

## STAFF FAVORITES

### **Whites**

#### **2018 Manni Nössing Grüner Veltliner 60**

Manni Nössing is a very small producer from the mountains of Alto-Adige on the Austrian border. Until recently they sold wine only to Italy. Grüner Veltliner is a rarity in Italy, and Nössing makes only three-thousand bottles of it. Bright with acidity while having minerality to give it structure, this white wine makes for a great pairing with Il Capriccio's Chicken Schnitzel or Swordfish. Enjoy it while it lasts! - Vinnie

#### **2020 Bisson Pigato 60**

This delicious white wine comes from Liguria, sometimes referred to as the Italian Riviera, perched high above the Ligurian sea. The steep location near the seaside villages of the Cinque Terre gives the wine salinity, a crisp minerality, and a beautiful, flowery nose. A great wine to start your meal or enjoy with our seafood entrees. - Susan

#### **2019 Newport Vineyards Dry Riesling (gl) 11 (btl) 45**

Just over an hour's drive southeast of Boston is the beautiful island of Aquidneck in the Narragansett Bay of RI. While the famed resort town of Newport is flooded with visitors, just ten minutes away, winemakers Paul and John Nunes have been quietly growing grapes for three decades. A unique microclimate created by the ocean meeting the bay, combined with the insular island, makes this an optimal place to grow grapes. During my many visits to this beautiful vineyard, I sampled their dry Riesling, with the 2019 being my favorite thus far. Aromas of flint and herbs encompass the nose, following with crisp acidity, citrus, pear, and apple on the palate. Start your evening with a glass and pair it with shellfish or our Chicken Schnitzel. Salute!! - Jordan

## **NV Antica Fratta Franciacorta Brut (gl) 16 (btl) 60**

My pick is a MUST try for all of you bubble lovers out there! This Italian "challenger" to French champagne hails from Lombardy. Franciacorta is a DOCG wine region bordered by the Italian Alps and many beautiful lakes, which bring cool evening breezes to a warm climate. It is produced from prestigious, hand-harvested Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes. The steps to make this beauty are Metodo Classico; painstakingly the same as Champagne, often with longer aging, and equally strict requirements. Quite simply, this sparkling Brut is outstanding with notes of pear, light honey, and citrus fruits. The bubbles are persistent with a soft, acid undercurrent that accents its freshness. Italy does not export many cases of this high-quality Franciacorta, so enjoy it while you can. Salute! - Linda

## ***Reds***

### **2018 Sandrone Barbera d'Alba 75**

Sandrone's Barbera d'Alba is a velvety treat of a wine, with deep hints of dark berries and cassis, tempered by a delicate nose of spice, tobacco, and earth. Soft, but structured tannins cap this lovely wine that complements so much of our Il Capriccio menu. - Jesse

### **2016 Castello di Neive Barbaresco 80**

You will not find a better value than this 100% Nebbiolo from Castello di Neive. Steeped in centuries of familial and vinification tradition, current owner Italo Stupino consistently ties in ever-changing scientific and technological advancements to his wine making due to his engineering background. The result: a bold, robust wine with an earthy bouquet of leather, tobacco, and baking spices. A pleasant medium body delivers deceptively strong tannins, with notes of ripe cherry, cassis, and raspberry. For best enjoyment, allow us to decant this while you are enjoying your favorite cocktail or aperitivo! - Dana

### **2019 Antonella Corda Cannonau di Sardegna 65**

It is exciting to find hidden gems! This charming interpretation of Sardinian Cannonau from Antonella Corda is elegant and well structured, a medium-bodied red with a bright acidity. Notes of raspberry, cherry, and pomegranate are balanced by weightier hints of vanilla, cedar, and tobacco, which continue through a long-lasting finish with smooth tannins. - Henrick

### **2015 Vietti 'La Crena' Barbera d'Asti 80**

Delightful 100% Barbera made by the famous Piedmontese winemaker Vietti in the village of Castiglione Falletto. This particular Barbera comes from the single vineyard "La Crena" in Asti, known for concentration and masculinity. The site is fairly large and spreads across a gentle south facing slope resulting in a rich ruby colored wine, with dark, lush, berry fruit on the nose and a well balanced acidity. On the palate, the wine feels soft and round, well balanced with a strong presence of red fruit enriched by complexity and a touch of vanilla, toast, and spice. It also has a good integration of oak with ripe, succulent cassis flavors: this wine is decadently delicious! - Daniela

### **2015 Corte Pavone Brunello di Montalcino 95**

2015 was a monumental year in Brunello. This Sangiovese based wine produced in Montalcino is always a much sought-after collectible, and 2015 is heralded as one of the best of the decade. This stunning red wine was produced by the Loacker family. Hailing from Bolzano in Alto Adige, the family, known for their chocolate biscuits, established Corte Pavone in 1996. Loacker is a pioneer in organic and biodynamic winemaking in Montalcino, being the first in the region to construct a biodynamic winery. This Brunello is broad and expansive, redolent of wild herbs, black plums, and warm licorice spice, all wrapped around a dense core of red and black fruit. It is a beautiful expression of Sangiovese Grosso from a particularly warm and dry season, ripe and bursting with friendliness! A wonderful opportunity to enjoy

a gorgeous Brunello for under \$100. - Jan

## **2014 Planeta Santa Cecilia Nero d'Avola 80**

Perched on Mount Alveria overlooking the Asinaro River at Sicily's southernmost tip, the UNESCO-listed town of Noto is one of the best-preserved examples of Sicilian baroque architecture, with its ornately bracketed tufa stone balconies above deeply arched fenestration, and cobbled streets barely wide enough for a Fiat 126. Noto is also home to a DOC claiming to be the birthplace of Nero d'Avola, a black, aristocratic grape producing wines characterized by Karen MacNeil as "mouthfilling, structured, chocolaty, and often complex." Francesca, Alessio, and Santi Planeta, who run a model winery stressing not only sustainable viticulture but also the preservation of local art and history, have lent their family name to this big, luscious, fruit-forward red. Sunned on white limestone mountainside terraces, aged for fourteen months in Allier barriques, Santa Cecilia provides a perfect adjunct to the richest entrées, with its spicy, balsamic flavors, cocoa-orange peel nose, and dense, graphite finish. - Mike