

NORTHERN ITALY
THE FLYING CORKSCREW
TRADE LIST 2006

Cascina Christiana
Nizza Monferrato

**Single
Bottle
Price** **Mixed
Case
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Exclusive to us, this tiny boutique winery is run by South African, Peter Kaplanski. It is in the most glorious position at the top of a steep slope above his vineyards, which produce some of the best fruit in the region. The wines are absolutely authentic, with a fantastic sour cherry nose and firm acidity that characterise Piemontese wines. These are fantastic wines with food and a real bargain for the region. He deserves our support!

"Reiss" Barbera d'Asti 2003	9.75	8.78
"La Mota" Barbera d'Asti Superiore 2001	13.50	12.15

Franz Haas
Trentino-Alto Adige

Trentino Alto-Adige is the finest white wine producing area in Italy and Franz Haas is one of its best winemakers. The Pinot Bianco is superb, as is the Manna Cru, which is now one of Italy's best white wines and becoming recognised as such. The Lagrein is stunning and a bargain, as the grape variety is not currently in great demand.

Pinot Grigio 2004	11.50	10.35
2005	10.75	9.68
1/2's	7.25	6.53
Pinot Bianco 2004/5	11.00	9.90
Traminer Aromatico 2003/4	13.75	12.38
Manna "Cru" 2004	18.25	16.43
Pinot Nero 2003	16.00	14.40
1/2's	9.25	8.33
Pinot Nero 2004	17.25	15.53
1/2's	11.00	9.90
Pinot Nero "Cru" 2003/4	27.75	24.98
Moscato Rosa 2004 (sweet)	19.25	17.33
	1/2's	

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Azienda Agricola Lorenzon

Isonzo

The wines from this estate in one of the top regions of Friuli have always been interesting, and the current crop of wines are no different. The care the Lorenzon family put into the vineyards ensures excellent quality, ripe and flavourful fruit, which transmits through to the wines.

	Single Bottle Price	Mixed Case Price
Borgo dei Vassalli Pinot Grigio 2005, Isonzo (S)	9.00	8.10
I Feudi di Romans Pinot Grigio 2005, Isonzo (S)	10.00	9.00
I Feudi di Romans Chardonnay 2001, Isonzo	10.25	9.23
I Feudi di Romans Sauvignon Blanc 2004, Isonzo (S)	10.00	9.00
I Feudi di Romans Merlot 2003, Isonzo	10.25	9.23

Cesconi

Trentino – Alto Adige

These are some of Italy's most exciting white wines, due to the efforts of the four Cesconi brothers over the past decade. Between them the brothers have made wine at Isole e Olena, Petaluma in Australia and in California, so it's no wonder their wines stand out! The Olivar, a blend of Pinot Bianco, Pinot Grigio and barrel-fermented Chardonnay is beautifully complex. The Nosiola, a native grape variety, is lively and aromatic, whilst the Pinot Grigio is intense and pure. The Merlot has great depth and weight for the region.

Nosiola 2004	12.75	11.48
Pinot Grigio 2004	14.00	12.60
Olivar 2004	18.00	16.20
Magnums	38.75	34.88
Moratel 2002 (red)	14.25	12.83
Pivier 2003 (Merlot Riserva)	20.75	18.68

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Pilzer

Trentino - Alto Adige

Bruno Pilzer specializes in Grappa and makes them taste amazing. If you haven't tried Grappa before it's worth having a go at one of these. They are distinct from each other in style as Bruno distils each variety in a different way to preserve the characteristics of the grape variety.

Grappa di Chardonnay (43%)	500ml	29.25	26.33
Grappa di Nosiola (43%)	500ml	29.25	26.33
Grappa di Moscato Giallo (43%)	500ml	29.25	26.33
Grappa di Pinot Nero (43%)	500ml	29.25	26.33
Grappa di Traminer (43%)	500ml	29.25	26.33
Grappa di Schiava (45%)	500ml	30.25	27.23
Grappa Invecchiata (43%)		30.50	27.45

Lis Neris

Isonzo

Lis Neris are regarded as one of the very best white wine estates in Italy and are situated at the heart of the finest part of Friuli. All the wines have great purity of fruit and tremendous length with the Gris Pinot Grigio repeatedly winning the prestigious "tre bicchieri" award in the Gambero Rosso (Italy's definitive wine guide). Consequently it has become one of the most sought after Italian white wines.

Sauvignon 2004/5		12.00	10.80
Pinot Grigio 2004/5		12.75	11.48
1/2's		7.25	6.53
Gris Pinot Grigio 2003/4		15.75	14.18
Lis 2002/3, Venezia Giulia Bianco		20.50	18.45
Confini 2003/4 (Pinot Grigio/Traminer/Riesling)		22.75	20.48
Lis Neris 2001 (Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon)		28.75	25.88
Tal Luc 2002, Vino Passito Bianco (Verduzzo/Riesling)		69.50	62.55

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Vie di Romans

Isonzo

This winery was the highlight of Vinitaly this year, for me. Gianfranco Gallo is a perfectionist concentrating on richness, texture, length, complexity and the ability to age. Consequently his whites are released a minimum of 18 months after the vintage. Each wine reflects the way in which a particular grape variety performs on a certain site, and each is named after the vineyard in which the fruit is grown. The names of the wines are in the local Friulian dialect, and as such quite unpronounceable! The quality of the wine however, needs no translation and it is certain that Gianfranco is destined to become one of the world's greatest winemakers.

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"Ciampagnis Vieris" Chardonnay 2003/4	20.75	18.68
"Piere" Sauvignon Blanc 2004	22.50	20.25
"Flors di Uis" 2004 (Malvasia/Riesling/Tocai/Chardonnay)	22.50	20.25
"Vie di Romans" Chardonnay 2004	23.00	20.70
"Dessimis" Pinot Grigio 2004	23.00	20.70
"Vieris" Sauvignon Blanc 2004	24.50	22.05
"Voos dai Ciamps" Merlot 2001	27.00	24.30

Livio Felluga

Friuli

The once great name of Livio Felluga has been recently revitalised by his sons, Andrea and Maurizio and is well on its way to the very top league of Italian wine making. These are spectacular estate wines to compete with the very best.

Tocai Friuliano 2005	18.25	16.43
Pinot Grigio 2005	17.75	15.98
Shàrjs 2005 (Chardonnay/Ribolla Gialla)	15.75	14.18
Ilivio 2002/3 (Pinot Bianco)	23.50	21.15
Terre Alte 2003	28.50	25.65
2004	32.00	28.80
Vertigo (Red) 2002/4	15.50	13.95
Sossò Merlot Riserva 2000	32.75	29.48
Refosco 1998	32.75	29.48
Picolit 2000 (sweet) 50cl	62.75	56.48
Picolit 2001 (sweet) 50cl	69.00	62.10

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La Giustiniana
Rovereto di Gavi

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“Usually, Gavi, Italy’s most fashionable dry white, is over-priced and over there. The Montessora isn’t cheap but it is superb – intense, sappy, sweet-apple fruit, lingering fresh finish; the cheaper version (Lugarara) is a gem too.” Joanna Simon, The Sunday Times

So we finally got some Gavi di Gavi, and these are well worth the wait. If you ever wondered what all the fuss was about, try these, if you’re already a fan, so much the better.

Vigneti Lugarara 2005, Gavi di Gavi	12.50	11.25
1/2’s	7.25	6.53
Vigneti Montessoro 2005, Gavi di Gavi	16.50	14.85
“Just” 2001	25.00	22.50

Tenuta La Volta - Cabutto

Barolo

A new exclusive producer to The Flying Corkscrew. The Cabutto brothers, Bruno and Osvaldo make wines in one of the most spectacular vineyard settings you are likely to see. The Gambero Rosso, Italy’s premier wine guide gives all there wines 2 "bicchiere" the highest (and rare) award is three, so you can see they are a model of high quality and consistency. It scandalous they have not been properly represented in the UK market until now!

Dolcetto d'Alba "Vigna La Volta" 2004	9.50	8.55
Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2004	12.25	11.03
Barolo "Vigna la Volta" 2001	22.00	19.80
Magnums	48.00	43.20
Magnum in wooden gift box	55.00	49.50
Barolo "Riserva del Fondatore" Vigna Sarmassa 1998	31.75	28.58

Bruno Giacosa

Piedmont

"In my experience, no one's Nebbiolos have been more consistently wonderful over such a long period than those of this morose, introspective genius of Nieve." - Nick Belfrage

Roero Arneis 2004	14.50	13.05
Nebbiolo d'Alba 2003	15.75	14.18
Barbera d'Alba 2003	15.50	13.95

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G.D. Vajra
Barolo

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One of the most individual producers in the region, Aldo's wines have delicious pure flavours and heady aromas. The Langhe Bianco is undoubtedly one of Italy's finest white wines whilst his reds are superbly delicious.

Langhe Bianco 2005	23.00	20.70
Moscato d'Asti 2005	12.25	11.03
Rosabella Rosato 2004	9.00	8.10
Dolcetto d'Alba 2004/5	12.25	11.03
"Coste e Fossati" Dolcetto d'Alba 2004	17.50	15.75
Langhe Nebbiolo 2004	15.50	13.95
Barbera d'Alba 2004	15.25	13.73
Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2003	24.00	21.60
Barolo "Le Albe" 2001	29.00	26.10
Barolo "Bricco delle Viole" 2000	41.25	37.13
Langhe Freisa 2003	21.75	19.58
Barolo Chinato NV	38.25	34.43

Angelo Gaja
Piedmont

Gaja's Barbaresco estate was the first to introduce barrique aging in the 1960's and, horror of horrors, Cabernet Sauvignon in the 1970's. These wines are now benchmark for the region and the quality unrivalled.

Rossj Bass Chardonnay 2004	22.75	20.48
1/2's	11.75	10.58
Alteni di Brassica Sauvignon Blanc 2001	34.50	31.05
Gaia & Rey Chardonnay 2004	61.25	55.13
Sito Moresco 1999	28.25	25.43
1/2's	13.75	12.38
Sitorey Barbera 1999	28.25	25.43
1998	31.00	27.90

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Podere Aldo Conterno
Monforte d'Alba

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Since 1969 Aldo has been one of the top rank of Piemontese producers, being an innovator whilst retaining the traditional elegance and balance of the region. The winery has now passed to his sons who are continuing to make wines of a quality to rival the best producers in the world.

Chardonnay "Bussia d'Or" 2001	29.75	26.78
Barbera d'Alba "Conca Tre Pile" 2003	23.00	20.70
Il Favot Nebbiolo 2000	39.25	35.33
2001	42.75	38.48
Barolo "Bussia Soprana" 2001	45.50	40.95
Barolo "Vigna Cicala" 1999	60.00	54.00
2000/1	62.25	56.03
Barolo "Gran Bussia" 1999	107.75	96.98
2000	124.50	112.05

Fratelli Pasqua

Veneto

Our own exclusive wine from pasqua. This Pinot Grigio has great fruit and lively crisp acidity with a lingering finish. It's head and shoulders above any other PG at the price.
Super daily quaffing.

Pinot Grigio Montevento 2005, IGT Veneto	6.00	5.40
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Suavia

Fitta Di Soave

Giovanni Tessari and his family have 11 hectares of vines in the village of Fitta, where some of the best Soave vineyards are situated. The wine is fragrant and intense, being 95% Garganega and 5% Trebbiano, and Giovanni uses only the first 40% of the juice, which is the most intense in flavour and from the lightest pressings. The rest is sold off to the bulk Soave producers. This year we are also listing his exquisite Recioto dessert wine. Delicious with Panna Cotta or with cheese.

Soave Classico 2005	9.50	8.55
Soave Classico "Monte Carbonare" 2003/4	13.00	11.70
Recioto di Soave Acinatium 2003/4 1/2's	10.00	9.00

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Alpha Zeta

Verona

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Matt Thompson feels that the 2004's are the best wines he's made since the first vintage of Alpha Zeta in 1999. The long growing season gave wines with lovely aromatics that are enhanced by crisp acidity. There is now a hugely impressive Amarone that is rich and modern, with an attractive perfumed freshness.

"S" Soave 2005 (S)	5.50	4.95
"G" Garganega 2005 (S)	5.75	5.18
"C" Chardonnay 2004 (S)	6.75	6.08
"P" Pinot Grigio 2005 (S)	6.75	6.08
"R" Rosato 2005 (S)	5.75	5.18
"C" Corvina 2004/5 (S)	5.75	5.18
"V" Valpolicella 2005	6.00	5.40
"R" Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso 2004	8.75	7.88
"A" Amarone 2001	20.75	18.68

Leonildo Pieropan

Soave

I am thrilled to list the truly outstanding wines of Nino Pieropan, who is one of the few world-class white wine makers to hail from Italy. All the wines are of simply unbeatable quality, from his Soave Classico through to the dazzling sweet wines. Forget everything you've ever experienced from Soave and treat yourself to some of these wines. You will be amazed and delighted.

Soave Classico Superiore 2004/5	10.25	9.23
1/2's	6.25	5.63
Calvarino Soave Classico Superiore 2004	14.75	13.28
La Rocca Soave Classico Superiore 2004	20.25	18.23
2003 Mags	46.75	42.08
Le Colombare Recioto di Soave Classico 2001 (sweet) 500ml	20.75	18.68
Passito della Rocca 2000 (sweet) 500ml	27.25	24.53

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Allegrini

Fumane di Valpolicella

Consistently one of Italy's most exciting and brilliant winemaking family's, the Allegrini's wines are impeccable. They have good fruit and balance, and are distinctively from their region of production, but above all they are extremely drinkable.

Valpolicella Classico 2004	8.50	7.65
1/2's	5.50	4.95
Palazzo della Torre 2001/3	14.50	13.05
Mags	34.50	31.05
La Grola 2001/3	15.50	13.95
Mags	36.50	32.85
Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2001	37.00	33.30
1/2's	22.75	20.48
Mags	86.25	77.63
La Poja 2000/1	42.75	38.48
Mags	112.25	101.03
Double Mag 1997	234.50	211.05
Giovanni Allegrini Recioto della Valpolicella Classico 2001 500ml	26.00	23.40
Grappa di Amarone (43%) 500ml	29.25	26.33
Grappa di Recioto (43%) 500ml	29.25	26.33

Cortegiare

Fumane di Valpolicella

The negociant label of Allegrini, this Amarone is more accessibly priced than their own whilst the quality is excellent. Now a Pinot Grigio and Merlot have been added that give excellent quality and value.

Pinot Grigio delle Venezie 2005 (S)	6.75	6.08
Bardolino "Pagus" 2005	6.75	6.08
Merlot del Veneto 2002	6.00	5.40
Valpolicella Ripasso 2004	4.50	4.05
Amarone Classico della Valpolicella 2001	20.75	18.68

Villa Giona

San Pietro in Cariano

A fantastic new property bought by Franco Allegrini, with the purpose of producing a wine of the quality of La poja with French grape varieties. The wine is 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Merlot, and 10% Syrah, with a deep colour, a ripe, rich palate and supple tannins. An impressive debut vintage.

Villa Giona 2000, IGT Veronese	41.25	37.13
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Monte del Fra

Veneto

This property is situated right in the heart of the Bianco di Custoza DOC, with a modern, temperature controlled winery. The Bianco di Custoza is 100% Garganega and is fresh and delicate with a palate of almonds and citrus fruits. The Chiaretto is lovely affordable dry summer rose, whilst the Bardolino is perfect with pasta and pizza.

	Single Bottle Price	Mixed Case Price
Bianco di Custoza 2005	7.25	6.53
Bardolino Chiaretto 2005 (rose)	7.00	6.30
Bardolino Rosso 2004	7.25	6.53

Ca'Dei Frati

Lugana

The best producer in Lugana on the Southern shore of Lake Garda and on of the best white wine producers in Italy. Exceptional fruit quality and tireless attention to detail are the secrets of their success. The Lugana offers exceptional value for money, and would cost twice as much if produced in Friuli. The Brolettino, which is barrique-fermented, has good breadth and depth and ages well. The Pratto, their flagship wine, has Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay in the blend and is aged in oak for a year. A new rose this year, the Chiaretto, is the best Italian pink I've tasted in a long time. The red Ronchedone is more French in character, being a blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.

Lugana 2005	11.00	9.90
Lugana Brolettino 2004/5	14.75	13.28
Pratto 2003/4	17.50	15.75
Chiaretto 2004 (rose)	10.25	9.23
Ronchedone 2003/4	16.25	14.63
Cuvee dei Frati Brut 2002 (sparkling)	16.00	14.40