

World of Wine Club Selections

About Poggio Amorelli and Poggio Barbone Chianti, Italy

Poggio Barbone is a project of Poggio Amorelli. Poggio (hill) Barbone (of the homeless) is located at Magliano, approximately 10 miles south of Scansano on the road to Porto Ercole. Morellino is a synonym for Sangiovese in the DOC of the medieval village of Scansano, located in the province of Maremma, on the southern coast of Tuscany.

Poggio Amorelli is owned by Adriana and Marco Mazzarrini and is located in one of the most beautiful areas in Chianti, near the village of Castellina in Chianti. Part of one of the vineyards is in Maremma, near the village of Magliana in Tuscany.

The Mazzarrini's have about 40 acres of estate vineyards planted primarily with Sangiovese, Merlot and Vermentino vines. The winery also leases an additional 25 acres in the chianti classico area near Castellina in Chianti.

At Poggio Amorelli wine production started in 1987, but in 1995 the winery was renovated with new equipment. The modernization helped winery accumulate accolades for their wine. The winery at Poggio Barbone was build in 2004 and is a modern, state of the art facility. Marco Mazzarrini is the winemaker for both facilities.

The aim of the Mazzarrini family is to grow in quality and not in quantity, to maintain the characteristiscs and the mamagement of the family owned company.

Poggio Barbone 2006 Morellino Di Scansano Chianti, Italy

"From Southern Tuscany, this is made of Sangiovese. Sees more sunshine therefore producing wines more fruit-driven than Chianti. Fresh and tasty!"

This wine is a blend of 90% Sangiovese and 10% Merlot. It is bright ruby red in color with warm and pervasive aromas of cherry and blackberry jam. The taste is crisp with a finish that portends good aging potential.

Regular Price \$17.99 Club Price \$16.19

Poggio Barbone 2011 Vermentino Chianti, Italy

"A charmingly crisp white wine from Tuscany with flavors of citrus and apple and nice acidity."

Regular Price \$17.99 Club Price \$16.19

Red Wine Lovers Club Selections

About Ambassador Vineyard Red Mountain, Washington

Ambassador Vineyard was founded on the simple belief that no other experience is quite as enchanting as drinking wine. They know that something magical happens when you drink wine with friends; good wine becomes great wine and good friends become better friends. This was the case with their founding partners. An eclectic group of individuals with diverse professional backgrounds, their lives and friendships have been forever altered by the shared experience of creating and drinking what they believe to be a fantastic wine. Formed in 2004, and named after the mystical vineyard that has been so good to them, Ambassador's vision is to become the top estate producing winery on Washington state's Red Mountain.

Producing only estate wines allows them the unique ability to control the wine making process from vine to bottle. Their vineyard is young but under the expert care of their vineyard manager, Dick Boushey, it has produced some of the top tier grapes on Red Mountain and Washington State. Combine this with the handcrafted expertise of their winemaker, Sarah Goedhart and the end product is magic in a bottle!

Ambassador Vineyard 2008 Estate Syrah Red Mountain, Washington

Deep reddish purple color, this wine starts off with smoke, herbs and sweet meat then leads into plum fig and blueberry fruit flavors finishing with a touch of menthol, vanilla and cinnamon. The mouth has nice structure with dried cranberry and blueberry flavors leading into a nice astringent mid-palate but finishing soft with flavors of vanilla and smoke. The 2008 Estate Syrah is a beautiful example of the magic of bottle aging. They held it back until the peak of perfection and it is now ready for a place of honor at your table. Get it while you can, there are only 80 cases available.

Regular Price \$25.99 Club Price \$23.39

Ambassador Vineyard 2009 Estate "Envoy" Red Mountain, Washington

Dark concentrated blackberry, plum and cassis jam blend perfectly with aromas of cedar, cinnamon, licorice and violets and just a hint of vanilla. Flavors of cinnamon-clove spice, toast and smoked meat round out the palate and finish with a nice hint of astringency and bright acid.

Regular Price \$34.99 Club Price \$31.49

Northwest Club Selections

About Woodward Canyon Winery Woodinville, Washington

Located in the Walla Walla Valley appellation of Washington State, Woodward Canyon Winery was started in 1981 by Rick Small and his wife, Darcey Fugman-Small.

Since that time, the winery has consistently produced premium, award-winning cabernet sauvignons, merlots, chardonnays and many other varietals. Early on Rick determined that quality would take precedence over quantity. Consequently, Woodward Canyon has remained small, increasing its production from 1,200 cases in 1981 to our current production of about 15,000 cases. About 7,000 of this total production is Nelms Road, Woodward Canyon's second label.

Woodward Canyon is a founding member of the Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance and of Walla Walla Valley Vinea, the Winegrower's Sustainable Trust.

Nelms Road 2009 Merlot Columbia Valley , Washington

In 1998, Woodward Canyon Winery began producing wines under a second label, Nelms Road. Nelms Road offers merlot and cabernet sauvignon from Walla Walla Valley and Washington State grapes. It was developed to produce delicious and affordable red wine from young vineyards and declassified Woodward Canyon Winery production. While these wines may be cellared for several years, they are truly ready for enjoyment now.

The very warm 2009 vintage gave beautifully ripe fruit with deep, sweet flavors of black berry and current. Complex aromas of graham, spices, vanilla and leather integrate, leading to a long generous finish. The wine is dark purple in color and though it was bottled early to retain fruit it is quite enjoyable for a wine so young. It will improve substantially with additional time in bottle and with proper storage should age well for five years or more.

Regular Price \$23.99 Club Price \$21.59

Woodward Canyon 2010 Merlot Columbia Valley , Washington

This wine shows extraordinary complexity with higher toned fruit with nicer acidity than several recent vintages. The Weinbau Vineyard has produced a complex flavor profile of generous cherry, spice and coffee while the Woodward Canyon property offers more earth; picking up notes of toasted coconut and vanilla in the aroma. Rich fruit and fully mature tannins make this wine generous and balanced enough for drinking now, yet with the proportion and structure enough to age well for six to eight years.

Regular Price \$48.99 Club Price \$44.09

White Wine Lovers Club Selections

El Corazon 2011 "V-Neck" Viognier Walla Walla Valley, Washington

Spencer and Adam are passionate winemakers who work everyday to share their wine with the world. If they're not crushing grapes, bottling their latest creation, or in the tasting room, you'll find them out in the trade pouring wines.

Sourced from the Southwind Vineyard, this Viognier shows an iridescent gold color and attractive aromas of pear, peach, apple blossoms and honeysuckle. The fruit compote flavors are bright and focused (from long, slow primary fermentation), with just a hint of tropicality. The back picks up a bit of appley acidity (no malolactic) along with a touch of minerality on the crisp finish.

Regular Price \$19.99 Club Price \$17.99

J. Scott Cellars 2011 Viognier Rogue Valley, Oregon

J. Scott Cellars is the realization of Jonathan and Bonnie Oberlander's dreams. When they met in college in San Diego, they were just beginning to discover the joy of wine. Upon graduating in 1992, Jonathan accepted a job with a large wine and spirits distributor and Bonnie went to UC Davis to study Veterinary Medicine. They logged a lot of frequent flyer miles in those days. Napa and Sonoma were only a short drive from Davis and they visited wine country frequently. It happened, during those trips, that their dream of building a family and making wine was born.

In 2003, they purchased some of our own fruit and began searching for property suitable for growing great Pinot Noir. they found some great sites, but unfortunately didn't have a multimillion dollar budget!"

They turned our sights North to Oregon and never looked back. They are currently making several wines from Oregon and Washington as they begin developing their own Estate Pinot Noir vineyard. Just remember, "You can't have a dream come true, if you don't first have a dream."

This pretty aromatic white wine will have you absolutely captivated. It has great structure and nice acidity. It would go nicely with spicy Thai or Spanish Tapas.

Regular Price \$19.99 Club Price \$17.99