



The Cask of Amontillado

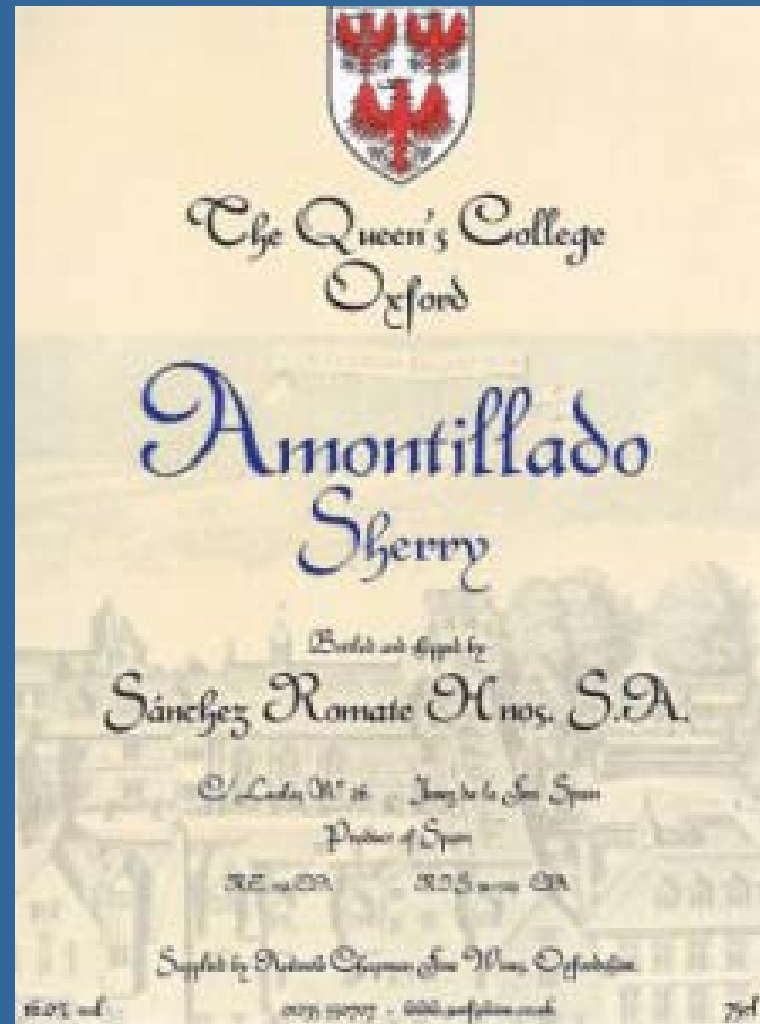


Cask – a wooden container for wine



AMONTILLADO

A DRY WHITE WINE



Setting of the story

Catacombs

Since burials were forbidden within the walls of Rome, many people buried their loved ones in vaults near the city. Because of its constantly cool climate, the catacombs also became ideal for storing wine.



SETTING



“It was about dusk, one evening during the *supreme madness* of the carnival season.”



Carnival Season in Venice



Carnival, Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday



A Catholic celebration ending on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Traditionally Catholics give up vices or make sacrifices during this time. Mardi Gras is a last chance to eat and drink up before sacrifices commence.

Character appearance – Fortunato's
“head was surmounted by the conical cap
and bells.”



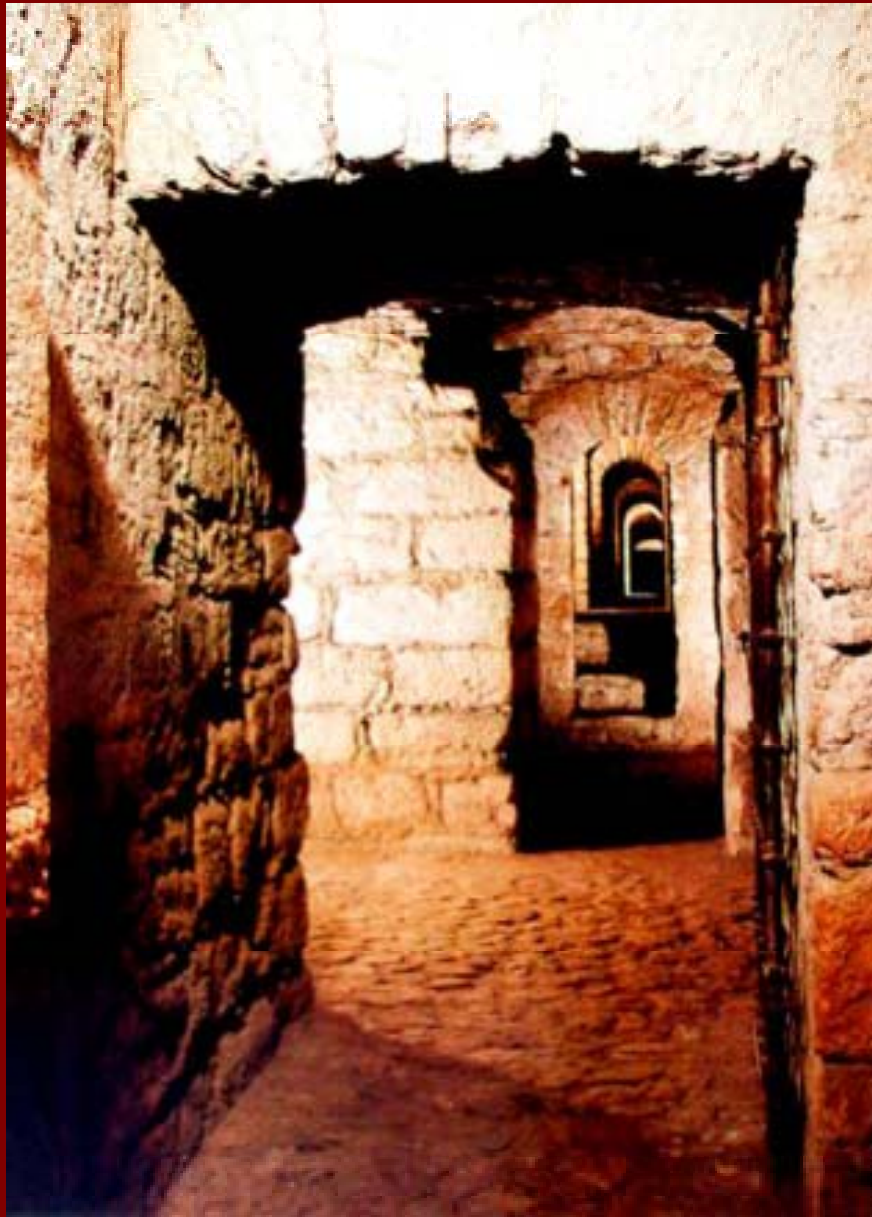
“He had on a tight-fitting
parti-striped dress”



Palazzo

– a large,
imposing
building (as a
museum or place
of residence) esp.
in Italy





Nitre is a potassium nitrate salt formerly known as **saltpeter**. Saltpeter is composed of the names “**Sal**” or salt, and “**Petrae**” or rock. Literally, salt of the rock.

“...but observe the white webwork which gleams from the these cavern walls.”



Flagon or vase of *De Grave*, type of wine



Trowel hand tool used by brick masons

MASONS

Two definitions:

*A member of the
fraternity of
Freemasons, a worldwide
fraternal organization*

OR

*One whose occupation is
to build with stone or
brick; also, one who
prepares stone for
building purposes.*



Symbol for the Freemasons

THE FAMILY ARMS

**“A huge foot d’or, in
a field azure; the
foot crushes a
serpent rampant
whose fangs are
imbedded in the
heel.”**

FAMILY MOTTO

“*Nemo me impune lacessit*” Translation: “*No one provokes me with impunity.*” A more colloquial translation into English would be “No one attacks me and gets away with it.”

