

## FRATELLI ALESSANDRIA Barolo 'Gramolere'

Since the mid-19th century, the Alessandria family has called Verduno, at the northern edge of the Barolo zone, home. Then, Verduno was the center of Barolo winemaking—and was internationally recognized as the face of Barolo. Today Verduno is experiencing a renaissance, and it is the "brothers" Alessandria who are guiding the wines of Verduno back to the heights they once held. What Verduno gives is exactly what we crave in our Barolo wines: complexity without heaviness, structure with finesse. "Fratelli Alessandria is one of Piedmont's under-the-radar jewels," says Italian wine expert Antonio Galloni.

WINERY: Azienda Agricola Fratelli Alessandria WINEMAKERS: Alessandro and Vittore Alessandria ESTABLISHED: 1870 REGION: ITALY • Piedmont • Verduno

APPELLATION: Barolo DOCG

BLEND: 100% Nebbiolo

**VINEYARDS:** 'Gramolere' is located in Monforte d'Alba, facing south/ southwest, at some 1,050 to 1,750 feet above sea level. Soils are a mix of clay and sand, with some limestone.

AGE OF VINES: 30 years, on average

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested in October. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged for three years in older Slavonian oak casks (20-40HL). Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of dark cherries, red plums, mint, balsam. Structured; tannins are fine-grained yet present. Mouth-filling and long.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled steak; osso bucco; truffled dishes



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