CASTELLO DI VERDUNO

BAROLO MONVIGLIERO RISERVA

ORIGIN
Verduno, Piemonte, Italy

WINE TYPE & VARIETIES
Still red, Nebbiolo

VINEYARD
Sourced from 0.3 ha south facing vineyard at 280 m. a.s.l

SOIL
White soil consisting chalky clay

AGE OF VINES
+50 y/o

VINIFICATION
The grapes are picked by hand, only the best bunches. The maceration lasted for 64 days in ”tino” (open top wooden vat) with regular punching down the cap, at the end of the fermentation “submerged cap” is applied

AGING
The wine was aged for 35 months in oak casks and 1 month in steel tank , followed by 40 months in bottles lying down prior to its release on. The wine is not filtrated

Castello di Verduno is one of the historic estates in Barolo, located at the top of the tiny Verduno village, on the northern edge of of the Barolo zone. Bought by the Burlotto family in 1909, today Gabriella Burlotto and Franco Bianco run the estate with their daughters Giovanna and Marcella and their oenologist Mario Andrion.

Covering 10 hectares of vineyards in both the Barolo and Barbaresco zones, Castello di Verduno have prized holdings in two of the most famous crùs: Monvigliero in Verduno (Barolo) and Rabajà in Barbaresco. They are also dedicated to the Pelaverga variety, local to Verduno, which produces light-coloured but very distinctive red wines with fragrant pepper and spice characteristics. Thanks in part to their pioneering efforts with single-vineyard plantings, it was granted its own appellation, Verduno DOC, in 1995.

With all of this history behind them, Castello di Verduno could not be anything other than a traditional producer, though the wines are never rustic. The vineyards are farmed organically, with meticulous care in the vineyard and the cellar. Mario uses only native yeasts for the fermentation, and favors minimal use of sulphur. Long macerations and use of large old barrels are employed for the top wines, while the varietal bottling see mostly stainless steel to retain their character. These are poised, vibrant wines that capture the essence of Piemonte.

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