



## AZIENDA AGRICOLA RONCHI

### Barbaresco

The Rocca family's peerless Nebbiolo wines are still an insider's secret, representing some of the better values in Barbaresco. This fourth-generation vine-growing family lives, literally, in the 'Ronchi' vineyard—with older vines that wind around the family home and cellars. This petite valley, close to Neive, is charmed: bordered by cru 'Montestefano' to the north and 'Moccagatta' to the south, it is shaped like a perfect amphitheater, capturing the sun and giving Nebbiolo both the concentration and ripe elegance that is the hallmark of fine Barbaresco.

**WINERY:** Azienda Agricola Ronchi

**WINEMAKER:** Giancarlo Rocca

**ESTABLISHED:** 1900s

**REGION:** ITALIA • Piemonte • Barbaresco

**APPELLATION:** Barbaresco DOCG

**BLEND:** 100% Nebbiolo

**VINEYARDS:** The 'Ronchi' vineyard, at 960 feet above sea level and facing southeast, runs along the eastern edge of the appellation; the land forms a natural amphitheater. Soils are a classic mix of clay and limestone.

**AGE OF VINES:** 30 to 40 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Fermentation on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged for two years in large (20HL) Slavonian casks (in Italian, 'botti').

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of black cherries, licorice, game, light smoke; full-bodied and concentrated yet balanced, with moderate tannins and good length. Great aging potential.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Grilled red meat; pork sausages; mushroom dishes



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