

MEMBERSHIP PLAN: SILVER

3rd 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:

Dornach 1000cm³ 2017 Song: Rebel Rebel by David Bowie. In this white made in the extreme north of Italy, right by the Dolomite Mountains, there is all the rebellious passion of the wine maker Patrick. You can tell this is going to be something unique by looking at the 1LT bottle that will ensure a good remedy to thirst with its 2 extra glasses: its citrusy and exotic nuances make it extremely pleasant to the nose, the freshness and minerality given by the soil of the Dolomites will get you addicted after the first sip! Patrick believes in local grapes varieties and in biodynamic production to provide a great wine linked to its terroir and the result is just stunning. I cannot help but imagine the drum intro and the guitar riff of the song 'Rebel Rebel' by my idol David Bowie when I drink this wine. Grapes: Solaris, Sauvignon gris, Cabernet blanc. Open 1h before. Drink between 2019-2021 1Bt in shipment.

Podere Le Ripi Rosso di Montalcino Sogni e Follia 2015 Song: Under Pressure by Queen ft Bowie. 'Cause love's such an old fashioned word...' I would say this great line of this masterpiece by The Queen defines what Francesco Illy has done in these years since Podere Le Ripi started making wine in Montalcino in 2003: Mr Illy believes in love for our great terroir and in respect for our beautiful land. This 'baby-brunello' produced in epic 2015 vintage, is made in a very old fashioned way, following the criteria of biodynamic farming, avoiding chemicals in the vineyard so to preserve the original flavors of the wine and for not being harmful to the environment and the final consumer. One of my favorite wines, elegant and extremely complex for being a 'Rosso di Montalcino', one of the best values in Montalcino! 100% Sangiovese. Drink Between 2019-2022. Open 2h 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. 2bts

Tenuta San Guido 'Guidalberto' 2016 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. 1 bt in shipment

Grifalco Aglianico del Vulture 'Grifalco' 2016 Song: Free Bird by Lynyrd Skynyrd. 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 Aglianico is earthy and deep, quite complex, with bittersweet flavors of red fruits and minerals due to volcanic soil of Vulture. Song I have chosen for the 'music-pairing' is Free Bird by Lynyrd Skynyrd, a proper anthem of 'Southern-Rock' music and hymn to freedom. 100% Aglianico. 2018-2025. Open 3h before. 2 bts in shipment

Barolo Marengo 2015 Song: My Generation 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 wine represents the harmonious blend between a classic Barolo, with beautiful ripe cherry and violet flower nuances, and hints of Truffle, Vanilla and Cigar due to French Oak. Pure elegance. 100% Nebbiolo. 2019-2030. Open 3h before. 2 Bts in shipment

Ciacci Piccolomini D'Aragona Brunello di Montalcino 2014 Song: Have You Ever Seen the Rain by Creedence C.R. John Fogerty, lead singer of epic rock band CCR, in this amazing song sings 'Have you ever seen the rain, coming down on a sunny day?' seems to describe the crazy weather we have experienced in Tuscany in 2014. It was one of the wettest summers of the last decades, with a continuous alternation of rain-sun and insane temperature swings: most of the wineries lost 20-50% of the harvest because of this uncertain weather. At Ciacci Piccolomini, one of the most important wineries in Montalcino, the grapes were accurately selected by the Bianchini family in order to provide an excellent Brunello: the result is a great wine, fruit of the 'cold' vintage, with a leaner body but great elegance. The wine reminds a Brunello pre-climate change, when temperatures in Tuscany (and all over the globe!) were cooler and wetter: most of the media have clumsily marked 2014 as a 'bad vintage for Tuscan wines', I would define it instead as a pleasant expression of elegance and finesse. 100% Sangiovese. 2019-2024. Open 2h before. 2bts in Shipment.