

FRATELLI ALESSANDRIA Barolo 'Monvigliero'

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: 'Monvigliero' is Verduno's most prized vineyard. Facing south/ southwest, it is steeply graded, and sits between 750 to 930 feet above sea level. Local soils are called "marne di Sant'Agata," a mix of sand and clay with a high proportion of limestone, unique to Verduno.

AGE OF VINES: 45 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 berries, tobacco, plums, roses. Complex and layered; also supple, silky. Good structure and balance.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled steak; dishes with wild mushrooms

