

# RIVERSIDE RED X WINE CLUB

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This month we are again traveling to Italy! All of our wines this month come from a rarity even among Italian wine estates. Castello Banfi. Rare not just because of its size (some 7,100 acres, of which around 2,400 are planted with vines), its composition of single vineyards, or its state of the art winery, but because it was started from scratch less than 30 years ago.

Most of the land was covered with forest and brush when the Mariani family found it, but they believed that the site was exactly what they had been searching for. John and Harry Mariani, American importers, joined forces with Italy's leading enologist ( n. The study of wine and the making of wine; viticulture.) with one objective in mind..... to produce top quality wines on a scale never before attempted in Italy. They began with 4,500 acres that was ideal for Brunello di Montalcino, one of the most prestigious of all Italian wines. Next, the adjacent estate of 2,600 acres became available with the 11th century castle being the final purchase in 1984.

The Castello Banfi vineyard estate in Montalcino, Tuscany has won awards for International Winery of the Year 4 times and Italian Winery of the year 9 times. We believe it is time for our members to discover the reasons why.

## Castello Banfi San Angelo Pinot Grigio



Not a lightweight Pinot Grigio whose taste disappears with food, this comes from 100% Pinot Grigio grapes grown in Tuscany. Pinot is rich and full bodied with a long finish. While most Pinot Grigio comes from cooler regions in Northern Italy, this wine comes from Tuscany. The flavor reflects the warmer growing conditions with

## Castello Banfi BelnerO

Not a lot of wines can say that there is a book written just about them. BelnerO can! *The Pursuit of Excellence*, is a journey through the research, technology, and resources that led to the development of the "dark beauty" BelnerO.



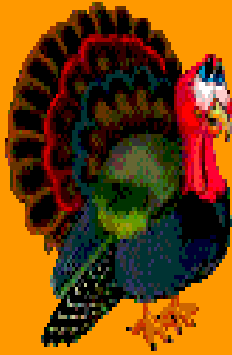
Made primarily of Sangiovese with small amounts of

## Castello Banfi Chianti Classico Riserva

Made from a blend of 80% Sangiovese and 10% each of Canaiolo Nero and Cabernet Sauvignon, Chianti Classico is a perfect example a true Chianti. During the last few decades a number of Chianti producers have switched from aging



a bouquet full of fresh fruit.



Cabernet and Merlot, this wine truly incorporates the idea of embracing the New World Generation of wine by honoring Old World Elegance.

## **X SAVE THE DATE**

Members Only Tasting  
November 30th, 2011  
5-7 PM  
RSVP Required by  
November 16th, 2011

the wine in large Slavonian oak casks to new French oak barrels. The result has been that the Chianti tastes like so many other wines. Some have even deviated further by adding up to 20% Cabernet to the wine.

Banfi will not lead you down this dark road with its Chianti Classico, instead it perfectly interprets the unique personality of this historic wine.

