April 2-Pack Quintessential Italy \$39 for the Pair



Tiefenbrunner Pinot Grigio Dolomites Italy 2022 (regularly \$21)

Sabine and Christof, the current owners of the Tiefenbrunner winery, are the family's fifth generation, but the estate itself dates to the 16th century. Situated on the banks of the Adige River with the soaring peaks of the Dolomite range on either side, their land provides an extreme grape growing habitat. The grapes for their Pinot Grigio are sourced from vineyards in Magrè and Cortaccia, where the vines stretch their roots into a mix of marine gravel and alluvial sand. Though seemingly dominated by alpine slopes, the climate is also influenced by a Mediterranean Climate, with sunny days and the "Ora" winds blowing up from Lake Garda.

The grapes undergo a temperature-controlled fermentation in concrete vats for ten days, followed by four months aging on the fine lees, also in concrete, prior to bottling. The resulting wine is a lovely expression of Pinot Grigio: pale yellow to sandy in color and subtle in its bouquet, with fruity notes of pears and candied fruits. The eloquent, harmonious body emphasizes its dry, full-bodied taste and round finish.

Collazzi "Bastioni" Chianti Classico Italy 2020 (regularly \$26)

Located in the heart of Chianti in Tuscany, the Collazzi estate is situated in a natural amphitheater with southwest exposure, creating a microclimate that is warmer and drier than the surrounding vineyards. The Sangiovese, Merlot, and Malvasia Nera grapes benefit from this warmer climate, coming to full phenolic ripeness. The first production of the Sangiovese-dominant – 80% - Bastioni was in 2002; the experience of the succeeding 18 vintages shows itself in the depth, complexity, and deliciousness of the current 2020 vintage. The grapes undergo primary fermentation in large vats prior to a twelve-month aging in old barriques. The elegance of the Sangiovese is bolstered by the small proportions of Merlot and Malvasia Nero – 18% and 2% - giving the wine a silky structure with well-integrated tannins. Aromas of dark red fruits and dried cherries are matched on the palate and balanced by elements of woody spices and pipe tobacco.