

CATS

Wine: Barbera del Monferrato Cantine Valpane 2005 e Freisa di Chieri 2008

ANNA AKHMATOVA (Ukraine, 1889 - 1966)

A LAND NOT MINE, STILL

A land not mine, still forever memorable, the waters of its
ocean chill and fresh. Sand on
the bottom whiter than chalk, and the air drunk, like wine, late sun
lays bare the rosy limbs
of the pinetrees. Sunset in the ethereal waves: I cannot tell if the
day is ending, or the
world, or if the secret of secrets is inside me again.



THE ALIEN

Wine: Dolcetto d'Alba Gemme di Billia 2008

DANIEL LADINSKY (United States, 1948 -)

A STILL CUP

For
God
To make love,
For the divine alchemy to work,
The Pitcher needs a still cup.
Why
Ask Hafiz to say
Anything more about
Your most
Vital
Requirement?



THE ILLUSION

**Wine: Barbaresco Cossetti 1964 e Dolcetto d'Alba
Gemme di Billia 2008**

OMAR KHAYYAM (IRAN, 12th-13th Century)

The caravan of life shall always pass

Beware that is fresh as sweet young grass

Let's not worry about what tomorrow will amass

Fill my cup again, this night will pass, alas.



THE LIFE

Wine: Freisa di Chieri 2008

CESARE PAVESE

(Piedmont,
Italy, 1908-1950)

From "LAND AND
DEATH"

You're a hill too
and a rocky path
and a game among cane-
brakes
and you know the vineyard
silent at night.
You don't say a word.

There's a land,
silent land which is not
yours.

There's a lasting silence
on plants and hills.

There are waters and fields.

You're a shut silence
that doesn't give up, you're
lips

and dark eyes. You're the
vineyard.

It's a land that waits
and doesn't utter a word.

Days passed by
under scorching skies.

You played with clouds.

And a wicked land -
your brow knows it.

This is also vineyard.

You'll find back the clouds
and the cane-brake, and the
voices

like a moonshadow.

You'll find back the words

beyond a short life,

nocturnal life of games,

beyond a lighted
childhood.

Silence will be sweet.

You're land and vineyard.

A lighted silenc

will burn the fields

like bonfires at night...



MAGIC

Wine: Barbaresco Cossetti e Freisa di Chieri 2008

WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS (England, 1865 - 1939)

A DRINKING SONG

WINE comes in at the mouth
And love comes in at the eye;
That's all we shall know for truth
Before we grow old and die.
I lift the glass to my mouth,
I look at you, and I sigh.



MASCULINE AND FEMININE

Wine: Dolcetto d'Alba Saria 2007 e Gemme di Billia 2008

ALDA MERINI (Italy, 1931 -2009)

TAVERNS

I love the dark corners
of sleeping taverns
where people reach the excess of singing.
I love cursed and light things,
and deep cups of wine,
where my mind can exult,
level of magic thought.
Too silly is to cry on a lost lover,
much better the bitter steam of wine
unharmd,
much better a drunken genius,
better yeah better
the deaf inquiry into smoothness of grapes.



PRAYER

Wine: Dolcetto d'Alba Saria 2007

OMAR KHAYYAM (IRAN, 12th-13th Century)

Khayyam, if you are intoxicated with wine, enjoy!

If you are seated with a lover of thine, enjoy!

In the end, the Void the whole world employ

Imagine thou art not, while waiting in line, enjoy!

