

STAFF FAVORITES

Sparkling

2022 Monzio Compagnoni Franciacorta Brut Rosé (gl) 17 (btl) 70

Exceptionally well crafted in Franciacorta in Northern Italy, this 65% Chardonnay/35% Pinot Noir Rosé is vibrant and fresh with a tart, lifted profile that is very enticing. It showcases pristine red berries and red currant flavors with a delicate floral touch. Enjoy this Bollicine (bubbly) as an aperitivo or throughout your meal. Cin-Cin! - Henrick

NV Ca'del Bosco 'Cuvee Prestige' Franciacorta Brut 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, yet 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 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

2020 Abbazia di Novacella Kerner 55

Abbazia di Novacella was founded in the mountains of Alto Adige in 1142 by an Augustinian order of monks. It is still an abbey today known for producing top quality wine for a great price. Kerner is a cross between Schiava and Riesling. This Kerner is a medium-bodied white with notes of citrus and peach. In this wine you can really taste the crisp mountain air! - Vinnie

2023 Caravaggio 'Salina' Malvasia 70

If you're looking for a great spring-to-summer wine this white 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

2022 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

2023 Enrico Serafino Gavi di Gavi 60

I really love this clean and crisp white wine from Piemonte in NW Italy. It has a green apple tartness and high minerality that makes you want to drink multiple glasses in a row... heck, why not? All of my friends and family absolutely love

this wine. Enjoy it with charcuterie, cheese, or our tuna tartare. - Tess

2023 Pierpaolo Pecorari Sauvignon Blanc

(gl) 18 / (btl) 70

Located in the Friulian village of San Lorenzo Isontino, three miles from Slovenia, Pierpaolo Pecorari's thirty hectares of vines struggle to draw sustenance from thin, pebble-strewn, sandy soils outlying the Isonzo River that are rich in nitrous salts. Yields are consequently poor, yet the grapes are flavor-rich. Their Sauvignon Blanc ferments in stainless steel tanks, remaining on the lees for seven months with weekly stirring (bâtonnage), output being just 2,500 cases. From a nose redolent of lemongrass to a hit in the tonsils so crisp you wonder for a moment if it might be a bubbly, the minerally, citrus glow of this Sancerre-like wonder converts a reluctant white wine drinker like me to a disciple. - Mike

Reds

G.B. Burlotto Dolcetto d'Alba 60

Not sweet, like the name implies, Dolcetto is a rewarding wine varietal to explore. Many of the old and famous vineyards in Piemonte grow Dolcetto alongside their more well known Barbera and Nebbiolo, but Dolcetto is their most favored expression of Piemonte. Burlotto is a storied winery that has been operating in Verduno for 175 years. Their Dolcetto d'Alba has enough tannin to complement food but will not overwhelm our lighter dishes, like our octopus appetizer. Low in acidity, its berry and floral tones are perfect with pasta, tuna, anchovies, and tomatoes. - Chef Nate

2021 I Clivi 'Galea' Merlot 65

I Clivi was founded in the early nineties when Ferdinando Zanusso purchased dilapidated vineyards in Friuli's highly regarded wine-growing region, the Colli Orientali, where the calcareous, clay, and sandstone soils have similarities to Burgundy's Cote d'Or. The vineyards are on steep terrain, are certified organic, and hand harvested. The Zanussos like to describe their winemaking as 'transparent' without alterations. This Merlot has well integrated tannins and soft acidity. I get candied apple and berries on the nose. On the palate, baked blueberry and blackberry, as well as cocoa, stone dust, cured meats, and saddle leather. This wine pairs well with venison, salumi, hearty soups, and pasta. - Joan

2022 Scagliola 'Frem' Barbera d'Asti 65

The 'Frem' Barbera d'Asti is an old favorite returning to the Il Capriccio wine list. Frem is made by the Scagliola family in Calosso, a small village in southern Piedmont. Their success now runs four generations deep. This exceptionally delicious Barbera is produced in relatively small quantities. I recommend enjoying it while we have it! - Linda

2022 Tenuta di Trinoro 'Le Cupole' (gl) 20/ (btl) 80

Soft and airy nose with notes of raspberry and red fruits, this Tuscan red is very smooth and pleasant with a beautiful finish. It is a blend of Cabernet, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc. This is so good for me because I don't care for big harsh tannins in red wines. This is a pleasure to drink and is a big stress reliever after my shift! - Liz

2018 La Massa Toscana Rosso 75

This wine is a delicious Tuscan red blend. I find it to be lighter in style, predominantly defined by its Sangiovese characteristics. It has lovely black fruit aromas and an overall bright acidity. The addition of Merlot and Cabernet

Sauvignon adds depth and softened tannins. I especially recommend this for larger groups as it is crafted as a crowd pleaser and a great value. Enjoy! - Linda

2022 E.Pira -Chiara Boschis Barbera d'Alba 85

Piedmontese winemaker Chiara Boschis elevates the intensely flavored Barbera grape with remarkable structure and complexity. This fresh, brightly acidic wine is an excellent introduction to this widely respected producer. Its vibrant dark fruit flavor is tempered with smoky undertones that pair well with braised meats, fowl, and pasta. Enjoy it with a salumi plate and good company! Perfect for cold winter evenings. - Ann

2019 Bocale Sagrantino di Montelfalco 80

This bold red from Umbria—Italy's 'green heart'—is a labor of love from the Valentini family. Perched high on a hilltop in Montelfalco, this all-natural red wine is deep, dark, and seductive. Spicy, with grippy tannins, this is just what the doctor ordered for relief from these cold New England winters! Tuck into a bowl of pasta, or a hearty roast meat dish and enjoy the passionate warm embrace of Sagrantino from Umbria. - Jan

2021 COS Cerasuolo di Vittorio Classico 80

Enhance your meal at Il Capriccio with a sensational Sicilian red: COS Cerasuolo. This wine combines the native Nero d'Avola and Frappato grapes, offering beguiling aromas of cherries, pepper, chalky minerality, and subtle hints of sweet balsamic. COS's palate includes hearty notes of raspberry, red fruits, plum, and black currant, balanced with touches of aromatic herbs that lead to an intriguing finish of dried wildflowers and smoke. With its elegant tannins and bright acidity, this medium-bodied red is structured and complex. It is a wonderful companion to our Porcini souffle, savory pastas, and game. If you're really feeling adventurous, ask

your server to lightly chill the COS 2020 and pair it with our seafood dishes. Cheers! - Jesse

2022 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, it will delight you 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.

- Dana

2018 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. - 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