

Cullino Appassionati VIP Wine Enthusiasts Newsletter SPECIAL LIMITED FALL OFFERS

Winery principals are beginning to visit again from Italy. Recently I had the pleasure of meeting with some fantastic new and old wineries. They are offering some limited releases that I thought you all would enjoy.

Below are 3 special limited offers. Please email me with your orders. Supplies are limited.

Call now to place your order: 410-853-7484

Ricasoli 3 pack Chianti Gran Selezione Special SOLD OUT



Bertani Library Vertical Pack Offering

Amarone Bertani is a wine that's larger than life."

"There are two ways of being an Amarone. One is to be an exceptional wine with impressive concentration, power, alcohol, extracts and longevity. The other is to be a great red with more human qualities, a more moderate degree of alcohol - fresher and easier to drink.

The extraordinary nature of the first type has brought Amarone to the center stage of the international scene, but it has one shortcoming. We never know when to drink a wine like this. The second type has less personality and can be confused with other great reds. I believe that Amarone Bertani has struck a balance between these two versions. It's a wine that's larger than life. But not excessively so."

Ernesto Barbero

Cellar master Casa Vinicola Bertani from 1959 to 1989





What is Tradition?

For us it is daily study, discussion, analysis. It is a process that leads us to judge a choice according to results, without dogma or preconceptions. At Bertani, what counts most are the values of our identity, character, our recognizability.

If we continue to make choices that imply craftsmanship, maniacal attention to detail, prudent timing, patience and dedication, it is only because we are convinced that this is the best path. It's our way, one that has made us proud and continues to do so. It has given life to an unmistakable style. The Bertani style.

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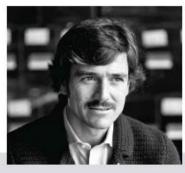
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Bertani Library Vertical Pack Offering



"It took an extra year of aging to reach the balance that distinguishes Amarone Delle Valpolicella Classico Bertani. The 2012 Vintage was one of extraordinary complexity, which refocused attention on grip & sapidity, as rarely happens. It was exciting to see it grow over time & take shape, while today we taste its temperament & see our expectations reached. with a great future ahead."

- Andrea Lonardi, Chief Operating Officer Bertani since 2012



2010

Ratings

95PTS James Suckling 11/19 93PTS Decanter 10/18 92PTS Wine Spectator 9/21 91PTS Vinous 1/21

Seasonal Trends

The long winter was followed by a wet February while Spring got off to a faltering start. The summer was characterized by heavy rain while the last stages of ripening were marked by strong temperature swings, which gave excellent accumulation of sugars.

Bottling Date June 2018

An aromatic profile that is striking for its finesse and complexity, with overtones of sour cherry, cocoa, notes of cardamom and hints of tobacco. The flavor is impressive and warm, with still youthful tannins, a powerful but not heavy body, well supported by acidity, which makes it rich and supple at the same time. The finish displays impressive length.

2011

Ratings

97PTS James Suckling 11/19 94PTS Decanter 5/21

Seasonal Trends

A rainy winter followed by early budding with above avg temperatures and long rainless periods. The summer months of June and July had normal rains which guaranteed proper development of the bunches. Harvesting began about a week early with almost no rain and wide temperature swings between day and night.

Bottling Date February 2019

Style

First there are the typical notes of plum, cherry and morello cherry on the nose, followed by a great variety of tones: nuts, tea leaves, licorice and spices. On the palate there are hints of red berry fruits, softened by plush vanilla notes, in perfect harmony with the acidity and tannins.

2012



Ratings

98pts James Suckling 2/22

Seasonal Trends

A mild winter with low rainfall brought about an earlier budbreak and a return of cold weather in April and May, delayed flowering. The summer progressed with high temperatures and inconsistent rainfall. Lower temperatures and rain at the end of August allowed the vines to re-establish balance. Mild diurnals allowed the vines to ripening perfectly.

Bottling Date June 2020

Style

A complex nose of dried cherry accented by walnuts and coffee which lead to wild herb, spices and a floral note. A full-bodied palate with intense fruit, well-balanced with firm tannins which lead to a long, lingering finish.













Bertani 6 Pack offer includes
2 Bottles 2010,
2 Bottles 2011
2 bottles 2012 Vintages.
6 Pack Case price: \$800



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About Ricasoli

The history of Italy cannot be told without including the prominent contributions of the Ricasoli family, who have produced wine since 1141. Ricasoli is documented as the oldest winery in Italy and the fourth oldest family business in the world.

Baron Bettino Ricasoli, who was not only twice the prime minister of Italy, but

after 30 years of experimentation and documentation, developed the original formula for the Chianti wine that became the standard for the region. The heart of the Ricasoli wine production comes from the Brolio castello, a magnificent castle located in the commune of Gaiole in Chianti.

Baron Francesco Ricasoli has been at the helm of the winery since 1993. Today, the wines are a reflection of the family's nine hundred year dedication to quality winemaking and innovation at the Brolio estate.

Special 3 Bottle Offer: \$250/3 pack
Includes 3 Gran Selezione Chianti(Highest classification level of Chianti
Classico wines) from 2020 vintage.

Colledilá Chianti Classico Gran Selezione:

"Like a laser beam in profile, this red evokes cherry, currant, mineral, wild herb and sweet spice aromas and flavors. The lingering, incisive finish leaves a dusting of fine tannins..."- Bruce Sanderson; 93 pts Wine Spectator Other ratings: 97 pts JS

Roncicone Chianti Classico Gran Selezione:

"Offers aromas and flavors of cherry, black currant and plum highlighted by iron and mineral notes. Reveals accents of tobacco and wild herbs on the long, mouthwatering finish. Shows excellent balance." - Bruce Sanderson; 94 pts Wine Spectator

• Other Ratings: 95 pts JS

Castello di Brolio Chianti Classico Gran Selezione:

Castello di Brolio is our flagship wine created from a meticulous selection of estate-grown grapes. Produced only in the best years, this is an iconic wine which will leave a lasting impression.

"Bright and floral on the nose with orange blossom to the vivid sliced cherry character. Medium body, with ultra-fine tannins that are supple and caressing. Gorgeous cooked peach pie and cherry aftertaste. Delicious to taste now, but better in 2028."

- James Suckling; 96 pts James Suckling.



Last week I had the pleasure of meeting Ottavia Giorgi di Vistarino. Ottavia was full of passion and pride as we discussed her wines and the history of her family's estate. As you all may know I am a lover of French Burgundy wine and have tasted and offered Grand Cru and Premier Cru Burgundy in our pre sell for several years now.

The pinot noir from Conte Vistarino rivals some of the best Grand Crus I've tasted.

In 1850, Count Augusto Giorgi di Vistarino was the first person to plant Pinot Noir in the Oltrepò, by importing the shoots directly from France. Since then the family has been carrying out a constant work aimed at enhancing the noble vine while respecting the territory and its vocation.

The Vistarino dynasty is today represented by Ottavia Giorgi di Vistarino. Ottavia carries an important legacy on her shoulders with the pride of someone who knows where to go, aware of the goodness of her ideas: to lead the family business while respecting its tradition, but putting character, future and personality into it.



Conte Vistarino 4 pack Cru Pinot Noir offer:

Price: \$275 / 4 pack

Costa del Nero Pinot Nero 2021:

Deep ruby red color, intense aroma of red fruit. Wine is aged partly in steel tanks and in used barrels until bottled 10 months after harvested.

Cru Tavernetto Pinot Nero 2017:

A cru of only 2 hectares, only 75 cases imported to the US.

A lovely waft of minerally tar and graphite draws you into the glass of this lively red, which showcases supple tannins and flavors of black and red cherry fruit, rose hip, marjoram and anise. **WS 92 points**

Cru Bertone Pinot Nero 2017:

Also a Cru of 2 hectares , only 75 cases imported to US.

Savory hints of herbal olive and smoke play off ripe black raspberry, licorice twist and spiced orange peel in this fragrant red.**WS 92 points**

Cru Pernice Pinot Nero 2015:

Cru of 3.5 hectares.

Deep ruby red, complex aromas of violets and red fruit, roasted coffee and cocoa.

**All offers are while supplies last. Please email me your orders .

**Orders should be available for pick up beginning October 16th.

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