



AZIENDA AGRICOLA RONCHI

Barbaresco 'Red Label'

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: ITALY • Piedmont • Barbaresco

APPELLATION: Barbaresco DOCG

BLEND: 100% Nebbiolo

VINEYARDS: A selection of fruit from south/southeast-facing vineyards near Neive, plus fruit from renowned vineyard cru Gaia Principe (the family is renting this plot; as of the 2020 vintage, the wine will be 100% from Gaia Principe). Soils mix 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 18 months in large Slavonian cask ("botti").

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of red cherries, baking spice, rose petal; medium-bodied, with grippy tannins and an earthy finish.

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



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