



CLUB PAESANO

November 2010 Select Wines

ACHILLE, Barbera, Estate Grown, Columbia Gorge 2008

Barbera is king in the Piemonte region of NW Italy. Here in northern Oregon we share the same latitude, climate and hours of daylight. Marchesi Vineyards was founded around this grape varietal in fact the very first vines planted in May of 2004 was Barbera, we had our first crush in 2006. We named our Barbera, Achille after Franco's grandfather who lived in Piemonte, Italy all his life and loved his Barbera. Achille's Barbera is loaded with bright ripe cherry fruit, balanced by mouthwatering natural acidity to complement most food, from pasta to roasts or grilled meat.

GIUSEPPE, Pinot Noir, Columbia Gorge 2008

We named our Pinot Noir Giuseppe, because in Italian the nick name for Giuseppe is Pino. The Pinot Noir grapes were the last grapes to be planted at the south end of our property at the end of April 2008. We sourced our 2008 grapes from Wy'East and Mr. Underwood Vineyards. The vintage was amazing. Our 2008 is a marvel of complex red fruits, earthy undertones with pepper, cherries and violet notes. Deliciously aromatic, with well integrated tannins and elegance.

ANJOLA, Pinot Grigio, Columbia Valley 2009

We named this wine Anjola, after Franco's grandmother Angela who lived in Piemonte all her life. Our Pinot Grigio has wonderful aromas of grapefruit, pears and a touch of anise, good mouth feel with crispy acidity. This wine can be served as an aperitif, with seafood dishes, roasted chicken, most white meats, and goes well with aged cheeses too.

NATAL, Dolcetto, Columbia Valley 2009

Dolcetto is a black grape varietal originally grown only around Alba, in Piemonte, NW Italy. Lately this varietal was planted in other areas of the world and here in Oregon only a handful of producers are producing Dolcetto. Marchesi Vineyards planted the Dolcetto Grape in the spring of 2005. We produced our first Dolcetto in 2008, it was awarded a silver medal at the Oregon State Fair. We named our Dolcetto, Natal after Franco's Great-Grand father. Salute!

PRIMITIVO, Valentino, Columbia Valley 2009

Primitivo is the wine that is often called Zinfandel here in the states. Our Primitivo, from the hot 2009 vintage, has a deep ruby red color, notes of black cherry, plum and spices. It has a good balance between fruit and acid in the tradition of Marchesi wines.

CEREJA, Uvaggio, Columbia Valley 2008

An Uvaggio (Italian for blend) of 25% each of Sangiovese, Dolcetto, Barbera and Syrah. The Cereja 2008 is a smooth wine, a complex blend of 4 grapes that together makes for a very fine wine that possesses silky tannins, good balance, sufficiently earthy with fruit, acidity and bright floral aromatics.

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