

## STAFF FAVORITES

### *Sparkling*

#### **NV Ca'del Bosco 'Cuvee Prestige' Franciacorta Brut glass 20/ bottle 80**

Just 45 minutes east of Milan in Italy's Lombardy region lies the small province of Brescia, home to what has been called Italy's best kept secret, Franciacorta. Like the region of Champagne, Franciacorta describes the place, the wine, and the method of wine making. Amid the gentle slopes and flourishing hills of Franciacorta is an enchanted setting of tiny hamlets, villas, and medieval castles where legendary winemaker Maurizio Zanella of Ca'del Bosco transforms his vines into beautiful sparkling masterpieces. Ca'del Bosco's 'Cuvee Prestige' is the essence of Franciacorta and is the house style of the winery. Classically well balanced with crisp acidity, this wine is created to accompany the classic dishes of the region. Predominantly Chardonnay, blended with Pinot Nero and Pinot Bianco, one will find toasted brioche, fleshy limestone, caramelized pears, and hints of citrus. Weighty with balanced acidity and a long luxurious finish, this wine would pair perfectly with our Wasik's cheese plate as well as our seafood offerings, and do not exclude the perfect pairing of the Il Capriccio famous Chicken Schnitzel. Salut!  
-- Jordan

### *Whites*

#### **2022 Bruno Giacosa Arneis 75**

Arneis is a white grape grown in an area famous for producing some of the world's greatest red wines. Bruno Giacosa, a legendary Barolo producer, takes Arneis very seriously. They produce a lush, full-flavored white that is well balanced and fruit forward. No need for oak here, the grapes provide plenty of richness and complexity. - Vinnie

### **2022 Caravaggio 'Salina' Malvasia (gl) 15 (btl) 60**

If you're looking for a great starter wine or not ready to move onto winter reds quite yet, this wine is medium bodied, with a beautiful full mouth feel and long finish. The family hails from the island of Salina, located off the coast of Sicily. The wines were certified organic in the 1990s. The volcanic and sandy soil adds to the minerality and brightness of the wine, with flavors of citrus, pineapple, sea salt, and wild flowers. Enjoy with our seafood antipasti, salads or any of our fish main dishes. Delizioso! - Susan

### **2021 Bucci Verdicchio Classico Superiore 70**

The Bucci family has owned land and made wine in the Castelli di Jesi area since the 1700s. Located in the central Italian region of the Marche, Bucci is a leading name in the Italian wine scene, with a reputation for making clean, light white wine that is refreshing and easy to drink. Fresh and crisp with citrus notes, it pairs nicely with cheese, appetizers, and fish. - Liz

### **2022 Viberti 'Filebasse' Chardonnay 65**

I really love this clean and crisp Chardonnay from Piemonte in NW Italy. It's not too buttery or oakey, as with some California Chardonnays. This white wine is light, crisp, and refreshing with notes of vanilla, pear, and citrus. It finishes with a dry minerality that leaves you always wanting another sip! Uncork this delicious beauty and enjoy it before and throughout your dinner. - Tess

## ***Reds***

### **2021 Masseria Li Veli 'Askos' Susumaniello 65**

Acquired by the Falvo family in 1999 (the family behind the Avignonesi wines), this winery has more than a century of history. Since 2008 when the Falvo brothers relaunched the

brand, Masseria Li Veli is one of the top Apulian estates in terms of quality and brand recognition. A wine with great character, sensations of black and red berries are backed by spicy notes, hints of licorice, cocoa, and notes of eucalyptus. It is full-bodied but not a heavy wine, extremely satisfying and easy to drink. Enjoy the wine with any pasta or hearty meals in the colder season. Cin-cin! - Daniela

### **2020 Selvapiana 'Bucerchiale' Chianti Riserva 80**

Made primarily of Sangiovese with small amounts of Canaiolo, Colorino, and Malvasia added, Selvapiana's 'Bucerchiale' is a Chianti with style and finesse that pairs seamlessly with Il Capriccio's menu. This riserva from the Rufina region of Chianti offers ripe cherries, black spice, and old leather to the nose, a delicately balanced body, and a lingering finish with medium tannins. Pair with our richer pasta and meat dishes. Cheers. - Jesse

### **2021 Tenuta delle Terre Nere 'Feudo di Mezzo' Etna Rosso 85**

This single vineyard Nerello Mascalese evokes a cosier season, with its spicy bouquet and velvety tannins. It is brilliant ruby red with a nose that has floral qualities along with the spice. It is well structured and intense, with dark red fruit. Grown in volcanic soil on Mt. Etna in severe conditions and an extreme climate, the vines struggle and require constant attention to result in the best possible harvest. The result of that extra attention is superb. Medium bodied. Perfect for, among others, chicken duck, and lasagna. - Ann

### **2019 Cantele 'Amativo' Negroamaro/Primitivo 75**

My pick this season is a unique red blend that has pushed the boundaries of typical winemaking in Puglia. Most importantly, of course, is how it drinks. Cantele has produced a great wine, ready to drink, that has good structure and leads with lots of fresh and ample fruit. It is medium light in

body, with soft tannins and a lingering finish. Amativo was a recent special 'Cru' night pour and I believe it is a great find for a wide range of wine lovers. It pairs well with many of our menu items. I hope it brings you a little southern Italian warmth to these chilly darker days. Saluti! - Linda

### **2021 Riecine Chianti Classico 75**

Situated in the prestigious northern Gaiole region of Chianti, you'll find the long-standing and highly coveted vineyard of Riecine. A continuation of their 1973 flagship wine, this 100% Sangiovese will wow you with its elegance, freshness, round mouth feel, and soft, subtle tannins. Given the high altitude of the vineyard along with its ubiquitous limestone and clay soil, a natural and pleasant acidity emerges, providing balance and complexity. On the nose, you'll delight with hints of eucalyptus, white pepper, rose, and blackberry. Your palate will savor notes of tart cherry, black currant, and traces of an herbaceous grassiness. A certified organic winery, this red is delicious and extremely versatile, it can best be enjoyed with our Bolognese, veal, or duck. Saluti! - Dana

### **2020 Animardente 'Fiery/Burning Soul' Etna Rosso 95**

This is a charming 100% Nerello Mascalese that reflects its own territory, coming from a single vineyard, Contrada Santo Spirito, situated at 700m on the northern slopes of Mount Etna. Aged for 18 months in barrel, it is harmonious and well balanced. On the nose; delicate hints of violet and cedar, and on the palate; licorice, intense red fruits wrapped in elegant tannins with a sapid and mineral persistence. Pairs gracefully with red meat and mushrooms. - Henrik

### **2016 Fattoria Fibbiano 'Ceppatella' SuperTuscan 90**

In the nineties, when Tuscan winemakers were pulling up local grapes to replace them with fashionable international varieties of Cabernet and Merlot, the Cantoni family discovered a property of precious old Sangiovese from 1895. They

committed to this traditional varietal, carefully fostering the old vines, resulting in a truly Supertuscan wine. Using only native yeasts and organic farming ("How could we spray chemicals? This is where we live!"), they are devoted to the preservation of traditional Sangiovese from high in the Pisa Hills of Northern Tuscany. The wine is intensely ruby red with an overwhelming aroma of ripe fruit, spice, and aged leather. The palate is warm and smooth with a comforting long finish...what a beautiful way to welcome in winter! - Jan

### **2016 Sesta di Sopra Brunello di Montalcino 150**

A winding crushed-stone lane, lined with cypress and unspoiled vistas of endless vineyards and olive groves, bypasses a hilltop farmhouse, home to Ettore Spina and Enrica Bandirola. They had purchased the property, near Castelnuovo dell'Abate in the heart of Tuscany's Montalcino DOCG, in the eighties as a holiday retreat, but soon realized that its schistous galestro soils, and sometimes sunny-sometimes foggy slopes, might produce exceptional Sangiovese Grosso grapes, so they replanted six acres of vines, producing their first Brunello di Montalcino in 1999. During three years of aging in Slavonian oak casks, their winemaker occasionally stirs up the lees (*bâtonnage*) to extract more flavor from the settled solids. Local *consorzio* classified 2016—relatively cool allowing for longer ripening—as a five-star vintage. Its exceptionally ripe fruit shines through, from the moment your nose is in the glass to the lingering chocolaty cigar-box herbal finish. - Mike