

# PERBACCO WINE CLUB

## 9<sup>th</sup> SHIPMENT: SPRING 2022

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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: SILVER

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#### FRANCESCO'S DESCRIPTIONS:

**Rizzi Barbaresco cru 'Rizzi' Docg 2018** Song: **Purple Rain by Prince**. The Barbaresco Rizzi is a loyal portrait of one of the most iconic wine making regions of the world. From the cru named after the family, Rizzi produces a classic, powerful, elegant, and authentic. A wine in which notes of red fruits and underbrush coexist, in an intense bouquet of maraschino cherry, red rose, tobacco, dark chocolate and black tea. Palate is generous and warm, with a firm presence of alcohol, perfectly balanced by a good freshness, a perfectly integrated tannin and a savory, fruity finish of great depth and complexity. A traditional Barbaresco with warm and gentle traits, just like this great classic hit by Prince. **100% Nebbiolo. 2bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2029. Open 3h before. Price range \$36**

**Cava d'Onice Brunello di Montalcino 'Sensis' Docg 2016** Song: **Grace by Jeff Buckley**. 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 the son 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. A great wine in which emerges the beauty of the terroir of Montalcino and the elegance of the best vintage of the 21st century. A stunning bouquet of wild roses, maraschino cherry, raspberry and dried plum, with an intriguing touch of Mediterranean scrub (myrtle and cloves) with a touch of tobacco and cedarwood to enhance its complexity. The palate is also a fierce representative of the tradition of Montalcino, a beautiful crescendo of both power and grace, with good warmth sustained by a refreshing acidity and an extremely polished tannin, with a sapid, lingering finish of red berries and dried plum. A great classic Brunello, already fulfilling despite its young age, that can age gracefully for many other years to come. **100% Sangiovese. 1 bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2032. Open 3h before. Price range \$55**

**Cava d'Onice Brunello di Montalcino 'Sensis' Docg 2015** Song: **Red right hand by Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds**. Another great vintage, 2015, in which the magical terroir of Montalcino shows its muscles, from the deep red ruby color and the intensity of aromas: powerful and introspective with notes of black currant, potpourri, cherry soaked in alcohol, dark chocolate, leather, sage and balsamic nuances typical of Sangiovese in warmer vintages. Palate is warm, intense yet perfectly balanced: a quintessential, fulfilling Brunello. With a seducing succulence and an assertive tannin that leads to a long, deep finish of black fruits. The epitome of a traditional, great Brunello di Montalcino. **100% Sangiovese. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2029. Open 4h Before. Price range: \$58**

**Vino Nobile di Montepulciano 'Pagliareto' 2018 Song: Soul man by Sam & Dave .** Lunadoro Nobile 2018: Located in a beautiful slope in Valiano, one of the most iconic areas for Vino Nobile, Lunadoro offers a traditional, juicy Sangiovese that recalls Montepulciano's terroir in all of its components: the bouquet is elegant and intriguing with notes of sour cherry, violet, orange blossom, black currant, dark chocolate and an exotic gentle note of cigar box. Palate is vibrant and juicy, with a good freshness that leads to a creamy tannin and a long, fulfilling finish of sour cherry and orange blossom. A classic, comfort wine for me, perfect paired with some old school Soul music. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2025. Open 2h before. Price range \$25**

**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 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano Docg 2017 Song: Nothing else matters by Metallica.** 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 fascinating wines in this beautiful, enchanted land. A Vino Nobile that is not afraid of showing an hard rock personality, made in the hard clay of the Northern side of Montepulciano during one of the warmest vintages ever experienced in Tuscany, 2017: thanks to the constant ventilation that brings good temperature swings and thanks to the hard work of Simone & Leonardo, this wine stuns for its quality, with a great intensity of aromas and a rustic charme typical of Vino Nobile. A wide bouquet, with notes of dark cherry, plum jam, ripe violet, orange blossoms, licorice, dried tobacco and dark chocolate: palate is rich, luscious, intense with good warmth, integrated by a good freshness, an effluvium of red fruits and a firm tannin that would pair perfectly with a steak. When the beauty of terroir wins over the challenging vintage! **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in shipment . Drink through 2022-2026. Open 3h before. Price \$30**

**Il Macchione Nobile di Montepulciano Riserva Docg 2016 Song: Tom Traubert's Blues by Tom Waits.** It is difficult not to be repetitive while talking about the greatness of the 2016 vintage, my love for Sangiovese and my admiration for Il Macchione wines, but this Vino Nobile Riserva is a stunningly elegant and a compelling wine, whose complexity and quality are second to none. A wine that needs its time to open up, as Simone, the older of the Francavilla brothers, says regarding their wines: "we need more oxygen, more patience, because our Sangiovese is very muscular, it's like a heavyweight athlete that needs more training to get in good shape compared to a skinny one". At the beginning the wine is dark, introspective with a charming, yet mysterious, personality like this brilliant song by Tom Waits: after a few minutes in the glass(or even better, after 6 hours in the bottle) the wine offers an incredible, wide and complex bouquet with a progressive crescendo of flavors of dried violet, maraschino chocolate, plum jam, black currant, tobacco, leather, licorice, rosemary and a peculiar, fascinating note of orange blossom that is evident in all Il Macchione wines. It's like having Tuscany in a glass, a wine that beautifully sums up the whole terroir of Montepulciano. Palate is generous, luscious, juicy and elegant in all the components, with a good freshness and a firm tannin: beautiful, never-ending finish with a mouthwatering explosion of red fruits, for an overall spectacular quality. A true champion. **100% Sangiovese. 1bt in shipment. Drink Through 2022-2030. Open 6h before. Price \$38**

**La Giarretta Amarone Classico della Valpolicella Docg 2018** Song: **Con te partirò by Andrea Bocelli.** Located in the heart of Valpolicella Classica, the birthplace of the worldwide famous Amarone, La Giarretta 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 in the world. However 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. Amarone is obtained by an accurate selection of grapes 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. The bouquet is an explosion of red fruits, fig, blackberries, chocolate, black pepper and tea for a great intensity but a beautiful balance of all the compounds. Palate is broad, with a predominant warmth due to the alcohol but beautifully balanced by a nice freshness and a robust tannin that is perfectly integrated: a perfect example of Old school Amarone, a wine that is a perfect balance of warmth and class, just like the voice of Italian Tenor Andrea Bocelli. **40% Corvina, 40% Corvinone, 20% Rondinella. 1 bt in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2026. Open 4h Before. Price range: \$45**

**La Giarretta Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso 2019** Song: **Tainted Love by Gloria Jones.** 'Ripasso' is one of the most ingenious practices in winemaking, made by macerating the Amarone pomace (skins and solid parts left after the fermentation) with Valpolicella Classico: this method was invented by farmers, who cleverly used leftovers of the previous vintage to enrich their everyday wines and to create a more complex and intense version with no additional budget. For this reason, I believe that Ripasso is one of the best values you can find in Italy and it is the perfect introduction to Italian wines for Cabernet lovers. Lively bouquet of red cherries, dried plums, red rose, cinnamon and an elegant spiciness of black pepper and black tea typical of Valpolicella wines: overall, the pomace of the Amarone from the previous vintage, brings a beautiful contribution with more power and elegance. Palate is robust, yet very elegant and beautifully refined, with a pleasant freshness and a polished tannin, with a nice finish of red fruits and black tea. A spicy red with a beautiful rockabilly personality. **40% Corvina, 40% Corvinone, 20% Rondinella. 1bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2025. Open 1h before. Price range \$21**

**Fattoria di Lamole Chianti Classico 'Le Stinche' Docg 2015** Song: **Postcards from Italy by Beirut.** Lamole seems like a micro-world, immersed in the heart of Chianti Classico, surrounded by luscious woodland and steep slopes that have been terraced in the centuries to practice high-quality viticulture: Paolo Socci is the fearless custodian of the tradition in this enchanting village that can count on less than 100 inhabitants, in which his family traces back to the year 1071 BC. Paolo, in his small piece of land, carries on the legacy of Sangiovese in the area, using the knowledge inherited by his great-grandfather, grandfather and father. Producing elegant, refined wines, with a distinct personality that brought this gem in the firmament of the best wineries in Tuscany, despite the small production. This Chianti Classico is the purest expression of this terroir: intense, precise and elegant, with defined notes of blackberry, red currant, wild rose, an herbaceous side of aromatic herbs such as thyme and a nuance of tobacco that immediately recalls Chianti Classico and Tuscan Old school wines. The palate is vibrant and rhythmical, with an incredible overall finesse and a plush tannin that makes Lamole wines unique compared to other Chianti Classicos. When the man is so rooted in its land and becomes one with the Terroir: in this Old School Sangiovese, you can taste the timeless charm of Tuscany. **100% Sangiovese (the ancient name of Sangiovese) 2bts in Shipment. Drink Through 2022-2026. Open 2h before. Price Range \$35**

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