

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: SILVER

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:

Centopassi "Argille di Tagghia Via di Sutta" Nero d'Avola 2016: A wine that pacifically declares war to Mafia. Centopassi is the winemaking soul of the Libera Terra social co-operatives that cultivate the lands seized from the Mafia in Sicily. The vineyards are located in the Upper Belice Corleonese, a beautiful region, particularly suited for high-quality production. This wine (only 3200 bts made) does not only represent the warmth, the finesse and the intensity of Sicily, but also the wish of these young folks of getting rid of the Mafia and the corruption that rotten some areas of this incredible island. This wine is dedicated to the love and courage of Ninetta Burgio, mother of the young Pietrantonio, murdered at 18 by the mob in Niscemi: so, besides of being a great wine, it has a special and deep value to it. 100% Nero d'Avola. 2018-2025. Open 2h before. 1Bt in shipment.

Terre Nere Brunello di Montalcino 2012: My good friend Francesca Vallone, since she took over the management of this micro-winery in Montalcino from her father, has brought her knowledge and her touch of class to this great Brunello. Located in one of the best areas of Montalcino, close to the beautiful Sant'Antimo abbey, Terre Nere offers a powerful yet elegant Brunello, fruit of the warmth of the 2012 Vintage and the richness of the soil of the area. This intense, deep, complex, full bodied Brunello, offers one of the very best values in Montalcino. It is not easy to find such a complexity on this price range, especially in 'booming' Montalcino. 100% Sangiovese. 2018-2030. Open 4h before. 2Bts in shipment

Begali Amarone Classico 2014: What selection can be without the warmth and the full bodied complexity of Amarone? This wine is obtained from the drying of grapes 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: definitely a full body meditation wine, this Amarone can also be a perfect pairing with game and grilled meat. Powerful. 65% Corvina, 30% Rondinella, 5% other grapes. 2018-2030. Open 4h before. 2 bts in shipment

I Cipressi Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva 2013: "All that glitters is not gold". Luigi Frangiosa is a humble, hard-working gentleman from Montepulciano, he takes incredible care of this small piece of land where he cultivates some great Sangiovese. Luigi does not have a website, does not care about image at all but knows every inch of his vineyard: he is a proper craftsman of Sangiovese, his wines don't glitter but they are pure gold. The first time I have tasted this wine I was stunned by the depth of this Nobile: ripe cherry, violet, tobacco, vanilla. Typical warmth of a Vino Nobile Riserva and great complexity for a unique wine. Only 2000 bottles made. 100% Sangiovese. 2018-2030. Open 4h before. 2 bts in shipment.

Chianti Classico Val delle Corti Riserva 2015: Radda in Chianti is a small Town in the Chianti Classico region, famous for giving birth to some of the finest wines in Tuscany. This is one of most sublime expressions of Sangiovese: the wine is elegant, rich dynamic, vibrant and extremely delicious, harmonious. This small estate, led by owner Roberto Bianchi, is becoming more and more popular in the last years, typical example of boutique winery that manages to make great wines by respecting the terroir and the tradition, keeping a good price point for a wine that you can enjoy now or keep for 25 years! A great Chianti Classico Riserva. 95% Sangiovese, 5% Canaiolo. 2018-2040. Open 3h before. 1Bt in shipment.

Rosso di Montalcino Le Chiuse 2016: Often Rosso di Montalcino is considered as the easy-drinking younger brother of the Brunello, with lighter structure and floral flavors, in this case I believe this wine reaches a complexity and a structure of a great Brunello. An explosion of berries and red roses, dynamic and vibrant structure, well balanced by the good tannins. The winery was owned by Biondi Santi, the most important family of the Brunello, which selected the right Sangiovese clone for this great small estate: now Lorenzo Magnelli, a descendant of the family, is running the winery and managed to bring it to the very top in the last years, providing great wines. Their Brunello 2013 got awarded this year with 100 points! 100% Sangiovese. 2018-2025. Open 2h before. 1Bt

Barolo Riva del Bric Paolo Conterno 2013: It all started way back in 1886, when Paolo Conterno founded the Casa della Ginestra, dedicated to the production of Nebbiolo, Barbera and Dolcetto wines. An indefatigable worker with a mind of great intuition, he devoted the most favourable parts of the Ginestra hillside to the growing of the grapes, subdividing them by type, exposure and terrain. Today the winery is run by Giorgio, a passionate wine maker that preserves the family tradition and the great care for the vineyard. As most of Barolos, this wine needs some time, I recommend to hold it for another couple of years or to open the bottle several hours before in order to get more complexity from the wine. Elegance, good acidity and firm tannins make the structure of this wine, the earthy bouquet with red fruits, violet and red rose is stunning. 100% Sangiovese. 2020-2040. Open 6h before. 2 Bts

Casa Vinicola Scarpa Barbera Superiore Bogliona 2012: 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 crispiness 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. 1 bt in shipment