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**Good Evening,**

**Join us for a little fun tasting wine from Sicily. Simply Beautiful!**

**Our Special! Not sure, but, we will have something great!!!**

**When; Friday, June 17th**

**Time: 4-8**

**Cost: Full pour \$24 Half pour: \$14**

**The Wines:**

**2010 Gulfi “ Nero Baronj, Sicily \$36**

The 2010 Nero Baronj shows a very succulent and rich quality. The bouquet is layered with ripe fruit flavors, dried cherry, blackberry preserves, moist chewing tobacco and spicy leather. This is a masculine and bold wine, but it also shows balance and finesse. That richness extends to the palate where the wine offers soft tannins and a long chewy finish. The wine's drinking window should extend comfortably over the next five years. **92 Robert Parker**

**2010 Gulfi “ Nerojbleo Sicily \$20**

The 2010 Nerojbleo is an IGT expression of Nero d'Avola made with organically farmed fruit from the province of Ragusa in eastern Sicily. The wine shows some evolution at this stage but this only adds to the overall complexity. At the core are bright notes of cherry and cassis, but these primary aromas are followed by bitter almond, tar and leather. The mouthfeel is complete and balanced. **90+ Robert Parker**

I am very pleased with this year's tasting of Gulfi's wines. I remember past vintages being over-oaked and too thickly extracted with burnt aromas of scorched almond husk and charred toast. Honestly, the wines are still super bold, only they seem to make more sense now. These are thick and muscular expressions yet they are not without their balance and elegance.

**2008 Orestiasi Ludovico Rosso Sicilia \$20**

Dark and meaty, with layers of game, olive and smoke to the dark cassis and black plum skin fruit. Rich and chewy, with a long smoky finish. Nero d'Avola and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2016. 500 cases imported. 90 Point Wine Spectator

**2013 Lamuri Nero D'Avola Sicilia \$20**

An aromatic, medium-bodied red, with hints of marjoram and lavender lacing the open-knit profile of ripe raspberry, smoke and spice box. Lightly chewy finish. Drink now through 2019. **88 Points Wine Spectator**

**2013 Tascante Nerello Mascalese Ghiaia Nera I.G.T. \$20**

This was a difficult year on Etna but you'd hardly guess so while tasting the 2013 Sicilia Nerello Mascalese Ghiaia Nera. The wine shows a bright garnet-ruby color and a tight bouquet of pressed violets, rose petal, crushed stone, cola and herbs. Given the coolness of the vintage, this edition of Ghiaia Nera is not as fruit forward or rich as warmer years. You can taste that extra pinch of

Chardonnay is not as fruit-forward or rich as warmer years. You can taste that extra pinch of astringency on the close. The herbal-menthol element is also more pronounced. But the overall finish is firm and silky with an integrated dose of acidity on the close **89 Points Robert Parker**

**Cheers,**

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