



## AZIENDA AGRICOLA RONCHI

### Barbaresco 'Gaia Principe'

*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 cru Gaia Principe, found directly east from the family cantina and near Neive. 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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