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# HAWKSHEAD WINES

## ORION WINES, ITALY

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Orion Wines is a new wine-making venture bringing together three "Stars" from Italy, Paolo Leo, Luca Pomaro and Alessandro Michelon. Their aim is to produce a select range of innovative, exciting and high quality wines at fair prices and based on the first releases they have certainly succeeded. Paolo Leo is the owner of a modern winery supplying the infrastructure, logistics and warehousing. Luca Pomaro is a wine industry veteran supplying marketing knowledge and an understanding of the international market. Alessandro Michelon is one of Italy's most innovative and promising winemakers with a profound knowledge of the various regions of Italy and their indigenous varieties.

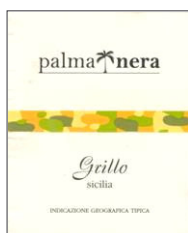


In the Veneto in north-eastern Italy, Orion work with two estates, San Motta di Livenza near Treviso for whites and San Pietro in Cariano near Verona for reds. Typically vines in this region are trained on pergolas with a low planting density to maximise yields but here they are trained on wires to optimise exposure to the sun and a high planting density ensures reduced yields and maximum quality. At the other end of the country, Sicily, with its warm temperatures, hilly terrain, sea breezes and rich soil, is very similar to the growing conditions seen in the best vineyards of California or Australia. Here it is vital to retain the freshness and aromatic characters of the grapes right through into the finished wine. Harvesting at full phenolic ripeness, when the grape pips are no longer bitter, is crucial, as is a modern temperature controlled winery.

Orion's methods are not especially unique but all that extra work costs. Consistent and rigorous attention to detail from the vineyard to the bottled wine is just what you would expect from a top producer. What is remarkable is the combination of Orion's low prices and our direct purchasing means we can offer wines of this quality at prices that are little different from the many undistinguished wines being produced in Italy today. Look at the notes on Operetta below: It is astonishing we can offer this wine at less than £10 a bottle. These are wines of character and appeal and all are outstanding value for money. There is Free Delivery on your own 12 bottle selection or you can save even more with our Sampler Case. So don't miss out!

### PALMA NERA Grillo 2010

IGT SICILIA 12.5%



Once only known for being a major constituent in Sicily's Marsala, the Grillo grape has been radically transformed. This impressive example shows the beneficial effect of investment in improved viticulture and modern winemaking. The vines are now trained on wires using the Guyot method and the grapes hand harvested when properly ripe. Finally, hygienic, temperature controlled winemaking retains the variety's distinctive aromatic character and freshness.

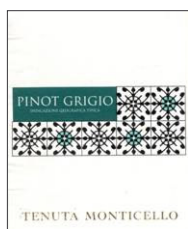
*Pale straw colour and intense floral aromas over notes of lemon and nut. Medium-bodied and rounded in the mouth, with pineapple and tangerine flavours, hazelnut and fresh citrus acidity. Impressively long finish with almond notes coming through.*

At Peak Now - 2013

**IT1330W £6.99**

### TENUTA MONTICELLO Pinot Grigio 2010

IGT VENEZIE 12.5%



Made using hand-picked grapes from the commune of San Motta di Livenza, care is taken to ensure only ripe, healthy fruit is selected. After destemming and pressing the must is left in contact with the skins to give depth to the flavours. Following temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks the wine is left in contact with its yeast lees for three months to give further complexity. It is a real step up from the average Pinot Grigio.

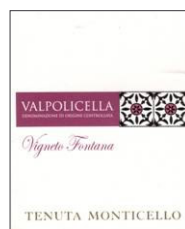
*Light straw colour with green tints. Aromas of pear, lemon and quince with subtle floral notes. Crisp and lively on the palate with clean refreshing flavours of apple, pear, pink grapefruit and lemon zest. Good intensity with attractive mineral notes and an impressively long, pure finish.*

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**IT1450W £7.49**

### TENUTA MONTICELLO Vigneto Fontana 2009

DOC VALPOLICELLA 12.5%



The 8ha 'Fontana' vineyard is situated in the commune of San Pietro in the province of Verona. It is planted to both Corvina and Rondinella varieties in a relatively dense arrangement of 4200 vines per hectare. When combined with active canopy management this keeps yields to less than 1.6kg per vine. The final quality factor is late harvesting and the end result is a ripe, intense and fruit-filled wine, blending 80% Corvina with 20% Rondinella.

*Lovely aromas of cherry, plum, fruit cake, blackcurrant and exotic spice. Soft, smooth and silky with cherry, damson and redcurrant flavours to the fore and additional complex notes of cinnamon and sweet liquorice. Plenty of youthful flavour without heaviness and a long refreshing finish.*

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**IT1469R £8.99**

### TENUTA MONTICELLO Operetta 2009

IGT ROSSO DELLE VENEZIE 13.5%



This innovative red includes 10% Cabernet Sauvignon but more significantly it is made using the same appassimento method as Amarone. A third of the grapes are dried in well-aerated lofts at a constant temperature and humidity. Over the next 80 days the grapes lose two thirds of their weight, concentrating the flavours without losing balancing acidity. The appassimento grapes are vinified separately and then blended 30% 'appassito' wine and 70% regular wine. Finally 40% of this blend is aged 12 months in American and French oak barrels.

*Aromas of red cherry, plum, ripe redcurrant and vanilla musk. Rich, sweet-edged cherry and bramble fruit flavours, mocha, hints of vanilla and a lingering gently spicy finish with aromatic lift. Full-bodied, supple and soft with refreshing acidity. Impressive!*

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**IT1479R £9.49**

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