

Bricco dei Guazzi

BARBERA DEL MONFERRATO DOC

La Barbera, Monferrato's diamond-point variety, finds its ideal climate amidst the Bricco dei Guazzi vineyards, which is perfect for fostering the ripening process which gives the wine its renowned qualities: great character and optimal intensity.

Grapes: Barbera 100%

Origin: Olivola, company-owned grapes

Terrain Type: Marly, calcareous

Altitude: 120 – 150 m above sea level

Cultivation method: Guyot

Vineyard density: 4.500 vines per hectare

Grape yield: circa 75 tons per hectare

Alcohol proof: 13.50%

Vintage on sale: 2006

Wine-making:

After manual harvest, the grapes are pressed and de- stemmed. The marcs obtained are left to macerate for one week in large steel vats in contact with the musts at temperatures ranging from 25° to 28° C. Frequent re- pouring allows for the optimal extraction of color and go- od body. Next, malolactic fermentation occurs and the wine is placed in 30-hectare barrels for approximately 6 months. An in-bottle refining period follows that lasts at least 4 months.

The wine:

This bright ruby-red wine has violet hues. To the nose, it expresses fruity scents that recall cherry and blackberry. To the palate, it appears quite rustic, dissolving its edgi- ness to leave space for more complex aromatic sensa- tions where ripened fruit flanks an extremely elegant tan- nic texture. Just a bit spicy at the finish, it maintains a go- od level of freshness and persistence.

Combinations:

Great when served with varied meats from grilled steak and pork chops to fillet with green pepper.
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PIEMONTE

Piedmont is located right in the northwest corner of Italy, with Switzerland to the north, France just west and the beautiful Mediterranean coast line and fishing villages of Liguria only an hour and a half south. In the alpine zone it is very cold. The climate however in the lowland is continental: cold winters and often dry, warm summers. There are often formations of fogs as after all it is characteristic in Lowland Padana. On the shores of the lakes the climate is mild.;The Piedmont Wine Region, particularly in the Langhe sub region, is the land of castles, vineyards and romantic hills shrouded in mist. The Alps hover over this lovely wine region, and the region's names in fact makes reference to this (Piemonte means "at the foot of the mountain").



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