



THE WINE CLUB by Annie Shapero

Cavit Novello
Terrazze della Luna
IGT Vigneti delle Dolomiti

It's not easy to go crazy over a Novello wine. The whole-grape fermentation used to make them produces a wine that many connoisseurs prefer to think of as a glorified grape juice. Sure, they're bright and breezy, go down easy, and burst with a naïve, fruity bouquet that is as alluring as a Nabokov nymphet. The only problem is that these bottles come out in the fall—November 6th—to be exact. And by that time we can all smell the smoke from the hypothetical hearth, are wrapping up in our first round of cozy layers and eating heartier foods that beg for a bit more complexity. It could be that this Novello comes from mountainous Trentino, a northern region that exudes wintry crispness, and where folks can appreciate the warming qualities of a hearty red wine. The grapes (100% Teroldego Rotaliano) are harvested on vineyards sandwiched between two rivers, Adige and Noce, which—as anyone with grasp of terroir can tell you—means a greater concentration of local flavor (just think riverbed sediment). The color is a vibrant ruby red, gemlike and pretty. Sniff for all kinds of wild berries, most notably raspberry. The wine is clean, balanced and pleasant, and leaves behind a little fruit in its wake, unlike so many evanescent fellow Novellos. Try it with autumn dishes, like pasta with mixed mushrooms or porcini, roasted meat, and mildly aged cheeses. €6 At Centro Vini Arcioni Via della Giuliana, 11/13 (Largo Trionfale). Tel 0639733205.

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