

# IL-QATRA

## January 2023 Session Report

**Session Theme:** Northern regions of Italy - **Piemonte, Veneto, Lombardi & Trentino Alto Adige**

**Date:** 24.01.2023

**Location:** Xara Lodge – Rabat

### Menu:

- Foie Gras Crème Brûlée
- Oxtail Tortellaccia, Beetroot Consommé, Fermented Garden Vegetable
- Braised pork belly, Turnips, Brussels Sprouts, Parsley and Roasted Garlic, Aged Parmesan Purée, Sweet White Wine Jus
- Italian Cheese - Parmigiano Reggiano, Gorgonzola Dolce, Fontina, Caprino, Red Capsicum Chutney, Pistachio Brioche

**Food Scoring: 8.3/ 10**

		Wine	Region	Vintage	Varietal	Voting Out of 20	Retail Price	Importer	Consumption
Aprtf	White	Monte Rossa 'Sanseve' Saten Brut	Lombardy	NV	Franciacorta	16.3	€ 33	Farsons	10
A	Red	Giuseppe Quintarelli - Valpolicella Classico Superiore	Veneto	2014	Valpolicella	15.4	€ 72	Farsons	8
B	Red	Aldo Conterno - Barolo Bussia	Piemonte	2016	Barolo	16.0	€ 69	Farsons	10
C	Red	Alois Lageder - Krafuss - Sudtirol	Alto Adige	2019	Pinot Noir	13.9	€ 45	Philippe Martinet	8
D	White	Foradori - Fontanasanta Manzoni Bianco	Alto Adige	2021	Dolomiti	15.1	€ 29	Philippe Martinet	10
Average						15.3	€ 50	Average per member	1.21

<b>Wine:</b> Monte Rossa 'Sanseve' Saten Brut	<b>Region:</b> Franciacorta
<b>Vintage:</b> Non-Vintage	<b>Varietal:</b> 100% Chardonnay
<b>Alcohol Content:</b> 12.5%	<b>Price:</b> € 29

**Tasting Notes**

Golden hue with a fine, persistent mousse. Expressive nose of breadcrust, coffee, beeswax and a fresh almond note. Fresh, mild, well-structured and ample palate. Long-lasting aftertaste displaying a faint pungency. Drink with risotto. - *87/100, Gilbert & Gaillard*

**Description**

Franciacorta is a small wine-producing area in Lombardy, northern Italy. It is famous for its high-quality sparkling wines, which are made very much in the image of Champagne. The Franciacorta wine region is located in the Brescia province, in the hills immediately south-east of the foot of Lake Iseo. Roughly square in shape, it stretches eastwards for 15 miles (25km) from the Oglio River (which flows out from the lake) until reaching the Mella River valley and the western suburbs of Brescia city.

Satèn is a registered name by the “Consorzio della Franciacorta” Union, it corresponds to a production Protocol that requires exclusively the use of white grapes (Chardonnay) at a pressure lower than 4.5 atmospheres, maximum level of sugar of 15 gr/litre and 24 months as minimum maturing of ferments. Thanks to its strong personality, this wine is particularly indicated for the moments of convivial pleasure and it is the reason why it has been called Sansevé, a term deriving from the ancient gaelic that means:



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<b>Wine:</b> Giuseppe Quintarelli - Valpolicella Classico Superiore	<b>Region:</b> Veneto
<b>Vintage:</b> 2014	<b>Varietal:</b> Cabernet Sauvignon, Corvina and Rondinella
<b>Alcohol Content:</b> 15%	<b>Price:</b> € 72

### Tasting Notes


This was a humid and rainy vintage and many producers in the Valpolicella decided not to make their top-shelf Amarone wines, directing their fruit to wines like this instead. The Quintarelli Giuseppe 2014 Valpolicella Classico Superiore offers a spicy opener with tarry smoke and cured tobacco. It also shows some tart and brambly fruit, and this ties into what we can expect of the vintage. In truth, the ripeness is present and balanced. It undergoes a partial and brief appassimento. The 2014 is thinner than past vintages have been, but I am very much enjoying this more streamlined and elegant approach. - Robert Parker Wine Advocate | 93+ RP

### Description


Giuseppe Quintarelli is an Italian wine estate located in the hills north of Verona in the heart of the Valpolicella appellation. It is regarded by many as the greatest of all Amarone producers, and is known for its traditional deep, complex wines packaged with distinctive handwritten labels. The great man Quintarelli himself, known as il Maestro del Veneto, died in 2012 aged 84 but the winery remains family-owned and managed.

The Amarone wines, the Recioto, and the Valpolicella Classico Superiore all have a similar blend of around 55 percent Corvina and Corvinone, 30 percent Rondinella, with the remaining 15 percent comprising of Cabernet Sauvignon, Nebbiolo, Croatina and Sangiovese. The various wines are drawn from the across the entire vineyard, and require multiple passes at harvest time.

Quintarelli also produces an Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Riserva, which is selected from the very best barrels of the generic Amarone, as well as a very rare 'Selezione Giuseppe Quintarelli' from a particularly extraordinary barrel. Quintarelli's Amarones are only released in excellent vintages; in average years the wine is released as Rosso del Bepi Veneto IGT.



<b>Wine:</b> Aldo Conterno - Barolo Bussia	<b>Region:</b> Barolo - Piemonte
<b>Vintage:</b> 2016	<b>Varietal:</b> 100% Nebbiolo
<b>Alcohol Content:</b> %	<b>Price:</b> € 69
<b>Tasting Notes</b> Cherry and plum fruit highlight this rich red, with supporting notes of vanilla, toast, blueberry, iron and tobacco. Brooding tannins mark the finish, yet this has all the elements. Best from 2024 through 2042.- BS (2019)	
<b>Description</b> Poderi Aldo Conterno is a well-regarded and much sought-after Piedmont producer known for its wines from the best parcels of the Bussia vineyard in Monforte d'Alba. Aldo Conterno, who died in 2012, was regarded by many as the greatest of all Barolo winemakers. The vineyard holdings total around 25 hectares (62 acres) and are mostly situated on south- and southwest-facing slopes with chalky-clay soils. Cru Barolos are made from the Romirasco, Cicala and Colonello plots within the Bussia vineyard, while the Granbussia Riserva is sourced from the oldest vines in all three plots and only made in the very best vintages. The Bussia cuvée is the junior Barolo made from younger plots (15 years and above), while Il Favot is made from the youngest vines in the estate and is classified as a Langhe Nebbiolo. Total production is approximately 80,000 bottles annually. Aldo Conterno has been labelled a Barolo modernist, and this was often stated in comparison with his brother Giovanni of the staunchly old-school Giacomo Conterno estate. Winemaking combines the modern and traditional with the Barolo wines aged at length in large Slavonian oak casks and French barriques are also used in the range. The Bussia is aged for 26 months, the Cru wines receive 28-30 months in cask, while the Granbussia receives 32 months and is only released from the cellars eight years after the vintage. Il Favot and the other reds, in contrast, are aged in a combination of stainless steel and new barriques.	



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<b>Wine:</b> Alois Lageder - Krafuss - Sudtirolo	<b>Region:</b> Alto Adige
<b>Vintage:</b> 2019	<b>Varietal:</b> 100% Pinot Noir
<b>Alcohol Content:</b> 12.5%	<b>Price:</b> € 45

**Tasting Notes**

Blessed with a natural ability to finesse and accentuate this delicate variety, the folks at Alois Lageder have crafted a beautiful wine in the Alto Adige Pinot Noir Krafuss. This is a balanced, delicate but forthcoming expression from a warm vintage with aromas of wild berry, fresh red rose, and tangy spice. Krafuss is a wine of evident pedigree and class.

**Description**

Alois Lageder is a renowned wine producer in Alto Adige, Italy's northernmost wine region. The estate was established in 1823 and has been family owned and operated since. It makes a wide range of wines from both native and international grape varieties, including Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Pinot Bianco, Schiava and Lagrein.



<b>Wine:</b> Foradori - Fontanasanta Manzoni Bianco	<b>Region:</b> Alto Adige
<b>Vintage:</b> 2021	<b>Varietal:</b> Riesling and Pinot Bianco
<b>Alcohol Content:</b> 12.5%	<b>Price:</b> € 23

**Tasting Notes**

“Maybe the greatest natural white wine I have ever tasted. Complex and strikingly original lemon-zest, smoke and dried-chamomile aromas pour from the glass. Then comes the concentrated but very refined palate, followed by a super-long finish that’s a cascading waterfall of wet-stone minerality. Just doesn’t want to stop! From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification. Drink or hold.” 98/100 JamesSuckling.com

**Description**

The winery is situated in the town of Mezzolombardo. Foradori does not use synthetic chemicals, pesticides or fertilizers. They are certified by ICEA and Demeter since 2009. They harvest the grapes from vineyards covering 26 hectares – 80% of Teroldego, 15% of Manzoni Bianco and 5% of Nosiola – to produce an average of 160,000 bottles per year: 90,000 of Foradori, 20,000 of Granato, 20,000 of Fontanasanta Manzoni Bianco, 8,000 of Fontanasanta Nosiola and 10,000 for each of the old vineyards of Teroldego Sgarzon and Morei. The Manzoni Bianco “Fontanasanta” by Foradori born from the union of Riesling and Pinot Bianco and offers immediately enjoyable and intriguing notes of fruit, where features peach, pear, spices, flowers, honey and caramel delicate. We are facing with a wine that shows itself in all its uniqueness and its distinctive personality that is born by the inspiration and experience of Elisabetta Foradori, one of the most important and special women wine that has established itself in the Italian wine scene with great authority, giving luster to the vines from Trentino less known as Teroldego, Nosiola or, as in this case, the Manzoni Bianco.

