

# MEMBERSHIP PLAN: SILVER

## 6<sup>th</sup> SHIPMENT: FALL 2020

### Theme of the Shipment: "MONTEPULCIANO IS NOBILE"

These wines have been selected by our staff of sommeliers, we firmly believe that this selection represents the best we can offer in this price range.

In these strange times, since most of our members could not make it to Italy due to Covid restrictions, Francesco has decided to bring Montepulciano and Italy to your home, with a stunning selection of wines by the six most important Vino Nobile wineries, this time paired with the greatest Italian songs. This is our way to show how great the Terroir of Montepulciano is and how many beautiful Italian songs have marked the 20<sup>th</sup> Century for our beloved country: we consider this selection as the perfect combination of the 'Greatest hits of Montepulciano Wines and Italian Music'.

### FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

**Salcheto Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva 2015** Song: **Estate by Bruno Martino**. Is this a Vino Nobile or an Amaro? Warm and gentle like this beautiful jazz ballad by Bruno Martino, the Nobile Riserva by Salcheto is vinified through the ancient technique of 'Governo Toscano' with part of the grapes over-ripe by drying in the vines: the result is a rich, elegant and intense bouquet of cherry under spirit, violet, dry flowers and a slight tobacco spice. Warm, rich and generous with a creamy tannin, beautiful integrated with the polished structure and fruit of the wine. Another old school, yet futuristic, use of the Sangiovese by this great organic winery. **95% Sangiovese, 5% Colorino. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2024. Open 2h Before. Price range: \$35**

**Salcheto Vino Nobile Cru 'Salco' 2015** Song: **Sally by Vasco Rossi**. One of the most iconic Single Vineyards of Montepulciano, Salco is easily recognizable for its strong and marked personality, very much like Italian singer Vasco: earthy, raspy yet extremely deep and complex. Multicolored and rich bouquet with intense ripe red fruit, spices of star anise and earthy notes: taste is broad, powerful, rich with a marked, grippy tannin as a combination of the warm vintage and age of the vines (more than 20 years old). Perfect paired with succulent dishes such as BBQ, game and stews. Another great expression of Sangiovese from Montepulciano, a wine of terroir by a winery always committed to organic production, eco-sustainability and quality Vino Nobile. **100% Sangiovese. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2026. Open 3h Before. Price range: \$38**

**Boscarelli Nobile Riserva White Label 2016** Song: **Giudizi Universali by Samuele Bersani**. "It's too brainy to understand that we can be fine without complicating the bread..." This line from my favorite Italian song of all time by Samuele Bersani describes perfectly the philosophy of Boscarelli: the beauty of simplicity. Through an incredible hard work in the vineyards, this winery is a guarantee for a quality Vino Nobile and this Riserva is always among my favorites wines of Montepulciano, in this case made in one of the best vintages too. With hints of violet, red currant, blueberry and a gentle earthy note, the wine is extremely elegant and precise: palate is rhythmical, vibrant and intense with endless depth and firm, yet perfectly integrated, tannins. As well as all other wines by Boscarelli, this Vino Nobile has a compulsive drinkability, a wine for all occasions. **90% Sangiovese, 10% Colorino. 2bts in Shipment. Drink 2020-2026. Open 3h before. \$48**

**Dei Nobile di Montepulciano 2017 Song: La Donna Cannone by Francesco de Gregori.** A classic Vino Nobile by Maria Caterina Dei, fearless leader of this great estate in Montepulciano: Red berries, a hint of licorice, tobacco leaf and an earthy note, palate is juicy, rich and well balanced by a pleasant freshness despite the extremely warm vintage, during which Maria Caterina had to sacrifice more than 30% of the production in order to bring only the best grapes to a perfect ripening and turn them into a great Vino Nobile, comparable for passion and intensity to this love ballad by Francesco De Gregori, songwriter I was named after (for real!). **70% Sangiovese, 30% Colorino, Mammolo, Canaiolo. 2 bts in shipment. Drink Through 2020-2024. Open 2h before. \$25**

**Poliziano Nobile di Montepulciano 2013 Song: Il Cielo in una Stanza by Gino Paoli.** One of most popular Italian songs of all time, sung by many great artists in the world, reminds me of this classic wine: on its perfect peak, this Vino Nobile by one of most important estates in Tuscany, shows a beautiful balance and great intensity. Ripe sour cherry, vanilla, cocoa and dried rose, broad structure and a warm soul: a wine that has aged beautifully and faithfully represents its Tuscan Origins and the ancient bond between land, man and culture in our beautiful region. **85% Sangiovese, 15% Canaiolo, Colorino, Merlot. 2 bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2022. Open 3h before. \$ 34**

**Avignonesi Nobile di Montepulciano Cru 'El Grasso' 2016 Song: Caruso by Lucio Dalla.** Both the wonderful voice by Lucio Dalla and El Grasso by Avignonesi are rich, opulent, warm, harmonious and extremely intense: Virginie Saverys is putting an incredible effort into underlining the different nuances and characteristics of the Sangiovese in the different soils of Montepulciano and this Vino Nobile is the result of years of intense studies and experiments, which lead to an incredible wine, symbol of quality and diversity of our amazing terroir. Intense and opulent with notes of sour cherry under spirit, potpourri, cinnamon and mineral notes due to the 'blue clay', extremely rare soil in Tuscany. The palate is rich and broad, a marvelous effluvium of red fruits with a round, yet 'grippy', tannin which is perfectly integrated with the structure. The pairing with this popular song will pervade you with nostalgia for Italy, close your eyes and imagine the rolling hills of Montepulciano, surrounded by vines and breathtaking views. **100% Sangiovese. 2bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2025. Open 3h before. \$ 55**

**La Braccasca Nobile Riserva 'Santa Pia' 2016 Song: La Canzone dell'Amore perduto By Fabrizio De André.** A great combination of the most important Italian songwriter and poet of the XX century and the most important family in the Italian wine scenario, the Antinori, wine makers since year 1385: both the wine and this song speak about love and passion. This Vino Nobile Riserva is ample and extremely delicate with soft notes of chocolate, tobacco, blueberry and cherry under spirit: delicate notes of sweet spices such as cinnamon and cardamom and a note of sandalwood. Palate is fresh and rhythmical with a vibrant structure with a beautiful round tannin that would match perfectly with roasted meat. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in Shipment. Drink 2020-2024. Open 3h before. \$45**

**La Braccasca Nobile di Montepulciano 2017 Song: Pensiero Stupendo by Patty Pravo.** Patty Pravo and her silky, warm and lascivious voice, are a perfect pairing with this great Vino Nobile. A seductive Sangiovese, with intense hints of crunchy cherry, violet, plum and light herbal notes of freshly cut grass. Palate is extremely gentle, with a structure that underlines a perfect balance among all the components: a soft touch at the beginning leads to a pleasant freshness then ending with a round and creamy tannin, leaving a long-lasting aroma of red fruit at the end. One of my favorite Vino Nobile 2017, this wine is extremely enjoyable and ready to drink even now despite its young age. **95% Sangiovese, 5% Merlot. 1bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2020-2023. Open 2h before. \$24**