

AZIENDA AGRICOLA PIERO BUSSO Barbaresco 'Albesani Vigna Borgese'

The family estate of Piero Busso is a leading name in Barbaresco for its dedication in capturing the natural elegance of Nebbiolo from Neive. Piero Busso's father planted in 1948 by hand the Nebbiolo vines that today wrap around the family's house and cellar in cru 'Albesani.' Now Piero's son, Pierguido, and daughter, Emanuela, work side by side with their father and mother, Lucia, in crafting the family's soulful wines. Indeed, of the top estates in Barbaresco, it is Busso that makes true wines of the soil, each carefully selected, organically raised cru telling a generations-deep story of why this part of Piedmont is so enchanted.

WINERY: Azienda Agricola Piero Busso WINEMAKERS: Piero Busso (father) and Pierguido Busso (son) ESTABLISHED: 1953 REGION: ITALY • Piedmont • Neive

APPELLATION: Barbaresco DOCG

BLEND: 100% Nebbiolo

VINEYARDS: Selection of estate fruit from vineyard 'Borgese,' located in cru Albesani, in Neive. The plot faces southwest, at 960 feet in altitude. Soils are mixed, mostly limestone and clay. Estate founder Guido Busso planted many of these vines by hand in the late 1940s; Vigna 'Borgese' surrounds the family home and cantina.

AGE OF VINES: 40 to 70 years, some older

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in wooden cask fermenters ("tine"). Aged for 24 months in large oak cask (25HL "botti"), six months in bottle. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of cherries, plums, cedar box, baking spices, autumn leaves. Boldly flavored, medium tannins.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Aged sheep's cheese; risotto with white truffles; classic Piedmontese "agnolotti dal plin," or meat-based ravioli

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