



Hi Christian—

Wine, at its most basic level, is about connections. Why, when there are hundreds of other fruits and grains that become fermented into alcoholic beverages, does wine have the consistent following and demand that it does? Taste obviously plays a large part, but it really boils down to one thing- the experience that a single bottle can bring you. It generates appreciation, reflection and conversation more than any other beverage.

The people who we turn to for help with these decisions? The network of sommeliers and beverage directors who have dedicated their lives to finding those pioneering producers and hidden gems that bring us those experiences...

Our October Issue is centered around asking our friends in the trade to recognize the brightest new stars in restaurants: the sommeliers with superior service skills and exemplary knowledge of food and wine pairing. We will announce the results in The Best New Sommeliers of 2017- making this issue a favorite amongst key decision-makers in the industry.

I am happy to report that the following wine will be included in this issue:

- **91 Le Due Terre 2014 Colli Orientali del Friuli Sacrisassi (Year's Best Alto Adige, Friuli & Slovenia)**