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2020 Mastroberardino Irpinia Aglianico- Campania, Italy

Mastroberardino is one of the leading wineries and wine families in all of Italy in terms of production, market impact, and innovation. This is one single family with a winemaking history which dates back to the early 18th century, and which is largely responsible for the viticultural success of Campania's remote Irpinia area. The Mastroberardino family have earned themselves a place in Italy's viticultural history as a guardian and protector of indigenous grapes of Southern Italy's Campania region. It was their dedication to these ancient grapes & traditions that essentially single handedly saved them from extinction. Aglianico is a red wine grape variety native to southern Italy. It is known to produce full-bodied red wines that show musky berry flavors with firm tannins and good aging potential. The nose shows vibrant black cherry, wild blackberry & violet notes with subtle touches of spice; the palate is elegant & soft with continued red fruit & fruit jam notes with lush tannins & a liveliness to the fruity finish.

Pairings: The wine almost feels built for pizza, it is from the home of pizza (Naples is located in Campania), aside from that amazing pairing think mushroom &/or truffle pastas with either red or cream based sauces, braised meat pasta dishes, or grilled red meats and roasted chicken.

2020 Elena Walch Castel Ringberg Pinot Grigio- Alto Adige, Italy

Taking full advantage of direct sunlight exposure on its steep slopes, many of Alto Adige's best vineyards are planted at extreme altitude. Elena Walch is a leading Alto Adige wine estate, in family hands, and belongs to the elite in Italian wine production, with international success. Elena Walch stood at the head of the Alto Adige quality revolution and has gained local and international esteem for her efforts. The picturesque single estates of Castel Ringberg and Kastelaz are the heart of Elena Walch's vineyards. With sustainability being one of the core values at Elena Walch, the wines reflect the various terroirs they originate from. A clear straw yellow in the glass; the nose showcases a complex variety of fruit from ripe pears to lime blossom alongside nuances of spicy sage; the palate is at once elegant, structured & powerful with an overall sense of harmony, showing a continued range of diverse fruit that leads to a creamy, full finish.

Pairings: Pinot Grigio of this level are few and far between; sip while enjoying the sunset or reading a good book. In true Italian form it shines next to food; game meats roasted in the oven over fresh veggies; or a whole grilled fresh fish, stuffed with lemon, herbs & garlic served with fingerling potatoes.