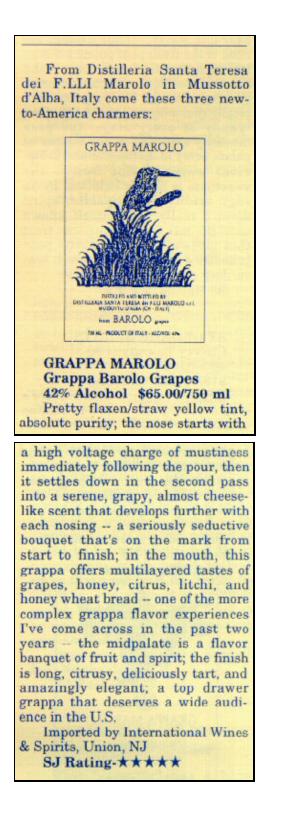
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42% Alcohol \$60.00/750 ml Crystal clarity, ideal purity; the interesting bouquet is almost more fabric-like than grape-like and I say this not as a negative at all -- in fact, I find this atypical aroma attractive -- the second pass unveils a heady spiritiness that I favorably respond to -- beneath the alcohol, though, lies a potent grape must scent that's both fresh and alluring -- while not the most classical grappa nose, this bouquet keeps my attention riveted; on palate, this forward, assertive grappa thrusts comely flavors of licorice, sweet spirit, and ripe grapes onto the taste buds --

highlights serious licorice and aniseed; the aftertaste is very long, vegetal/herbal with a dash of sassy spice; very nicely made grappa with a wonderful element of genuine pizzaz.

and they love it -- the midpalate

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