



T R E M B A T H & T A Y L O R

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PRODUCT BULLETIN/RANGE UPDATE

SIX NEW PRODUCERS FOR 2010 & SOME EXCITING RANGE EXTENSIONS

NEW PRODUCERS

1. LINI 910

Just arrived. Two dry, complex Lambruschi, 'Labrusca Rosato' and 'Labrusca Rosso', both brimming with unabashed freshness and effervescence. The Rosato is strawberry/red cherry; the Rosso robust, purple/black with black berry fruit characters, spice and a little bit of charcuterie complexity. The fourth generation of the Lini family is celebrating their centenary this year.

2. KRIS

The Kris wines are produced by Franz Haas. The range is contemporary, yet classic with something of a playful personality as epitomized by the label, designed by Italian artist and Haas family friend Riccardo Schweizer. We have the 2009 Kris Pinot Grigio due here in March. It takes the '*delle Venezie*' appellation, is bottled under screwcap and is a pure alpine expression of the variety; crisp and clean.

3. CLIC

As in the 'click' of glasses when toasting one's health. A Friulano/Chardonnay blend from Enrico Coser of Ronco dei Tassi, under the Vigna del Lauro label. Expressive aromatics and fresh fruit are preserved perfectly by screwcapping; 12% alc/vol.. Due April.

4. COSTARIPA

Costaripa is the family winery of Mattia Vezzola (winemaker at Bellavista), located on the shores of Lago di Garda. He specialises in the variety Groppello and makes Trebbiano, Marzemino and Chiaretto (rose) amongst other things, but it is obviously with *methode traditionnelle* that he shines, as evidenced with our first wine, Costaripa NV Brut, a blanc de blanc with good fruit, richness and yeast complexity. Priced mid way between upmarket local sparkling and Champagne.

5. ERPACRIFE

A 'garage' project of four friends. *Methodo traditionnelle* Nebbiolo; fruit diverted from Barbaresco production. Some skin contact lends a strawberry pink colour and the wine smells like Barbaresco, with a fruity, dry, complex palate. 2006 vintage now in.

6. VINA SALCEDA

Chivite bought Vina Salceda in Elciego some twelve years ago and have been quietly restoring this beautiful Rioja Alavesa property. The raw material is excellent:- calcareous clay soil at 380 – 450 metres above sea level and old-vine Tempranillo, Mazuelo, and Graciano. Our first release is the 2006 vintage Rioja Crianza, a medium-bodied dry red of ruby colour, lifted vinous nose with violets and raspberry highlights and well-structured palate. Great value, due late March.

RANGE EXTENSIONS

All due February.

1. MARCARINI

2008 Nebbiolo delle Langhe 'Lasarin'. A great value nebbiolo that is true to the variety - think tar, liquorice, roses - but nicely forward and supple.

2. PODERI COLLA

2007 Pinot Nero 'Campo Romano'. Produced from the oldest Pinot Noir vines in the Langhe. This wine has 'New World' leanings a la Yarra Valley, perhaps thanks to Tony from Mac Forbes winery, who did the 2007 vintage at Poderi Colla.

3. COSTANTI

2007 Rosso di Montalcino. Note: very small quantities available. This is a 'baby Brunello' to all intents and purposes, as it is fruit treated exactly the same way as the estate's main wine; just culled from barrel after a year's maturation.

DELETIONS

We'd like to advise that the Teruzzi & Puthod Vernaccia di San Gimignano has been deleted in favour of Toscolo. Stocks of Teruzzi are all but finished; the current release of 2007 Toscolo Vernaccia – a bigger wine than Teruzzi, is drinking beautifully and will be followed by the 2008 in April.

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