
il Buco

Roberto Paris

Roberto Paris grew up near Montefalco, a winemaking town in Umbria. Wine was a natural part of daily life and Roberto's enthusiasm for it goes back to the local wines his father brought home. It was a natural fit when years later he created an "enoteca" in Umbria specializing in these wines.

Roberto's love of travel later brought him to Frankfurt and Venice and continued journeys allowed him to meet winemakers worldwide. In 1995, Roberto joined his Umbrian friend, Alberto Avalle, at il Buco.

The list of more than 400 wines focuses on unique, small producers and boutique wines. In this vein, and in accordance with his (and il Buco's) lifelong connection with Umbria, Roberto takes pride in having helped introduce the wine of his hometown, Sagrantino di Montefalco, to the New York market. Il Buco received the Wine Spectator "Award of Excellence" for having "one of the most outstanding restaurant wine lists in the world," strongly representing Italy, Spain, France and the New World.

Il Buco's continuous commitment to the best products and ingredients is an ideal counterpart to his devotion to artisan wines that are expressions of the soils and cultures that produce them.

Roberto has been an integral part of the il Buco family for more than eleven years.