

# paesano

restaurant - wine bar

## Red Wine:

**'07 "Paesano's Chianti"** glass bottle  
8.00 30.00

Earthy and racy, with bold flavors, Il Volano by Molino di Grace is Sangiovese blended with Merlot. 13.5% (Toscana)

**'08 Zaccagnini Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Riserva** ← Great  
8.95 33.00

Ripe red cherry and warm, brown spice mingle in this beautiful example. Grippy and juicy, with easygoing tannins, it's great for a wide range of dishes. 13% (Abruzzo)

**'08 Colsanto Ruris** 8.95 32.00

Made from Sangiovese, Merlot and 10% of the indigenous Sagrantino, this rustic "Super Umbrian" shows woody, cranberry tones complex for the price. 13.5% (Umbria)

**'08 Lagone Toscana Rosso** 10.00 38.00

This Super Tuscan is 60% Merlot, 35% Cab and 5% Cab Franc...for you that means a well-rounded wine with dark berry notes and soft tannins. 15% (Toscana)

**'09 Bricco dei Tati Barbera** 7.95 30.00

We were impressed with this new Barbera, and its great balance of barnyard, earth, cherry and woody appeal. Good Entrée wine! 12.5% (Piemonte)

**'08 Sartori Pinot Nero** 8.50 32.00

This elegant and sleek Pinot offers lean fruit and velvety tannins sure to please the palate. 13% (Veneto)

**'08 Tenuta Curezza "Prine"** 7.95 30.00

The name "Prine" comes from the blend—Primitivo and Negroamaro—our most successful red wine special from last year; ripe but not flabby, fruity but not jammy, with earthy flavors. 14% (Salento Puglia)

**'09 Renato Ratti**

**"Ochetti" Nebbiolo** 11.00 42.00

A beautiful 'Baby Barolo' with a rich palate of dark fruit and earth. Well structured and delicious! 14% (Piemonte)

**'10 Villa Pozzi Nero d'Avola** 7.95 30.00

The famous grape of Sicily displayed here with black cherry, a little spice, and a satisfying richness. This little wine packs loads of character. 13.5% (Sicilia)

**'08 Rocca delle Macie SaSyR** 8.95 33.00

You might as well just get the bottle because this is tasty stuff! A perfect balance of Sangiovese and Syrah—think of it as Chianti with a welcome boost of jammy fruit. 13.5% (Toscana)

**White Wine** glass bottle

**'10 Feudo d'Elimi Grillo** 7.95 30.00

Indigenous Sicilian grape blends citrus and tropical fruit profiles for a taste that is as charming as the price. Skip Pinot Grigio for this. 13% (Sicilia)

**'10 Antinori Bramito del Cervo Chardonnay** 10.95 40.00

This Chardonnay is deep, strong, with hints of nuts and cream, and it may just convert you from its California cousins. 12.5% (Umbria)

**'10 Alois Lageder Pinot Bianco** 9.00 34.00

Clean minerality and balanced acidity. Subdued fruit finishes this very elegant wine that possesses a surprising amount of complexity. 12.5% (Alto Adige)

**'09 Tiziano Pinot Grigio** 7.95 30.00

This Venetian Pinot Grigio maintains some mineral terror while also providing pretty peach and vanilla tones; charming and refreshing. 12% (Veneto)

**'10 Tenuta Rovaglia Lugana** 9.00 34.00

This wine is made from Trebbiano grapes, with aromas of pineapple, peach, ripe citrus, and a touch of minerality on the palate. 12.5% (Veneto)

**'10 Bigi Orvieto**

**Classico Amabile** 9.00 36.00

'Amabile' refers to the sweeter style of this wine, reminiscent of pear nectar with a ripe citrus character. Sweet and flavorful, but with a light and refreshing body. 12% (Umbria)

Found on a recent trip!

**Sparkling Wine** glass bottle

**nv Mario Batali Prosecco** 8.95 (flute) 34.00

Prosecco is the classic way to start any Italian meal, and this celebrity chef crafted a winner with vibrant fruit and tons of bubbles! 11% (Veneto)

**NV Fiori Moscato** 5.95 3oz. 26.00

A new and slightly crisper offering of Moscato from southern Puglia, this sweet wine oozes with peaches and pears. 6% (Puglia)

**NV Baci Dolci** 7.95 30.00

Meaning "sweet kisses," this wine is a sparkling, sweet red with a Sangria-like flavor profile. Served chilled. 7% (Veneto)

Try one with dessert!

**Dessert Wines** glass bottle

'00 Felsina Vin Santo 9.50 (1.5oz) 72.00/375ml.

'06 La Meridiana "La Malaga" 9.00 (3oz) 34.00/375ml.

'82 Don Pedro Ximenez Gran

Reserva Dry Sherry 11.50 (3oz)

JP Perez Cream Sherry 7.50

Sandeman Founder's

Reserve Port 8.50

Warre's Fine White Port 6.50

Smith Woodhouse

Colheita Tawny Port 11.50

Warre's 20 Year Tawny Port 14.50

Ferriera 20 year Tawny Port 15.00 (3oz)

## Grappa

These classic Italian distillates are the traditional end to sumptuous feasts! Please ask your server for current offerings!

## Imported Beer

Labatt's Blue 4.50 btl

Heineken 4.95 btl

Peroni 4.95 btl

Moretti la Rossa (dark) 4.95 btl

Amstel Light 4.95 btl

Stella Artois, Pilsner Urquell, 5.25 btl

Hacker-Pschorr Weiss 5.25 btl

Guinness (draft can) 5.50 btl

## Domestic Beer

Budweiser 3.95btl

Bud Light 3.95btl

Leinenkugel Red 3.95btl

Kaliber N/A 3.95btl

Sierra Nevada Pale Ale 4.25 btl

Special Seasonal Micro Brew (ask your server)

## Soft Drinks & Other

San Pellegrino 750ml

San Pellegrino 250ml

Panna Mineral Water 500ml

San Pellegrino Aranciata

San Pellegrino Limonata

Sanbitter

Berghoff Root Beer

Assorted Juices

**We have special pricing on our entire selection of fine Italian WINE TO-GO. Ask your server for our seasonal picks retail catalog. ENJOY!**

## Red Wine by the Bottle

• SOUTHERN ITALY •

### '10 Feudi di San Nicola Negroamaro

From our good friend Nicola Biscardo comes this delicious Negroamaro that reminds us more of chocolate covered raisins than anything. Medium bodied, lush, and satisfying. 13.5% (Puglia) 38.00

### '08 Li Veli Salento Rosso "Passamante"

Negroamaro "in purezza," this lush, juicy red speaks clearly of the regional climate, i.e. hot & dry. It's very ripe, full, and soft on the palate, flooding the senses with sweet, succulent fruit. 13.5% (Puglia) 36.00

### '05 Shardana Valli di Porto Pino Rosso

From the island of Sardinia, this pure carignane wine is deep and rich with plum, licorice, leather and black pepper. It's big and rustic, and a uniquely styled wine. 14% (Sardegna) 60.00

### '08 Scilio Etna Rosso "Phiale" ← CUSTOMER FAVORITE!

Supple and well integrated, this is a blend of Nerello Mascalese and Nerello Cappuccio—both native varieties—from the slopes of Mt. Etna. Woodsy, dark berries, tons of detail, and very aristocratic and refined. 14% (Sicilia) 45.00

### '99 Taurino Partigione

This Barrique-aged Negroamaro was left to dry on the vine before pressed, allowing for deep concentration of fruit. With a beautiful nose of rosemary and rosewater and velvety ground-fruit mouthfeel, this wine changed Puglian winemaking. 14.5% (Salento Puglia) 79.00

### '08 de Angelis Lacryma Christi

Lacryma Christi means "Tears of Christ," because those tears supposedly inspired this wine. Laden with chalk, smoke and bitter chocolate, this is a serious red. 13.5% (Campania) 50.00

### '07 Sella & Mosca Cannonau Riserva

This unique red, made from Grenache, is rustic yet supple, with cranberry, plum, leather and earth. 14% (Sardegna) 32.00

### '07 Castello Montecatino Nessuno Riserva

This island Carignano is dusty and chunky, with dark leathery fruit and tobacco notes. 14% (Sardegna) 47.00

### '05 Rivera Aglianico Riserva "Cappellaccio"

Our Aglianico is chalky and smoky with chewy stone fruit—an excellent introduction to this mighty grape. 13.5% (Puglia) 50.00

## • CENTRAL ITALY •

### '08 Avignonesi Vino Nobile di Montepulciano

Tuscan classic, made of Prugnolo Gentile (mostly), aged for two years in oak to refine the style and integrate the rich, ripe fruit. It's an elegant, but modern expression of Sangiovese. 14% (Toscana) 60.00

### '06 Villa di Capezzana Carmignano

This estate has been blending Cabernet with Sangiovese since long before the Super-Tuscan movement. Lush berry notes tame the famous Sangiovese for a perfect combination. 14% (Toscana) 60.00

### '06 Dievole Novecento Chianti Classico Riserva

Chianti winemaker Mario Dievole struck big in '06. This Riserva already has dense cherry, a touch of chocolate, toffee, and great scale with smooth tannin integration. 14% (Toscana) 65.00

### '06 Terrabianco Campaccio Cellar Riserva

Consistently rated in the 90's by wine experts, this Sangiovese/Cab blend is a super Tuscan all-star. 13% (Toscana) 79.00

### '08 Fonterutoli Chianti Classico

French oak gives this gem an aristocratic posture and full mouthfeel, while the finest vineyard selection exalts the perfectly ripened fruit. Absolutely first class Chianti. 13.5% (Toscana) 58.00

### '05 San Polo Mezzopane

Sangiovese and Merlot combine harmoniously to display the best of their respective expressions in this Tuscan blend, a house favorite. 14% (Toscana) 56.00

### '07 Poggio Scalette il Carbonaione

From the 70 year old vines to the year in barrique, this 97 point (Parker) Sangiovese rivals the best of Brunellos. 13.8% (Toscana) 95.00

### '07 Corte alla Flora Rosso di Montepulciano

A new estate, this Sangiovese/Canaiole blend is well-formed with classic style and ripe, woody berry. Great finish, too. 13% (Toscana) 36.00

### '06 Guado al Melo "Bolgheri"

New Super Tuscan blend of Cab and Merlot, from Italy's hottest area - Tuscany's Alta Maremma. 13% (Toscana) 65.00 *Roddy choice*

### '08 d' Alessandro Cortona Syrah

Cortona is the hot region for Tuscan Syrah, and our friend Luca Currada from Piedmont collaborated with a Rhone producer to craft a round, fruity international effort with black pepper notes. 13.5% (Toscana) 36.00

### '05 Tiezzi Brunello di Montalcino

Brunello like it was meant to be! Deep cherry and tar notes contrast wonderfully with red floral aromatics, medium acidity, and intense scale. 13.5% (Toscana) 89.00

### '08 Tenuta Biserno Insoglio del Cinghiale

Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, and Petit Verdot make up this robust Tuscan red. A great balance of earthy fruit, body, alcohol, and spice. 14% (Toscana) 52.00

### '04 Paolo Bea Sagrantino di Montefalco

One of the prized producers among the cognoscenti! The Bea style is hedonistic but complex, ripe and powerful. Berry, cherry, tobacco and spice commingle with harmony and intensity. 14.5% (Umbria) 145.00

### '08 Badia Coltibuono Chianti Classico RS

Styled for the American palates. Smooth, flavorful Chianti from friend Roberto Stucchi. 13% (Toscana) 42.00

**WINE EVENTS - We're excited about wines here at Paesano, and share our enthusiasm in a variety of ways: technical component tastings, wine education classes, winemaker dinners, and special promotions, just to name a few. Be sure to sign up below for the e-mails, which are the first announcement outlet for what are often quickly-filled events. And when you're in the restaurant, be sure to ask about our next wine event.**

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## Red Wine by the Bottle

• NORTHERN ITALY •

### '06 Ca' Ronasca Pinot Noir "Fab 4"

An homage to the Beatles and the exceptional vintage, this is a powerhouse Pinot, with French oak, spirituous cherry, and alcohol to impress. The premier vintage for this wine. 15% (Friuli) 73.00

### '07 Beni di Batasiolo Barbaresco

Young yet fleshy and approachable, this is a great intro to the famed Nebbiolo grape of Piedmont, with the mushroom, soil, cherry, rose and tar notes that has made the grape, the grape! 14.5% (Piemonte) 85.00

### → '07 Einaudi Rosso <sup>M. Roddy Fave!</sup>

A high quality wine of intense color, with an aroma of cooked plums. On sipping it is full bodied and intense, but balanced and elegant, with a hint of vanilla. 13.5% (Piemonte) 105.00

### '03 Inama Cabernet Sauvignon "Oracolo"

Stefano Inama is one of our favorite winemakers, and his wines explode out of the glass. This is hand-picked, single vineyard Cabernet with cherry, spice, and fine-tuned tannin and acidity. Huge! 15% (Veneto) 92.00

### '05 Il Roverone Amarone Classico

Powerful wine made from partially dried grapes that impart bittersweet chocolate and raisiny notes. This is firing on all cylinders, and is everything Amarone should be! 15.5% (Veneto) 89.00

'05 15.5% - 1/2 bottle for 2 1/2 glasses 45.00

### '05 Loredan Gasparini "Venegazzu"

Enjoying cult status, one of Italy's earliest Bordeaux styled wines. Traditional blend of Cab Sauv, Cab Franc, Merlot, and Malbec, concentrated and refined in oak barrel. A ringer for the original! 13.5% (Veneto) 75.00

### '07 Allegrini Palazzo della Torre

Near perfect, but affordable! The Palazzo opens with berry and cocoa and complex ripasso flavors reveal themselves to a long finish. Continually rated a top Italian wine value. 13.5% (Veneto) 45.00

### '09 Anime Valpolicella

Our beloved Anime is back! The 2009 is peppery and spicy, with bitter cherry; definitely a food-duty red! 12.5% (Veneto) 35.00

### '05 Ceretto Barolo "Zonchera"

Textbook tar and roses from this king of Italian reds. Delivers so much complexity so effortlessly. Beautiful, and from a "restaurant ready" vintage. 14% (Piemonte) 99.00

### '07 Inama Carmenere "Piu"

Carmenere is a French grape that has had great success, the "piu" (or more) here is Merlot and Raboso Veronese, with Earthy, tastes of vanilla, cocoa and bell pepper. 14% (Veneto) 50.00

**CUSTOMER FAVORITE!**

### '07 Boroli "Anna"

This latest vintage from Boroli is Nebbiolo, Barbera, and Merlot; more Piedmont, less France, and all great! A great introductory northern red for those seeking friendly cherries and less acidity. 13% (Piemonte) 40.00

### '07 Vigna Traverso Schioppettino

Schioppettino is a grape known to be grown only by 23 producers in Friuli. The name means "Gunshot," and you'll taste flint, spicy jerky, and dense berry in this masculine wine. 13% (Friuli) 60.00

### '07 Di Lenardo "Just Me" Merlot

Drying these grapes on a rack for a month adds concentrated dark fruit and spice before pressing, with oak aging providing mellowing vanilla. 14% (Friuli) 65.00

### '06 Conterno Fantino "Monpra"

50% Nebbiolo, 40% Barbera, 10% Cabernet; this acclaimed "Super Piedmontese" is a tight, fine mesh of complexity. Sleek and sexy, this wine oozes with flair and unmistakable luxury. 14.5% (Piemonte) 95.00

### '05 Travaglini Gattinara

Full-bodied, grippy, and ripe, this old favorite has returned in grand style with cocoa, smoke and dried fruit notes. 13% (Piemonte) 70.00

### '07 Renato Ratti Barolo "Marcenasco"

The 2006 got wine of the year from Wine Enthusiast last year, but we still love the '07 with its complex layers of cherry and leather. 13.5% (Piemonte) 95.00

### '08 Castellargo "Rubeus" Rosso

An intriguing blend of Refosco, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet from our friend Nicola, this peppery terrior-driven red provides ample old-world appeal. 13.5% (Friuli) 32.00

### '07 La Spinetta Barbera d'Asti "Ca' di Pian"

Characterized by power and elegance, this acclaimed Barbera is oak aged and supremely voluptuous. La Spinetta make bigger, bolder wines, but the charm of this more traditionally styled red is ample. 14% (Piemonte) 55.00

### '08 Vietti Dolcetto d'Alba "Tre Vigne"

Dolcetto shows its gloriously fruity potential at the hands of this renowned producer. A ripe, cherry bomb with plenty of grip! Luca Currado is one of Italy's top, young winemakers. 13% (Piemonte) 46.00

### '05 Giralan Lagrein "Laurin"

Unique to northern Italy, Lagrein can be massive and chunky, but this is finely crafted, oak aged, and sophisticated for it. Pretty floral aromas introduce silky, fresh wildberry fruits on the palate. 13% (Alto Adige) 42.00

### '05 La Tunella Refosco

Dark and deeply flavored, this is one of the most serious Refoscos about, with sweet cherry, cocoa, and round mouthfeel. 13% (Friuli) 49.00

### '09 Einaudi Dolcetto di Dogliani "I Filari"

Gorgeous Dolcetto, offering profound masses of fruit and exceptional concentration. Beautifully sculpted, with perfect oak toning. One of the best Dolcettos available. 13% (Piemonte) 69.00

### '07 Vietti Barolo "Lazzarito"

This is a wickedly complex Barolo, fully structured and deeply concentrated with flavor. It's very tarry, lavishly fruity, all with plenty of youthful vigor. Outstanding! 14% (Piemonte) 165.00

**WINE MAKER DINNERS -**  
**Quarterly we host**  
**a dinner extravaganza featuring**  
**distinguished winery owners, winemakers,**  
**and importers, who share**  
**their "straight from the vine"**  
**insight on Italian wine.**

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**WINE AWARDS**

We're proud to have had our wine list recognized by our industry peers and national wine experts.

Awards that our list has received over the past few years include:

- WINE SPECTATOR magazine's Award of Excellence
- SANTE MAGAZINE'S top award for Wine Hospitality in a Fine Dining Restaurant
- RESTAURANT HOSPITALITY magazine's Grand Prize in the Short List Category of the Best Wine List in America Awards
- METRO TIMES Best Wine List
- WINE ENTHUSIAST magazine's one of America's Best Wine Driven Restaurant

## White Wine by the Bottle

• NORTHERN ITALY •

### '09 Caldora Müller Thurgau

This unique grape tastes of not yet ripe yellow apples; rich and vibrant with a kiss of mountain mineral and a potent finish. 12.5% (Alto-Adige) 36.00

### '10 Vietti Roero Arneis

A beautiful dry white wine with soft tropical aromas. A hint of coconut on the nose leads into a palate of fresh fruit with notes of citrus. 13% (Piemonte) 48.00

### '10 Marengo Scrapona Moscato d' Asti

Moscato d' Asti is Italy's most beloved dessert wine, famous worldwide. Sweet apple, pear, and tiny bubbles await you in the glass. 5.5% (Piemonte) 27.00-1/2 btl.

### '09 Castellari Gavi "Salluvii"

Honeysuckle, soft mineral presence, and rosewater all await you in this bottle; a beautiful expression of the Cortese grape. 12.5% (Piemonte) 34.00

### '09 Inama Soave Classico

A great example of Soave- this is made from Garganega, and shows characteristic richness with a toasty quality and ripe fruit, but a zesty citrus that keeps things in perspective. 12% (Veneto) 39.00

← try it!

### '08 Ornella Molon Sauvignon Blanc

Fresh and fruity style with a grassy quality that makes this reminiscent of a Classical-style Sauvignon Blanc. 13% (Veneto) 44.00

### '08 di Lenardo TOH! Friulano

Wonderfully aromatic with notes of melon and pear. Clean acidity and plenty of ripe fruit round out the palate, and make for a very balanced and refreshing wine. 13% (Friuli) 35.00

## • CENTRAL ITALY •

### '09 Salviano Bianco

Technically this wine is an Orvieto, but we didn't want to mislead! A blend of Trebbiano, Grechetto, Sauvignon and Chardonnay, this showcases beautiful citrus and pleases the crowd. 13% (Umbria) 35.00

### '09 Banfi Pinot Grigio "San Angelo"

The pronounced tropical fruit and citrus aromas let you know right off that this wine goes beyond the average! Lush and ripe with tropical fruit. 13% (Toscana) 35.00

### '09 Lo Triolet Pinot Gris

Imagine this; a nose of delicate pears, followed by a sip that reveals slight mint, cream, and apple, with a strong finish of Granny Smith rinds. Stop imagining, you could be drinking this wine! 14% (Valle d'Aosta) 49.00

### '08 Barone di Valforte Passerina

Passerina means "little sparrow" in the local dialect of Abruzzo, and is a rare find here in the Midwest. Charming notes of bubblegum and tropical fruit abound in this delightful find. 11.5% (Abruzzo) 34.00

### '09 Monastero Suore Cistercensi "Coenobium"

An absolute gem! Blended from Trebbiano, Malvasia and Verdicchio, this juice is open-top fermented with the skins to unveil complex notes of orange zest, musky melon and Coriander. 12.5% (Lazio) 39.00

### '09 Bucci Verdicchio

A clean and crisp white with an elegant balance of fruit and mineral notes, along with aromas of lemon and fresh herbs. 13.5% (Marche) 46.00

Great

## • SOUTHERN ITALY •

### '08 Rocca del Principal Fiano di Avellino

A Tre Bicchieri award winner, this boutique wine has a buttery warmth in the mouth but a tropical (think kiwi) profile. Gorgeous! 13.5% (Campania) 42.00

### '09 Sella & Mosca Vermentino "La Cala"

The best Vermentino in the world is grown on the island of Sardinia. Bright, with green apple and mango notes, this is an uncommonly ripe vintage, but one that suits the grape just fine! 12.5% (Sardegna) 29.00

### '10 Terradora di Paolo Greco di Tufo

Greek in origin, this firm white has mouth watering acidity and minerality; a natural pairing for seafood. 13% (Campania) 44.00

### '08 Brugnana "Kue"

A Sicilian blend of Inzolia (70%) and Viognier, this island white has a nose of banana and ripe melon with nice mineral texture. 13% (Sicilia) 30.00

### '09 Vesevo Falanghina

One of Italy's most aromatic whites, redolent of tropical fruits, maybe a touch of bubblegum. It's explosive on the palate, too, sporting tons of fruit and definite freshness. No oak here. 13% (Campania) 33.00

### '05 Mirabile Inzolia

Inzolia is rare in Italy, especially age-worthy Sicilian Inzolia. This white is a gorgeous golden color, with notes of almond, honey, pear, and chalk. 13% (Sicilia) 38.00

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at your place or ours!

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## GREAT DATE IDEA:

Attend a Weekly Wednesday Wine Tasting. 6 - 7pm

End the need for parlor tricks, burping the alphabet.  
Impress friends and family with newly acquired information on wine!