

# **Berman's Wine and Spirits**

## **Wine of the Month Club Tasting Notes**

### **Best of Italy – December 2011**

#### **2008 Basciano Chianti Rufina Riserva**

Rufina, a small sub-region of Chianti, has a cooler climate than the rest of Chianti which results in more aromatic, softer, and longer lived wines. The Rufina zone consists of only about 1800 acres and consequently does not have the dominant market presence of the far larger Classico zone.

2007 was a great Tuscan vintage. When it comes to finding wines that offer the best value for money, Rufina is a great place to look. It's wines are of excellent quality and, since they may not be as well known as the those from the Classico area, their prices are correspondingly lower.

#### **2010 Planeta La Segreta Bianco**

La Segreta takes its name from the forest that surrounds the vineyard in Ulmo in Sicily. This young fresh wine, produced mainly from Grecanico grapes introduced into Sicily more than 2,000 years ago, gains personality and style with the addition of Chardonnay, Viognier, and Fiano. All the grapes are carefully cultivated in Planeta-owned vineyards. La Segreta is a versatile companion for everyday foods and is also delicious by itself. It is an excellent example of how quality blended wines often offer a better tasting experience for the same price than single varietal wines.

#### **2009 Campo di Marzo Rosso di Montalcino**

Montalcino is one of the most beautiful Tuscan villages and their wines, especially Brunello are world renowned. This Rosso di Montalcino from Il Valentiano comes from vineyards located just outside of the Montalcino appellation. It is bright ruby in color with a bouquet of black fruits. On the palate it is medium bodied, fresh, clean and modern with a lovely aftertaste of herbs, cherries, plums and black currants. Kind of a "baby" Brunello di Montalcino.