

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Presents

Wednesday Wine Flight November 6, 2019

Classic Italy

Northeastern Italy (Veneto, Friuli-Venezia-Giulia and Trentino-Alto Adige) remains the world epicenter of **Pinot Grigio** production; the region exports vast quantities of the wine each year, mostly to the United Kingdom and U.S.

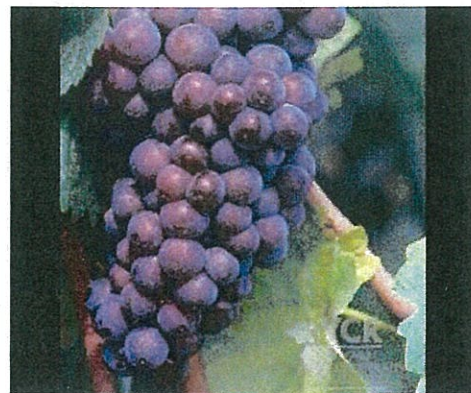
Vermentino is a light-skinned wine grape variety, primarily found in Italian wine. The leaves are dark green and pentagonal. The grapes are amber-yellow and hang in pyramidal bunches. The vines are often grown on slopes facing the sea where they benefit from the additional reflected light.

Etna Rosso is the most commonly produced form of Etna wine, made predominantly from the Nerello Mascalese grape variety with up to 20 percent addition of Nerello Cappuccio.

Nebbiolo is a black grape variety that lives almost exclusively in Italy. It is a thin-skinned grape known for both high tannin and acidity. Nebbiolo is most commonly associated with Northern Italy's Piedmont region where it has grown since at least the 13th century.

2018 Secondo Tempo Pinot Grigio Valdadige

Valdadige (or Etschalter to the many German speakers who live in the area) is the DOC title for red, rose and white wines of various types from the Adige Valley in Northern Italy.



Pinot Grigio grapes

Tasting Notes:

Notes of anise, green apples and ripe pears. Softer than the 2017 vintage; offers subtle citrusy tones and an aftertaste that brings back anise and pear. Long finish.

Bright and refreshing, offering a rich texture to carry the ripe apple, pear and citrus notes on a juicy frame.

Food Pairing:

A wonderful match with white fish, shellfish, vegetarian, mushrooms.

PLCB 79023 @ \$9.99+
Currently on sale – normally \$17.00
12.5% ABV

2018 La Spinetta Vermentino Toscana

La Spinetta Winery began producing in 1977 when Giovanni Rivetti (nicknamed Pin) purchased vineyards and began making wine in La Spinetta (means "Top of the Hill") in Castagnole, an area known for Moscato. In 2001 and then again in 2011, La Spinetta expanded from Piedmont into Tuscany, and their indigenous Tuscan portfolio was completed with the production of various wines including a Vermentino, a Prugnoloa Gentile, a Chianti and a Rosé.

This wine has everything a good Vermentino should have...beautiful aromatics and zippy acidity.

Tasting Notes:

Crisp, herbaceous expression of this white Italian grape. On the nose you will find lemon zest, grass, dill, fennel, and green apple.

Tasting Notes:

Pairs exceptionally well with seafood and ceviche.

PLCB 80642 @ \$19.99+
13%% ABV

2016 Firriato Le Sabbie dell 'Etna Rosso DOC

The key to the success of Firriato rests on the perfect and meticulous care in all aspects of production, from the vineyard to the cellar. Harvest after harvest, the challenge was to be able to maintain high standards of excellence, with the scruple to exploit the unique characteristics of each grape variety; to consistently provide in their wines an "identity of the territory from which it comes to life".

In three decades, Firriato has become one of the biggest production companies in Sicily and acknowledged all over the world.



Mount Etna

Tasting Notes:

Aromatics of fresh strawberries, cherries, wet stones, spices, smoke, earth and herbs.

PLCB 543835 @ \$12.49+ SLO
Through Majestic Wines
14% ABV

2016 Paitin Starda Langhe Nebbiolo

Paitin's 'Starda' is a knockout example of Nebbiolo, with complexity and structure that goes well beyond a basic Langhe designation...in fact, this gives many producers' village level Barolo and Barbaresco a run for the money! Infused with classic scents of cherries, tobacco, and menthol, this brooding Nebbiolo has rich dark fruit, muscular tannins, and a depth and weight that is most impressive at this price point. Practicing Organic, Practicing Biodynamic."~Distributor Notes"

Nebbiolo wines are distinguished by their strong tannins, high acidity and distinctive scent – often described as "tar and roses". A less obvious characteristic, visible only over time, is their tendency to lose color. Within just a few years of vintage, most Nebbiolo wines begin fading from deep, violet-tinged ruby to a beautiful brick orange.

Tasting Notes:

Spiced nose of black cherries, tar and incense. Full body, chewy tannins and a fruity finish.

Food Pairing:

Pairs exceptionally well with lamb.

PLCB 75529 @ \$9.99+
14% ABV