

# GREAT VALUE

## Cantina Fratelli Pardi Montefalco Rosso 2017

*Italy, \$20*

What an exuberant blend of sangiovese and sagrantino, with some merlot and cabernet sauvignon filling in the blanks. This wine brought a smile to my face at first sniff and carried the feeling through dinner. The winery has a Riserva (\$30) that is 100 percent sagrantino aged in oak; it is also quite good, but save it for a few years and enjoy this beauty now. ABV: 14.5 percent.

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# Cantina Fratelli Pardi Trebbiano Spoletino 2019

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Trebbiano often is one of those innocuous Italian white wines, in the pinot grigio vein, the sort that makes me suspect the winemaker said, “Well, I guess we should make a white to drink before dinner.” This wine from Cantina Fratelli Pardi is mineral to the core, with firm structure and texture that grabbed my attention throughout dinner. I liked it more with each sip. ABV: 14 percent.

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