

Wine Notes-February 10, 2025 Dinner

Fidora Prosecco Brut- organic wine, Grape is 100% Glera, the vineyards are located in the old family estate, Tenuta Civranetta, close to the lagoon of Venice. Bouquet is fresh, fruity with hints of Golden apple and white flowers, and the taste is described as fruity and fragrant, palatable; fine and elegant in the mouth with a direct and clean flavour and good persistence. Cost is around \$22-26.

2022 Santadi Vermentino- made from 90% Vermentino and 10% Nuagus, the Cantina Santadi is located on the southern portion of the island of Sardinia. Colour: Brilliant straw yellow, with green and golden tinges. Nose: Fresh and pleasant. Palate: A nice fresh finish on the palate, together with an attractive mineral note, with many notes describing tree fruits-apple and pear, as well as melon. Cost is around \$18.

2023 Pieropan Soave Classico- so we return to the north east of Italy and the region of the Veneto (Venice and Verona) for this wine. Soave is the white wine produced in the Veneto, and this one is 85-90% Garganega and 10-15% Trebbiano di Soave grapes. Color: Brilliant pale lemon colour
Perfume: The nose is delicate, with reminiscent aromas of almond blossoms and marzipan. Fresh and floral with hints of vine, cherry and elder flowers, and of fresh fruit such as pear and white peach.
Palate: Smooth, with good fruit concentration, nicely balanced by a zesty acidity that enhances its long finish. Cost is around \$23.

2023 Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona Toscana IGT- So we have moved now to Tuscany, south of Sienna, near the hilltop town of Montalcino. The IGT (or Indicazione Geografica Tipica) in this case means the wine cannot be classified as a Chianti, as it has 85% Sangiovese Grosso grapes and a mix of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah. It comes from the youngest vines-the older ones reserved for the Rosso di Montalcino and the Brunellos. Described as wine suited for everyday drinking and many different foods, it is fruity, lightly herbal and enriched by hints of spices. This wine is ready for drinking, full bodied, quite soft and balanced. Cost to us about \$23.

2021 Podere Barbi Vigneto Il Colombaccio- this wine is from Umbria, specifically an Umbria Rosso, also an IGT wine. The predominant grape is again Sangiovese 50% (Umbria is just to the east of Tuscany), Cilieggiolo 40%, and Canaiolo 10%. The bouquet is ample and persistent reminding cherries and underwoods and the taste has great complexity, suitably tannic. It may be a bit young, can be cellared for some time. Cost to us about \$38.

2022 Beri Su Reimond Moscato d'Asti- We have moved back to the north of Italy, to the west in the region of the Piedmont. We have also come full circle back to bubbles. The grape is Moscato, or Muscat. Notes of orange blossom, peach, citrus, even wisteria. At only 5% alcohol, it is a sweeter wine, that will have hopefully cut through the chocolate and richness of the dessert. Cost to us about \$31.