

"SONTUOSO," NEBBIOLO D'ALBA, DOC, 2003

Azienda Agricola Valdinera



Located in the heart of Piedmont near the city of Alba, the Valdinera estate has been farmed by the Careglio family for four generations. At present, it consists of about 41 acres of which 22 are vineyards. Currently, "Beppe" Careglio grows Barbera, Favorita, Arneis and, of course, Nebbiolo.

From the sunniest part of the estate where the vineyards bathe in the sun, comes the "Sontuoso." From the word "Sumptuous" in Italian, this wine has all the classic qualities you want in a fine Nebbiolo: a mouthful of dry, dark black cherry fruit enhanced by a pleasing interlacing of soft but firm tannins.

Region: Piedmont

Classification: Nebbiolo d'Alba DOC

Area of Production: Corneliano d'Alba

Grape Variety: 100% Nebbiolo

Soil: Clay, chalk on top of sandstone

Average Age of Vines: 25 years

Trellising System: Guyot

Production per Acre: 2 tons

Vinification Technique: Controlled temperatures in stainless steel

Maturation: 1 year in oak

Total Acidity: 5.4 g/l

Residual Sugar: 2 g/l

PH: 3.4

Alcohol: 14.5%

Total Cases Produced: 1,040

**** (Two Stars) Very Good - Distinctive**

"Lovely wine that expresses some of the smoky notes of Barolo and the fresh red berry flavors of simpler Alba wines." Food&Wine's Wine Guide 2007