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Good Evening, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I'm a little slow getting my January Newsletter completed...sorry, for any inconvenience.

Friday, January 4th we are tasting Italian Reds! Join us if you can from 4-8 PM Dinner special our homemade Spaghetti with Caesar and rolls

Reservations welcome: Call 503-589-0775

Full pour \$36 Half pour: \$20

The Wines:

### **2013 Cavallotto Bricco Barolo Boschis \$80**

Cavallotto is on a roll with some very impressive new releases. The 2013 Barolo Bricco Boschis is a tremendous effort that has an edge on the excellent 2010 vintage in my view. The wine shows a beautifully exuberant but elegant bouquet with the ethereal and undertone fruit and spice aromas you get with Nebbiolo. Although the wine is never overdone, it does show silky persistence and a long finish that comes from the noble nature of the tannins and the wine's textural finesse. Yet, it is playfully deceiving in a way because behind that polished grace, it delivers impressive depth and power. 96+ Points Wine Advocate

### **2013 Casanova di Neri Brunello di Montalcino \$65**

It's that time of year: get your Neri on. This blockbuster Montalcino estate has released another fantastic collection of new wines, including the 2013 Brunello di Montalcino. Beautifully executed, the wine oozes forth from the glass with round, supple and velvety fruit. This Brunello Annata is luscious and deep, with millefoglie aromatic layering that peels back slowly and carefully. The mouthfeel is less elaborate compared to the estate's top expressions, but the bouquet does much to push this score into the low nineties. 93 Points Robert Parker

### **2013 Caparzo Brunello di Montalcino \$40**

Caparzo is my go-to producer when I'm looking for classic Brunello with a more accessible and immediate personality to pair with pasta or grilled steak. The 2013 Brunello di Montalcino is made in traditional botte from Slavonian oak, where it rests for two years. Yet the bouquet is softer and more open than many other wines made in this fashion (that ultimately sees less oxygen during overall winemaking). Bright cherry and cassis are followed by deep layers of smoke, tar and grilled herb. The wine is elegant and graceful for either a medium or a long-term drinking window. 92 Points Robert Parker

### **2015 Vietti Langhe Nebbiolo Perbacco \$27**

Wine Spectator 92 - White pepper, cherry, tea, juniper and tobacco flavors dissolve into a swath of tannins that leave a grip on the finish. Though elegant, this feels more like a Barolo in profile and structure. Best from 2020 through 2030.

### **2015 Piaggia Vannucci Silvia Carmignano "IL Sasso" DOCG \$35**

Piaggia is located right in the heart of Carmignano. The total vineyard extension is approximately 15 hectares, divided between the area of S. Cristina a Mezzana and the municipality of Poggio a Caiano, both areas with a great potential for top quality wines. Mauro Vannucci started this activity in 1990 because of his great passion for great red wines, with the aim to produce wines up to the standard of Carmignano appellation. In its almost 20 years of existence, Piaggia has managed to solidly establish its place among the great wineries of the classic Tuscan DOC of Carmignano, being called by Gambero Rosso "one of the best wineries in the region of Carmignano, rather, in Tuscany."

Made with Sangiovese, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, the 2015 Carmignano Il Sasso Mauro Vannucci is a rich, plump and cherry-driven wine. The bouquet shows lots of dark fruit, and there are sweet oak-driven tones of cinnamon and allspice. This wine is soft and yielding on the finish, with good textural richness and

Succulence. by FOHHS Wine Advocate

### 2016 Castello di Verduno Barbera d'Alba \$22

Starting to really like this alternative to Barolo from Piedmont. Wonderful purple color when going into the decanter, attracted me straight away. Nose has good intensity, is musty, smoked spice and dark cherry. After 1-hour things rebalance and dark chocolate adds nice perspective. Palate also delivers good power, spice, cherry, musty, awesome balance, the acid is perfect in level and timing. Verduno wine easily earns 4 stars.

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