

AZIENDA AGRICOLA PIERO BUSSO Barbaresco 'Mondino'

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 Pierquido Busso (son)

ESTABLISHED: 1953

REGION: ITALY • Piedmont • Neive **APPELLATION:** Barbaresco DOCG

BLEND: 100% Nebbiolo

VINEYARDS: Selection of estate fruit from vineyard 'Mondino,' located in cru Balluri, in Neive. The plot faces southwest, at 960 feet in altitude. Soils are mixed, with limestone, clay and lots of sand, which is believed to give this cru its softer, more supple texture and early approachability.

AGE OF VINES: 45 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged for 24 months in older, large oak cask (25HL "botti"), then six months in bottle. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of red cherries, roses, plums, light licorice, baking spices. Smooth and silky, fine-grained tannins.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Air-dried sausage; aged sheep's cheese; risotto with white truffles

