

WESTERN RESERVE WINES CLUB JULY 2024

WINE: Tenuta Giustini QVIS 2022

VARIETALS: Negroamaro

Viticulture Area: Puglia, Italy

Bottle Price: \$14.99 Case Price: \$161.89 plus tax



INTRODUCTION

Negroamaro (Negro amaro; meaning "black [and] bitter") is a red wine grape variety native to southern Italy. It is grown almost exclusively in Apulia and particularly in Salento, the peninsula which can be visualized as the "heel" of Italy. The grape can produce wines very deep in color. Wines made from Negroamaro tend to be very rustic in character, combining perfume with an earthy bitterness. The grape produces some of the best red wines of Apulia, particularly when blended with the highly scented Malvasia Nera, as in the case of Salice Salentino.



REGION:

Salento IGT is one of the most commonly used IGT titles in Puglia, southern Italy. It covers the Salento, the limestone based peninsula that divides the Adriatic Sea from the Ionian Sea and forms Italy's heel. In theory, Salento IGT wines may be red, white, rosé, still, sparkling (spumante), sweet (passito) or dry. This in theory almost gives the local winemakers a free hand. In practice there is still emphasis on the the long-established styles of the region: powerful, dry, rustic reds.

Southern Puglia's star performing DOCs are Primitivo di Manduria and Salice Salentino. Their core grape varieties (Primitivo, Negroamaro and Malvasia Nera) are also key in Salento IGT wines. The list of grape varieties sanctioned for use in Salento IGT wines is substantial, numbering about 50.

This is a symptom of southern Italy's move towards varietal winemaking and labeling to gain market share among less-knowledgeable drinkers. Salento IGT Rosso, Rosato and Bianco blends may contain any proportion of any varieties permitted within the growing zone. Varietal wines must contain at least 85 percent of the variety on the label. Dual-variety wines must contain 50-85 percent of the first variety and 15-50 percent of the second.

The Salento encompasses Puglia's three southernmost provinces, Taranto (also covered by the Tarantino IGT title), Brindisi and Lecce. Thus, the viticultural area covered by the Salento IGT title stretches 180 kilometers (100 miles) north to south. It runs from the white beaches of Leuca, past the port town of Taranto, past the Gravina di Laterza canyon and right up to the border with Basilicata. The terroir here is typical of Puglia – hot, flat and dry. Only closer to the coast is there any respite from the famous sun of southern Italy, which is accurately nicknamed Il Mezzogiorno "mid-day."



PRODUCER

Wine in movement

Year after year, harvest after harvest, We work with the aim of improving ourselves and the wine we put in the bottle, in a process of constant evolution. We strive for a wine capable of treasuring past experience, interpreting the signals of the present and accepting the challenges of the future. We will take him on a journey with us, to rediscover nearby places and to deal with distant cultures; We will tell it without ever getting tired or stopping, because we are not just wine:

WE ARE WINE IN MOVEMENT!

From our youngest vineyards in the Montefusco Estate, we pick only our best grapes, farmed with all our passion and attention. From those vineyards we produce this rich and fascinating Negroamaro with its strong fruity hints. Thanks to our young and vigorous vine plants, this Negroamaro expresses at the best the typical characteristics of our terroir: determined and intense.

The Vineyard by the Sea

A few steps far from Mar Piccolo, where the Scirocco and Tramontana winds blow strong, we found our little corner of paradise.

Here the vines grow luxuriantly on a unique soil of clay, sand and some fossil shells.

***Negroamaro precoce
has recently been
identified as a
distinct clone.***



Tasting Notes:

Rustic Red; a noble drink of intense ruby color with garnet-berry flavor and perfectly balanced, mildly tannic flavor.

Food Suggestions:

This wine is recommended to serve to all kinds of meat and cheese long exposure.

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GIUSTINI

In a middle earth, between the sea of Taranto and the heights of the Itria Valley, is located San Giorgio, a small Village part of the Primitivo di Manduria DOC region.

Here, for four generations, we have been passing on tradition, experience and passion for wine.



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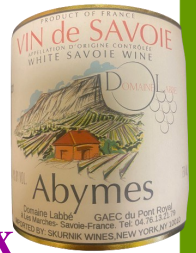


WINE: *Domaine Labbe Aymes Savoie 2021*

VARIETALS: *Jacquere*

Viticulture Area: *Vin de Savoie, France*

Bottle Price: \$15.99 Case Price: \$172.69 plus tax



INTRODUCTION

In 1975, two brothers established a small farm on 10 hectares of land in Savoy, France, a region that borders Switzerland and sits at the foothill of Mont Granier in the Alps. The Labbé farm produced hay, wheat, milk, beef and table grapes.... When two cousins- sons of the founding brothers took over the estate in 2004, they decided to focus on winegrowing instead of animal husbandry, and for our drinking pleasure, wisely planted the AOC's designated Jacquère grape and began wine production.

Today - the brand is over delivering and making some really classic wines we recommend.

Alexandra and Jérôme took over the estate from their parents in 2004.

REGION

Savoy (French: Savoie) is a wine region situated in the Savoy region in eastern France, and is sometimes referred to as the country of the Allobroges. It is the only alpine wine region in France, and is known for grape varieties rarely grown elsewhere, including Jacquère, Roussanne, Altesse (also known as Roussette) and Gringet for white wines, and Mondeuse for reds.

The Savoyard appellations (labels) are distributed through four departments: Haute-Savoie, Ain, Isère and Savoie. Crépy near Lake Geneva and Seyssel in the Ain are easy to locate. But wines labelled Roussette de Savoie and Vin de Savoie can come from anywhere in the wine growing area, unless the label display the name of a village in addition to the appellation. There are four Roussette villages (Frangy, Monthoux, Marestel and Monterminod) and seventeen "Vin de Savoie" villages, the best known being Apremont, Chignin, Chautagne and Arbin.

Jacquère is a variety of white grape found primarily in the Savoy wine region of France. It is a high-yielding vine variety which is used to produce lightly scented, refreshing and gently aromatic dry white wine, such as Vin de Savoie. Jacquère is the grape used in Apremont wines and is the usual wine paired with cheese fondue (a dish from the same region). It is also found in Bugey wines.



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Abymes is one of 17 crus allowed to add their names to the Vin de Savoie appellation. The name Abymes comes from the French word “abimé” which means broken and refers to the broken stones in the avalanches from the mountains Alps. More specifically it refers to the cataclysmic avalanche of November 25th, 1248 when an entire side of the Mont Granier sheared off and destroyed 12 square kilometers, including the town of Saint Andre and fifteen hamlets. Almost 5,000 people perished. The land remained uncultivated until the 18th century, when some vines were re-planted. The soil is a mix of stones, limestone blocks and marl. Some 15km south of Chambéry, in spectacular Alpine scenery,

you find this small 10 hectare family estate. The domaine was founded by Roger and Marc Labbe in 1975. At the time, Roger was getting by on mixed farming. He and Marc and another brother worked the vines on the weekends, planting Appellation Controlee grapes.

In 2004 they passed the baton passed to their children, cousins Alexandra and Jérôme, who have brought new passion to the work. The wines are fresh and mineral, and unusually good value.



Tasting Notes:

A clean, dry white wine; tangy, chalky minerals and floral fruit flavors, it is a natural match for shellfish. Roger Labbe's Abymes is 100% Jacquere, a varietal that grows especially well in the Savoie region of France. While the appellation tolerates 10% of other grape varieties, Labbe chooses to feature the purity of this varietal in this bottling.

Food Suggestions:

Enjoy this Savoie classic on its own - crisp, dry, flinty—It is punctuated by flavors of freshly sliced lemon, green apple, white pear, and a textbook Savoie minerality or pair with your fondue, salad— or grilled white meat, light fish, scallops & shellfish.

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This tiny estate is run by the Labbé cousins, Alexandra and Jerome. They took over the farm from their parents who had worked it for decades and turned the estate into a thriving winery. The 10 hectare estate is located in the village of Abymes, one of the crus of the Savoie appellation. Abymes lies under the dramatic Mont Granier, one of the highest cliffs in France. In the mixed limestone soil, the native grape Jacquère is particularly successful. It is aromatic and shows brisk acidity. The wine is cold fermented using only natural yeast. The Labbé wines are known for their vibrant fruit, snappy acidity and incredible value.



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WINE: *Rive De Malva Saint-Joseph 2020*

VARIETALS: *Syrah*

Viticulture: *Rhone Valley, France*



Bottle Price: \$23.99 Case Price: \$259.09 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

St. Joseph is an appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) located in the Northern Rhone region of southern France. Red wines must be made at least 90% from the red Syrah grape, and can have up to 10% Marsanne or Roussanne. In practice, red St. Joseph is generally 100% Syrah. They can have notes of spice, with fruit registers that range from red to blue to black.



REGION



The Rhone Valley in France consists of some of the most famous wine regions in the world. Most people are familiar with Chateauneuf du Pape in the South, or even Cote Rotie in the North. One of our favorite areas that flies a little under the radar is St. Joseph, located in the north directly on the western bank of the Rhone River. "Rive de Malva" pays homage to the old name of this area from the Middle Ages: the "Wine of Mauves" from the Latin "Malva". St. Joseph is most famous for their red wines made from Syrah in a more fruit-forward style than other regions in the Northern Rhone. The soils here are almost all granite and with most of the vines located on slopes facing east, the sun exposure is ideal for developing syrah with a tremendous balance of fruit and tannin. This is a fabulous bottle of Syrah to introduce people to St. Joseph and even the Northern Rhone as a whole.

The Rhône wine region in Southern France is situated in the Rhône valley and produces numerous wines from various Appellation d'origine contrôlée (AOC) designations. The region's major appellation in production

volume is Côtes du Rhône AOC. The Rhône is generally divided into two sub-regions with distinct vinicultural traditions, the Northern Rhône (referred to in French as Rhône septentrional) and the Southern Rhône (in French Rhône méridional). The northern sub-region produces red wines from the Syrah grape, sometimes blended with up to 20% of white wine grapes, and white wines from Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier grapes. The southern sub-region produces an array of red, white and rosé wines.

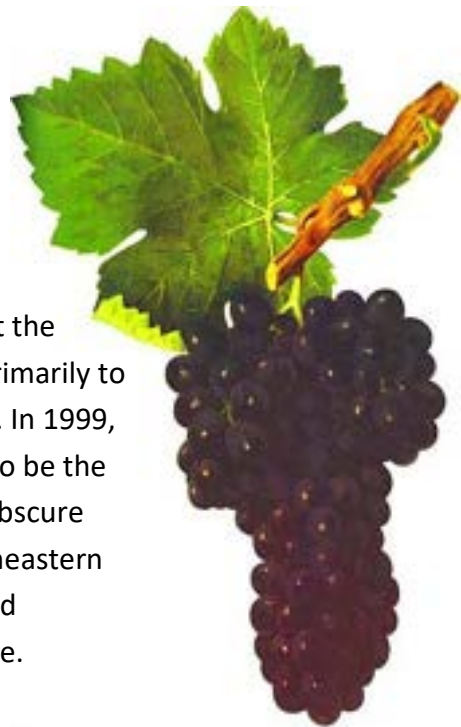


RHONE RIVER MAP



Syrah, also known as Shiraz, is a dark-skinned grape variety

grown throughout the world and used primarily to produce red wine. In 1999, Syrah was found to be the offspring of two obscure grapes from southeastern France, Dureza and Mondeuse Blanche.



Tasting Notes:

The 2020 Rive de Malva Saint-Joseph delivers aromas of black raspberries and bramble fruit, which is woven together with spices, pepper, wet stones, lavender and hints of licorice. On the palate this with nicely balanced with medium body that is wrapped in a silky tannins which continues to impress all the way through the racy finish. A lovely wine to approach now, but should become even more compelling after some short-term cellaring. - **92 Points International Wine Report**

A very good introduction to this appellation. Quite a complex nose of black pepper, smoke and blackberry with a hint of leather. The palate is medium-bodied but focused and energetic, the gentle tannin already well integrated, the finish long and clean. Drink or hold. - **92 Points James Suckling**

Food Suggestions:

Best paired with duck and rib roast.



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WINE: Project M Riesling 2019 Schlusel



VARIETALS: ///

Viticulture Area: Willamette Valley AVA Oregon

Bottle Price: \$25.99 Case Price: \$280.69 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

PROJECT M IS MORE THAN WINE.

After nineteen vintages of working for others, Winemaker Jerry D. Murray had tested his methods, focused his vision, and sharpened his judgment. However, like many, he had something he longed to make real. He had wines inside of him that needed to be made.

In 2016, PROJECT M Wines began.

Inspired by the virtues of purity, precision, elegance, and transparency, we work with distinctive vineyards in Oregon's Willamette Valley to craft distinguished Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, Pinot Blanc, and Sparkling Rosé. Our highest aspiration isn't to live out our values or dreams. Our greatest ambition is to have our wines there when you are living yours.



REGION

Willamette Valley AVA Oregon

American Viticultural Areas, or AVAs, are legally designated regions that have been found to possess unique geographical and climate characteristics with direct implications for wine quality and typicity. In other words, they're places that produce special wines. The Willamette Valley AVA is one such place—and at nearly 3.5 million acres, it's one of the largest in the United States.



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Vision is the true creative rhythm. **PROJECT M** explores the awe in life's beautiful interconnections and rhythms, an odyssey to squeeze out the last drop of potential and make the most of every moment. Please join us on this journey. **WELCOME TO PROJECT M.**

"SCHLÜSSEL" IS GERMAN FOR KEY.

Rieslings's diversity unlocks a winemaker's creativity; each vintage presents a new door.

SCHLÜSSEL: A dry wine, embraces the polarities of tension and generosity.

Label & Art: PROJECT M was founded in 2016 by Meg & Jerry Murray. The Murrays wanted the labels to reflect flow, movement and intention, values that guide the wines. They chose Mexican artist Tania Zaldivar to bring the idea to life. She created Sand Studies, a series of images for each PROJECT M wine. Her art is parametric, built with processing, and the curves rely on trigonometry. The position of dots is random within limits, so even if the same shape is created again, the placement of dots is different. The Murrays like that the unique nature of the art mimics the individuality of a single vintage.

PROJECT M'S 2019 Schlüssel Riesling, a dry Riesling, exhibits a delicate nose of spice-poached peach, crushed white peppercorn, and about-to-bloom meadow flowers. Delicacy again describes the wine's entry, a breathy whisper of yellow apple, nearly ripe peach, and satsuma citrus. A dry tapering finish with hints of tart candy and citrus peel.



Tasting Notes:

"...faint honey note that pervades the classic Rheingau aromatics, with floral notes peeking over the top, and a physical structure that left me breathless." Previous Vintage: DAN BERGER'S VINTAGE EXPERIENCES

Food Suggestions:

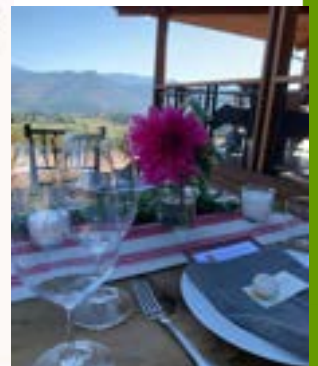
Soft, creamy cheeses like camembert or brie with its acidity and fruit flavors, goat cheese with tangy and earthy flavors, spicy or intense dishes where the dry Riesling's minerality helps offset the spicy heat.

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WINE: Folds of Honor 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon

Viticulture Area: Napa Valley, California



Bottle Price: \$24.99 Case Price: \$269.89 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

Folds of Honor is a special brand supporting our troops. For every bottle sold they donate to educate and support the children of fallen and disabled heroes. This Spring Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon is lush and ripe with dark fruit and a silky finish.

REGION

The Spring Mountain District AVA is a Napa Valley Appellation known for its exposure to the coastal influence of the Pacific Ocean, making it the coolest and wettest of all the Napa Valley AVAs.

"Spring Mountain District is located west of St. Helena in Napa Valley, California, on the eastern slopes of the Mayacamas Range that separates Napa Valley and the Sonoma Valley. It lies approximately 30 miles east of the Pacific Ocean and 25 miles north of San Pablo Bay. The steep terrain of this region is primarily made up of eastern facing slopes with good drainage and elevation ranging from 400 to 2600 feet above sea level. Spring Mountain's craggy façade mean that the vineyards tend to be small, spread out and surrounded by forest. This provides some shade and protection for the vines, as does the east-facing hills. The elevation also mitigates Napa Valley's heat so in general Spring Mountain Cabernets are quite tannic and ageworthy as well as elegant and not overly fruity.

Cabernet Sauvignon is not the only grape grown in the Spring Mountain District. The region's variegated topography and range of microclimates makes a happy home for a wide range of varieties, from Chardonnay and Riesling to Pinot Noir and Merlot. The southern half of the appellation is classic Franciscan Mélange – chunks of ocean crust are even apparent at high elevations – while the northern end enjoys similar volcanic soils to what is seen in the Diamond Mountain District.

Soils:

- Primarily sedimentary with weathered sandstone and shale
- Loamy and friable in texture
- Drainage is high
- Fertility is low

Climate:

- Cool to moderate depending on elevation and aspect
- Warmer nights and cooler days than the valley floor.
- Mostly located above the fog lin
- Typical mid-summer high temperatures reach 85°F (29°C)

Elevation:

600 to 2,600 feet (183 to 792 m)

Rainfall:

Up to 50 inches (127 cm) annually

PRODUCER



Every wine has a story:

Great wine starts with great grapes: California is blessed with some of the premiere wine growing regions in the world. From Napa Valley to the Sta. Rita Hills, we source our grapes from the finest vineyards in the state.

Great grapes need great winemakers: We have forged lasting relationships with award-winning winemakers that truly love the entire winemaking process, crafting wines you'll love to drink.

Wine to make any event a happy one: 13 Stripes Winery is committed to creating wines that will grace any event at an incredible value - all while giving back to those who sacrifice in keeping all of us safe.



Tasting Notes:

As you hear repeatedly here and elsewhere, great wine starts in the vineyard. This Cabernet came from some important Napa Valley dirt in a great vintage. The fruit in this one might be even more vibrant, and we dare say better than the last one, with a wave of buoyant dark cherry, plum, and black currant coming across the palate like a fastball down the middle. Like the last rendition, this was 'Mountain grown in the flavor zone' and wears its terroir proudly. There are flecks of brown spices, coffee, some underlying minerality, and a bit of dark chocolate at the finish. It's clean, bright, balanced, fruit driven and very Napa. Smoked wood, baked plum, grilled beef and crushed graphite aromas show on the nose of this bottling. It's a tad dried-out on the palate, with ripe black plum, leather and a very oaky finish. [Matt Kettmann](#)

Food Suggestions:

Grilled seasoned and seared steaks, burgers, brats and all American fare.

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WINE: Folds of Honor 2022 Sauvignon Blanc
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
Viticulture Area: Santa Ynez, California



Bottle Price: \$24.99 Case Price: \$269.89 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

Folds of Honor is a special brand supporting our troops. For every bottle sold they donate to educate and support the children of fallen and disabled heroes.



REGION

Santa Ynez Valley vineyards and wineries are the heart of Santa Barbara County wine country, and the place to be for wine tasting near Solvang, CA. Located is just two hours northwest of Los Angeles just off HWY 101, and four hours south of the San Francisco, on California's Central Coast.

The Santa Ynez Valley is home to six distinct towns each with their own culture, vibe and menu of experiences. The greater Santa Barbara County wine region houses seven American Viticultural Areas (AVAs). Fertile vineyards and farms. Due to the region's temperate weather, Santa Barbara County wine country offers year 'round getaway activities to suit all budgets and palates for wine tasting and enjoyment. About 9.5 million gallons of wine are produced annually, in Santa Barbara County at Santa Ynez Valley Vineyards and Wineries. You will find the second oldest appellation in the U.S. behind Napa.



Soils: The Santa Ynez soils are on coastal terraces and foot-slopes and have slopes of 0 to 50 percent.

Elevations are 20 to 1,200 feet. The soils **formed in old alluvium from shale, sandstone, and granite.**



Climate: The climate is subhumid mesothermal with warm dry somewhat foggy summers and cool moist winters.

Average seasonal rainfall is **9-17 inches.**



Average annual temperatures range from 76° F/32° C to 54° F/12° C. Summer highs 80°-90° F and winter lows to 40° F.

August is typically the warmest month and December the coolest.

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Tasting Notes:

As you hear repeatedly here and elsewhere, great wine starts in the vineyard.

Aromatic and bright with a crisp, clean finish, this wine features flavors of lemon and kiwi and scents of green apple.



Food Suggestions:

Tomato and goat cheese tarts, Baked Bay Scallop Casserole, Pan Fried Halibut.



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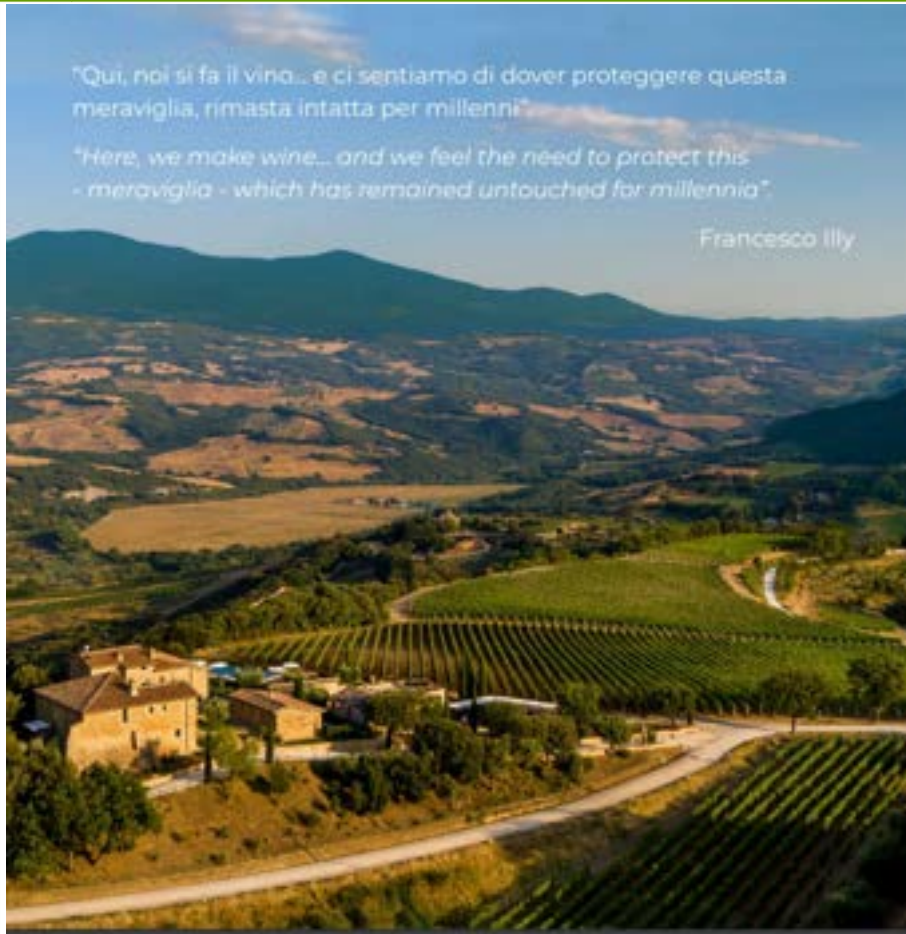
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Mastrojanni San Pio Rosso Sangiovese-Cabernet 2020



VARIETALS: Sangiovese & Cabernet Sauvignon
Viticulture Area: Montalcino Italy

Bottle: \$49.99 | 6-Pack Case: \$269.94 plus tax



"Qui, noi si fa il vino... e ci sentiamo di dover proteggere questa meraviglia, rimasta intatta per millenni".

"Here, we make wine... and we feel the need to protect this - meraviglia - which has remained untouched for millennia".

Francesco Illy

SOUTH-EAST SIDE OF MONTALCINO, TODAY WE EXTEND FOR 110 HECTARES.

On the slopes of Mount Amiata, a mosaic of complex soils and varying altitudes embrace 41 hectares of vineyards. The remaining land is occupied by forests, fruit and olive trees (around 800), and a vegetable garden. Since 2022, the property owned by Francesco Illy, a long-time supporter of this area, who is leading the winery following the principles of organic and biodynamic agriculture and promoting respect for the surrounding ecosystem.

REGION

Montalcino's soils are generally alkaline, which can give Sangiovese wines a savory-salty taste. The soil composition at different altitudes can also make a difference in the wine. For example, vineyards facing south and southwest may have river conglomerates with limy pebbles, while vineyards in the southeast may have more clay and tuff with sandstone.

Montalcino's Mediterranean climate, which is dry with some continental influences, also contributes to the quality of the grapes and wines. The region's proximity to the coast brings wind that helps prevent mildew on the vines, and grapes often ripen earlier than in other parts of Tuscany.

PRODUCER

San Pio

Eleganza e longevità dal blend Cabernet Sauvignon e Sangiovese.

Elegance and longevity from the Cabernet Sauvignon and Sangiovese blend.

THE CONCRETE

Following the tradition, for fermentation and storage, we choose both brushed and vetrificated tanks. We implement control over the vinification process maintaining lower and steadier fermentation temperatures and optimising the accurate extraction of color, tannins, and structure, based on the shape of the tanks. The single vineyard grapes are fermented in wooden vats.



Time seems to tell that the wonder of this place lies in its unique identity. A natural beauty expressed by the diversity of soils, vineyards, and the people who have always contributed to a noble and often visionary history.

IDENTITY AND RESEARCH

We aim to fully express the personality of the terroir while honoring our precious DNA with a continuity of style. We invest in research either from the agricultural and oenological perspectives. This includes planting new vineyards and restoring old ones, employing innovative technologies to respect the tradition, and striving for a natural-inspired balance. In the vineyard, we adopt a conservative approach, we listen to the fruit, allowing it to guide our decisions as we shepherd the grape through its maturation without forcing it.

grape variety: Sangiovese e Cabernet Sauvignon

denomination: IGT

vinification: the grapes, hand-harvested and carefully selected, are gently pressed and transferred into brushed concrete vats for gravity flow. The two varieties are vinified separately. Maceration: on the skins for a minimum of 20 days: Cabernet Sauvignon - 18 months in oak French tonneau and small barrels.

aging: Cabernet Sauvignon 18 months in French oak, tonneau and barrels, Sangiovese concrete vats, 3 months in bottle.

production: 16,000 bottles.

Tasting Notes:

Deep ruby red. On the nose, a mix of fresh fruit with spices. Broad and persistent with smooth tannins.

Food Suggestions:

Pair with grilled and stewed red meat.

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La Scala Franciacorta Bellavista Brut

VARIETALS: 75% Chardonnay and 25% Pinot Nero

Viticulture Area: Italy

Bottle Price: \$49.99 / 6-Pack Case Price: \$269.94 + tax

INTRODUCTION

The Bellavista winery was founded in 1977 in Erbusco by the Moretti family. Extending over 207 hectares of land, the Bellavista winery produces 1,500,000 bottles a year, according to organic viticulture principles.

The winery's philosophy has been passed down from generation to generation which has ensured constant growth in terms of volume as well as prestige and recognition of quality. The brand has been able to win acclaim and conquer markets over the years.

Today, Bellavista can count on a large number of vineyards and a cellar that has reclaimed traditional values (the Marmonier wine press is still in use). It has an attractive, elegant image, which is consolidated by the recognizability of the unique bottle shape that has accompanied it since the beginning of its activity.



THE WINE TREASURE



An unsuspected wealth in terms of soil and landscape variety, a multitude of vineyards that draw a geometric and harmonious architecture. Each vineyard is recognized by name and is grown in compliance with its specific talent. A treasure that unfolds solemnly, delimited by the shores of Lake Iseo and the Lombard Prealps. An inestimable value, which brings to the glass all the peculiarities and uniqueness of the biodiversity of each clod of earth, of the sub-vineyard, of the microclimates and exposures, to tell a winemaking heritage of extraordinary quality. Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Blanc and a variability of expressions, which translates into basic wines with distinct sensory characteristics, a wide range of fundamental notes for the composition of the cuvées. To sublimate its value, a legacy of plants of extraordinary longevity. Old vines, in perfect health, with deep roots and a bold character, capable of tenaciously guarding the essence of the winery's winemaking style.



THE PERFECT MOMENT



And it is always the man who decrees the final moment for the grape harvest in Bellavista. Walking the earth, touching the fruit, picking the grapes and tasting the pulp; measuring the physical and chemical parameters in the laboratory and establishing the start of the harvest, for each vineyard, for each parcel. Evaluations that change from year to year, which are the expression of that moment, of that particular season. Gestures that once again leave the password to man: the time has come. Capable hands that expertly pick perfect bunches of grapes, to bring only the best grapes to the cellar. Precision agriculture only gives good fruit. Manual harvesting determines the quality of each subsequent phase: the bunches must be handled as little as possible, they must reach the pressing point within a maximum of two hours. The harvest enhances the wisdom of man, his ability to discern, to interpret, to question the sense of smell, taste and touch to decide the right time for the harvest. And it is still the man who every year chooses how many unique particles will become the base wines, which will constitute the great complexity of the Bellavista cuvées.

PRODUCER

PRUNING IS A CRAFT

An eloquent expression of the synergic bond that the vigneroni have with the land is the pruning phase. Historic pruners who, every year, with the help of their team, work on the same vineyards. To confirm this bond, their initials are printed on the headers entrusted to them. An artisanal culture and precision agriculture, made up of skills, knowledge and gestures that have become natural over time. A philosophy that conceives the work of man as an irreplaceable and decisive component for the excellence of the result and implies a precise commitment by the company to define dedicated and continuous training courses.



THE POETICS OF THE VINEYARD

A perfect symbiosis between man and nature. Men with a peasant spirit, driven by passion, as well as agronomic expertise, guard the wine treasure of Bellavista every day. They are the men vigneroni, who with special talent and rare sensitivity capture what, to less expert eyes, appears invisible. Each one takes care of the same plants every day, year after year, a scrupulous dedication, made of attentive glances, minimal gestures, reflection of the intelligence of the heart and hands. Each vigneron promptly captures the needs and changes of the vines, supporting their growth and supporting their vocation. At Bellavista we proudly say: we raise the vines, to underline the respect and valorization of the specific identity, which is reserved for each plant.

Tasting Notes:

With a statuesque balance, this wine displays impressive intensity and complexity. Its bubbles are superfine and persistent, a deep straw yellow color. Generous and elegant floral notes of whitethorn, unpredictable balsamic notes of bay, first, followed by candied citrus fruit and petit-fours. The mouthfeel is thick, assertive, aristocratic, creamy and deep at the same time. The finish is triumphantly clean and tasty.

Food Suggestions:

Pair with seafood and vegetable tempura, soft cheese or white fish.

*Remember We Taste The Bad Ones
So you don't have to! CHEERS!!!*

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