Fratelli Perata Winery

Fratelli Perata Estate 2011 Mafalda

This wine is very special to the Perata family; it is named after Gino's mother, Mafalda Perata. This blend was created with Mafalda in mind, so we made it big and bold enough to pair with her cooking, but soft enough that it didn't require much aging before drinking. The main flavor we were looking for in this wine was earth, specifically to pair with mushrooms. The blend is the same every year, so there is only a little variation in earthiness. The 2011 vintage was cooler than average, but we did have a few heat waves. As a result, the Mafalda this year is slightly more acidic but also fruitier. The core flavors are still earth, but there are overtones of bright cherry in this one. Open a bottle of Mafalda with the Mushroom Crostata and have a great afternoon.

Blend: 57% Cabernet Franc, 38% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 13.5%

Bottled: March 5, 2014

Production: 112 cases

Aging: Give this one a little time to settle down, then go ahead and start drinking! Drink spring 2015 through 2018.