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2020 Podere Grattamacco Bolgheri Rosso Tuscany, Italy

Bolgheri is an outstanding wine region made famous by Marchese Mario Incisa della Rocchetta, who planted Cabernet Sauvignon vines for his own consumption in 1940s on his San Guido estate, and called the resulting wine, Sassicaia. Today the region's Tuscan reds are based on Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, which can be made as single varietal wines or blends. Grattamacco was one of first the two wineries in Bolgheri. A region typically known for Cabernet and Merlot, Grattamacco sets itself apart from surrounding wineries with its winemaking practices using 15% Sangiovese to impart quality and elegance in its wines. A blend of 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 20% Cabernet Franc, 15% Sangiovese and 5% Petit Verdot, the Grattamacco 2020 Bolgheri Rosso shows nice elegance over a tight and streamlined body. It is redolent of black fruit, plum and cherry with mild shadings of spice at the back (it sees a brief eight months in mostly neutral oak). The vineyards are located from 100 to 200 meters above sea level with quartz sandstone soils mixed with white clays, marly limestone, flysch and red sands. RP 92 PTS, V 91 PTS

Pairings: Braised or grilled beef, veal, or pork, or if it's chilly out, consider a hearty stew filled with fresh herbs and lamb. You won't go wrong with a good, meaty pizza, either. Tomato-based dishes and lots of mushrooms are your go-to for vegetarian meals or sides.

2021 Bodega Charca Pinot Noir "Barda" Patagonia, Argentina

Chacra is based in the Rio Negro Valley in northern Patagonia, just south of the greater Mendoza wine region. The estate was founded in 2004 by Piero Incisa della Rocchetta after purchasing an existing, abandoned vineyard planted in 1932. He then purchased another abandoned vineyard of gnarled, ungrafted Pinot Noir vines that were planted in 1955. These two vineyards make up the heart of what is Bodega Chacra & go into his flagship bottlings simply labeled "Treinta y Dos" (32) & "Cincuenta y Cinco" (55). Piero Incisa della Rocchetta is the grandson of Mario Incisa della Rocchetta who is one of the most important wine producers to come out of Italy. Mario was the founder & creator of Tenuta San Guido who's legendary Sassicaia is beloved but just about all wine lovers & drinkers. 100% Pinot Noir from Piero's youngest vines, all planted in the 90's on their own roots. It is a spice laden perfume of tart cherries & raspberries lead to a silky textured wine full of sour cherry fruit & complex notes of black tea & citrus rind leading to a refined & subtly tannic finish cuttings.

Pairings: Enjoy outside surrounded by friends & a heartwarming meal cooked on the grill or slow roasted in the oven; Think pork tenderloin or bone in chops with herb roasted potatoes & root veggies. Alternatively, it is equally delicious enjoyed watching the winter sun set or around back yard fire pit; it goes with all things Autumn/Winter.