



The 2010 Morellino di Scansano Brumaio by **Pietramora** is 100% Sangiovese and 150% awesome and delicious, one of the best expressions of Morellino that I've tasted in recent memory.

Just cast your gaze upon the gorgeous color of this wine!

It really captured what — to me — is the essence of Morellino: extreme freshness and dark berry fruit combined with a gentle gamey quality that evokes the ***maquis*** — *la macchia* — of the **Maremma**.



I can only wonder if the proprietary name of the wine, Brumaio, is an oblique reference to Napoleon, who spent his last years in exile on the island of Elba off the Tuscan coast.

Brumaio, from the Latin *bruma*, is an ancient word for the winter solstice. But it's also the name, *brumaire* in French, of the second month of autumn in the **French Republican calendar**.

Of course, it could also be an allusion to Karl Marx's ***Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Napoleon***.

But I digress...

It probably refers to the *bruma* (also called *brumaio*), the morning mist that covers the vineyards of Maremma in the fall as the grapes ripen.

Thanks again, Susannah and Giacomo, for bringing some great Morellino to Texas and for any excuse to revisit **one of the greatest works by Marx!**

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Above: Samples of tufaceous (left) and calcareous (right) subsoils from Jesi. Click the image for a high-resolution version.

One of the most exciting winery visits on our recent trip to Italy was with winemakers **Alessandro Fenino and Silvia Loschi** at the **Pievalta** winery in the heart of the Castelli di Jesi.

The roughly ten-year-old winery is the first and only **Demeter-certified** winery in Jesi and the wines are truly stunning in their ability to deliver bright, balanced acidity with a breath-taking range of fruit and minerality.

We loved the wines and we loved Alessandro and Siliva, with whom we became fast friends (more on them later).

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Tenuta Pietramora 2008 Red (Morellino di Scansano)

Price: \$17
Varietal: Red Blend
Appellation: Morellino di Scansano, Tuscany, Italy
Winery: Tenuta Pietramora
Alcohol: 14.5%
Bottle Size: 750 ml
Category: Red
Importer: CWS Wines Ltd
To Web: 4/1/2013



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Fresh and tight, this Morellino offers loads of cherry and blueberry flavors, followed by distant tones of leather and moist earth. There's a simple but genuine quality to the wine.

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