

"SONTUOSO," NEBBIOLO D'ALBA, DOC, 2005

Azienda Agricola Valdinerà

VALDINERA



Located in the heart of Piedmont near the city of Alba, the Valdinerà 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.

The term "Nebbiolo" comes from the Italian word for fog, or "nebbia", which appears in the autumn. The fog, which keeps the temperatures down, lets the grapes develop their full flavors which characterize our Nebbiolo. This wine comes from the sunniest part of the estate where the vineyards bathe in the sun, comes this "Sontuoso" ("Sumptuous" in Italian).

Uncertified Organic Wine (Producer states they do not use artificial fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides. While we cannot prove the veracity of this, we also have no reason to believe it is not true.)

Tasting notes: 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

RECENT VINTAGE - 2003

* * (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