningly intense bouquet of dark cherries, black currant, pot-pourri, geranium, orange peel, with an earthy note of underbrush and a gentle touch of tobacco of finest quality. Palate is rich, succulent, broad: good alcohol and amazing overall balance, with a majestic tannin that leaves an effluvium of black currants and dark cherry, for a never-ending taste of incredible quality. A wine that needs to open up, I recommend giving it time and I promise it will be an unforgettable experience because this bottle will bring you back to Montepulciano!**100% Sangiovese. 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2032. Open 6h before. Price range \$82**

Il Macchione Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg 2015 Song: Kozmic Blues by Janis Joplin. A powerful, broad Vino Nobile that shows the muscles and the intensity of the terroir of Montepulciano and the generosity of the 2015 vintage, with a complex bouquet of dark cherry, geranium, orange blossom, black currant, chocolate, leather with elegant notes of underbrush such as mushroom and a balsamic touch of pine tree. Broad structure and intensity, yet extremely elegant and refined, with an assertive tannin that is well integrated: the aftertaste is pure joy, with a beautiful, harmonious, lingering finish of dark fruits and mushroom. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in shipment.**

Drink Through 2022-2027. Open 6h 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**