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From the Bonner Private Wine Partnership

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# An Adventure in Every Bottle

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Borgognot Vini

## *Dear Member,*

A common criticism of American wine culture comes down to temperature: we serve our whites too cold and our reds too warm. It should therefore not be of any surprise that whites have completely edged out reds in the summer seasons.

But what a shame! While we've enjoyed plenty of great white wines over the years, they are no substitute for a cool weather pinot, say, or a light barbera on a summer's eve.

We turn, this summer season, to south central Europe. We begin in the dense forests of northern Austria, along the banks of the Kamp, a tributary of the Danube. Venturing south, we cross the Julian Alps into northern Italy, in the hills of Friuli, so close to the border that we're almost in Slovenia. From there, we go west to Piedmont and the old Duchy of Savoy (later part of the short-lived Kingdom of Sardinia). We take a brief hop over to a Palladian villa in Veneto where five sisters make a rather beguiling cabernet, then back to Piedmont for an old style Barolo steeped in history.

You might enjoy pulling up a map as you take stock of this collection. You'll notice how, despite Austria, Italy, and Slovenia occupying wholly different spaces in our minds, all three could have just as easily all wound up in the same country. For much of European history they were – first under the Romans, then under the Carolingians, then under the Holy Roman Empire.

You will see similar notes pop up again and again – berries fresh off the bramble, summer herbs, mint and licorice. Notice how they express themselves differently in each terroir, tempered here and there by nearby forest, mountain, or sea. These are the unmistakable aromas and flavors of a European summer. Close

your eyes and imagine yourself manning the clutch on an old Alfa Romeo while speeding down hillside roads, or playing an old guitar in the shadow of a centuries old villa, or lying in a meadow listening to grasshoppers as the sky above turns from blue to purple.

In this box, you will find six bottles:

- ① Weingut Johann Topf HP Pinot Noir Reid Stangl 2018
- ② Agricola Specogna, DOC Friuli Colli Orientali 2023
- ③ Cascina Galarin Monferrato DOC Nebbiolo Superiore  
Crocevia 2022
- ④ Cascina Perfumo Vini “Carlo Magno” Nizza DOCG 2020
- ⑤ Le Vie Angarano Quare 2019
- ⑥ Borgognot Vini Barolo Classico 2021

Welcome to your European summer...

Saluti,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Bonner', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Will Bonner  
Founder, Bonner Private Wine Partnership



Cascina Perfumo Vini

## A Quick Note on Wine Tasting

On the next few pages, we've included tasting notes. Here's a quick tip on how to approach them.

What makes a “wine expert” is not just depth of knowledge — which anyone can achieve — but sensitivity to taste and smell. A great wine expert will find a hundred little aromas that most ordinary noses will never be able to detect.

Now. If you don't pick up on the same flavors, does that mean you're doing it wrong?

No. Tasting is subjective. Pronounced flavors on my palate may present themselves as secondary or tertiary notes for you. Remember, wines are always evolving in the bottle. That hint of cherry from a few months ago might present itself differently now. So, if you detect a flavor or aroma you don't see on the tasting sheet, add it. See what your friends say. Better yet, if you have a tasting that differs markedly from what's written here, send us your notes. We'd love to compare them!

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# Weingut Topf

## HP Pinot Noir Ried Stangl 2018

Kamptal, Austria  
Spätburgunder  
(Pinot noir)



**Follow** the Danube west from Vienna until you hit the Kamp tributary, which leads north into dense forest and low-lying hills. These are the remnants of what were once towering mountains within the Bohemian Massif. Today, their sediment forms the loose “loess” soil for pinot noir grapes, known locally as spätburgunder.

You might know Austria for its Rieslings. Don't sleep on its cool weather pinots – perfect for hot summer days back here in the US. Northern Austria's mild days and chilly nights give fussy pinot the time it needs to ripen slowly. At the Johann Topf winery, they don't harvest till October, by which time the grapes have fully soaked up the surrounding terroir – wild, earthy, full of life.

After an open fermentation and 24 months in French barriques, the nose yields fresh cherry, herby spices, and black currants as if plucked right off the bush. Fair warning: you'll take a sip and wind up finishing the bottle. Best consumed in the evening (or an afternoon you're willing to write off). Pair with pork and lentils, game, beef, aged cheeses.

# Agricola Specogna

## DOC Friuli Colli Orientali 2023

Friuli, Italy



The northeastern region of Friuli, a pre-Alpine hill country, might just as easily have wound up in Slovenia (or Austria) before joining Italy in 1866. The region's advantage, other than its soil and its cultural mix, lies in climate: in the north, the Julian Alps act like a shield blocking chilly Siberian currents; a tempering wooded plain rolls southwards to the Adriatic, which serves up warming currents.

In Italy, cab franc is typically the domain of the Tuscans. And Italian winemaking is known for its respect of convention (remember the “wars” over the exact method for producing Barolo). Still, winemaker Christian Specogna, the third generation of his family (along with brother Michele and wife Violetta) to make wine in the pre-Alpine hills, has more than earned his place as a master of Italian cab franc.

(He was named “Italy’s Best Young Winemaker” in 2023.) You’ll be hard pressed not to admire what Christian has done with this 2023, a complex vintage that evokes summer in Friuli with stunning resolution.

Note the red berries, spice (classic cab franc), and herbs; the toasted vanilla (from the maturation in barriques); the solid mouthfeel. Pair with game, steak, and aged cheese.

# Cascina Galarin

## Monferrato Nebbiolo DOC Superiore Crocevia 2022

Montferrato, Piedmont  
Nebbiolo



**Standing** in the old stone cellar with Giovanni and Marco Carosso, the historical sweep of the Cascina Galarin winery begins to sink in. Giovanni and Marco are the latest in a line stretching back 200 years, when the stones of the cellar walls were laid in the late 1700s.

Drinking their 2022 vintage of Crocevia (“crossroads” in Italian), you might imagine that it had been collecting cobwebs and dust in an old Italian cellar for years. Sipping it you peel back layer upon layer of flavor and aroma – dried roses, mint, licorice, spice, and truffles.

Some wines are not so much made as begotten, products of winemaking methods as esoteric as they are ancient.

Fans of old-style Barolo should get excited when they learn that this 2022 began with a 30-day maceration, followed by 20 months in barrel. It then went into the bottle *senza filtrazione* during a waning moon, and sat in the cellar for another 6 months before release. Do yourself a favor and pick up some more bottles to cellar.

# Cascina Perfumo Vini

## “Carlo Magno” Nizza DOCG 2020

Nizza Monferrato, Piedmont

Barbera



In the old Duchy of Savoy, founded in 1416, there were two Nizzas. By the sea, there was Nizza del Mar (in the Piemontese tongue). You might know it as Nice. Inland, among the hayfields was Nizza della Paglia, literally Nice of Straw. Today it is known as Nizza Monferrato and forms the heart of a wine region of the same name.

If you like Italian wine, you may have had Nizza wines before – up until 2014, they were labeled Barbera d’Asti. That year Nizza became its own DOC.

Labels aside, the Asti style has proved harder to shake. If you look for cherry notes in your barberas, you’ll find plenty to enjoy in this bottle of 2020, named Carlo Magno for Charlemagne, who founded the County of Asti in 776. Note, too, the spice and licorice.

Wondering which wine to start with? It’s this one.

# Le Vie Angarano

## Quare 2019

Breganze DOC, Veneto  
Cabernet sauvignon



**When** the five Bianchi Michele sisters gather in front of their Palladian villa, the Villa Angarano (designed by Andrea Palladio himself 500 years ago), you might mistake them for muses but for their jeans and t-shirts.

We'd certainly call this 2019 Quare inspiring. A rare cabernet sauvignon in Veneto, a region known principally for its Valpolicella and Soave wines from classic Italian varieties corvina and garganega, Quare opens up right from the pop with beguiling pepper and spice.

Bagged any wild pigeon recently? We haven't either. But for those who can't enjoy that particular pairing recommendation from the Bianchi Michele sisters, this 2019 will reward most anything that comes out of the oven (with the exception of salmon).

# Borgognot Vini

## Barolo 2021


Barolo DOCG, Piedmont  
Nebbiolo sub-varieties  
Lampia and Michet



**Borgognot** was established in 1950 by the Borgogno family (if you're wondering about the spelling difference, "Borgognot" is a nickname given to this branch of the family to distinguish them from the many other Borgognos in the area).

The winery sits at the foot of the Cannubi Boschis hill, which marks the dividing line between two different types of soil: the Tortonian soil to the north and west is generally more compact marl mixed with sand, producing elegant, softer wines that are more approachable in their youth. The Helvetian soils, with loose, less fertile sandstone and limestone rich marl, are to the south and east. Cannubi means "union" in the local dialect, referring to the meeting of these two distinctive soil types.

Sisters Virna and Ivana Borgogno, today in charge, age this Barolo Classico wine in large Slavonian oak casks ("Botti Grandi") for around 2 years before completing its maturation in stainless steel; the bottles are then stored lying down for at least 6 months before labelling and shipping. 94 points from James Suckling.



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