

# 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: SILVER

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#### FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

**Carpineto Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg 2011** Song: **Heartbreaker by Led Zeppelin**. 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. This Vino Nobile Riserva shows the generosity of the 2011 vintage, with an intense bouquet of dried prune, cherry under spirit, potpourri, an intriguing note of Campari (orange zest) and eucalyptus, cinnamon, chocolate to define an extraordinary complexity. Its texture is rich, warm with grippy tannins and great concentration, ending with a succulent effluvium of blackberries. Intense and groovy, with a deep blues/rock personality. **70% Sangiovese, 30% Canaiolo and other varietals. 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2026. Open 5h before. Price range \$43**

**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**

**Siro Pacenti Rosso di Montalcino Doc 2020** Song: **Country House by The Blur**. The story of the Pacenti family sums up the transition that Italian wine had in the 80s, going from the father Siro, a farmer who would grow grapes among other crops, to the son Giancarlo, a more methodical and technological winemaker who converted the family farm into a successful winery. This Rosso di Montalcino has a stunning intensity, with notes of wild rose, blackberry, black currant and an elegant note of sandalwood due to the use of small barrels. Mouth is succulent, with a generous presence of alcohol balanced by a refreshing sensation of maraschino cherry, red fruits and a firm tannin that is beautifully integrated in the structure. A perfect 'Baby Brunello' for those who don't want to wait 5 years of aging, with a pop/rock outspoken attitude! **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2025. Open 2h before. Price Range \$35**

**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**

**Podere Conca Agapanto Bolgheri Doc 2019** Song: **Il Postino(The Postman Movie Soundtrack)** by **Luis Bacalov**.

Located in the heart of Bolgheri area, symbol of 'New school' Italian wine, Podere Conca is a family-run estate that offers authentic organic wines, following the rhythm and laws of the nature. Notes of blackberry, prune, caramelized orange zest(Cointreau), roasted pepper typical of Cab Franc and a marked Mediterranean character(rosemary and sage), with an intriguing touch of coffee. Mouth is exuberant, fresh and vibrant, with a savory finish rich in black fruits. A wine that recalls the flavors of Italian summer(if you don't understand what I mean, please watch this fabulous Italian movie, The Postman), in complete antithesis with some of the "flamboyant fruit and oak bombs of corporate Bolgheri", a breath of fresh air that shows how the Tuscan coast should not lose its identity to emulate Napa Valley. **Cabernet Sauvignon, Cab Franc, Ciliegiole. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2024. Open 1h Before. Price range: \$27**

**Attilio Ghisolfi Nebbiolo Sbardajà Doc 2018** Song: **Going to California** by **Led Zeppelin**. 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. Pale ruby with garnet reflections typical of Nebbiolo, the bouquet is intense with notes of crunchy cherry, plum, violet and an intriguing touch of fresh pine and licorice due to the use of small barrels. Structure is consistent, this Nebbiolo has character of a 'baby Barolo', palate is lively with a refreshing flavor of red currant and raspberry, ending with a neat and well-polished tannin. Great value, a perfect entry level wine to understand the greatness of Langhe terroir! **100% Nebbiolo. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2023. Open 1h Before. Price range: \$23**

**Cupano Rosso di Montalcino Doc 2019** Song: **For Me Formidable** by **Charles Aznavour**. 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. Beautiful and rich bouquet of maraschino cherry, blackberry, blood-orange, ripe violet, dark chocolate and an elegant scent of black tea. Palate is fulfilling and luscious, the great complexity of the 2019 vintage is evident with a powerful wine with quintessential elegance: it is a textured wine with polished tannins and substantial presence of alcohol, yet perfectly balanced by a mouthwatering freshness that culminates with an explosion of red fruits and violets. The last harvest made by Lionel could have not been better than this! **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2027. Open 2h before. Price Range \$53**

**Cupano Vino Rosso Igt** Song: **Tous les Memes** by **Stromae**. This blend of 3 different vintages is informal and outspoken, with notes of Maraschino cherry, red flowers, red currants and a balsamic note with a twist of sage. Mouth is youthful and enjoyable with a floral sensation to enhance the freshness of the wine and a grippy tannin that is perfectly integrated in the structure. An entertaining experiment that shows how winemakers can be playful and lighthearted in a usually serious, steady Montalcino. **80% Sangiovese, 20%Merlot(70% 2019 vintage, 15% 2018 and 15% 2017). 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2024. Open 1h before. Price range \$28**

**Gracciano della Seta Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg 2017** Song: **Elephant by Tame Impala**. 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. Deep and austere bouquet, notes blackberry, dark chocolate, cherry under spirit, leather, potpourri of dried flowers and an intriguing herbaceous note of dill given by the Merlot. The generosity of 2017 vintage is evident in the palate, with high concentration and an energetic tannin that is well tamed and refined thanks to the presence of Merlot, for a lingering, savory finish of red and black berries. A wine with a great groove and a Rock soul. **90% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot. 2bts in Shipment . Drink through 2022-2028 Open 3h before. Price \$29**

**Galardi Terra di Rosso Campania Igt 2019** Song: **Juicy by The Notorious B.I.G.** I am glad to introduce Piediroso, another indigenous varietal from 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 red ruby, with great intensity of aromas: blackberries, plum, ripe currants with a beautiful floral note of wisteria and a light note of freshly brewed coffee, the bouquet is very neat and elegant. In the palate is vigorous, with an explosion of blackberries and balsamic notes of eucalyptus: tannins are beautifully integrated in the structured despite the young age of the wine, with a lingering, rich and savory finish. An hip-hop/ soulful wine with a salty touch, like this iconic song from the greatest rapper of all time(pardon the language!)**100% Piediroso. 1bt. Drink Through 2022-2025. Open 2h before. Price \$32**

**Tenimenti d'Alessandro Syrah Cortona 'Il Bosco' Igt 2018** Song: **Purple Haze by Jimi Hendrix** . If there is a 'new school' wine town in the Tuscan inland, well that's Cortona, where Syrah has found a favorable terroir for great wines, such as this stunner from Tenimenti D'Alessandro. Intense purple typical of Syrah, this wine opens with an overwhelming intensity of dried plum, violet, black currants, maraschino cherry, with a light note of coffee mixed with cocoa, an elegant spice of sandalwood and an herbal note of freshly cut grass. Palate is rich, intense, yet very fresh and balanced with a firm tannin that leads to a savory, luscious finish for an effluvium of black fruits and jasmine tea. **100% Syrah. 1bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2026. Open 2h before. Price range \$36**