



Barolo ALESTE 2014

Barolo

ESTATE

Sandrone's wines are sometimes described as straddling the modern and traditional styles in the region: elegant, attractive and easy to appreciate right from their first years in bottle, but with no less power and structure than traditional Barolos.

WINE

A combination of the names of Luciano Sandrone's grandchildren ALEssia and STEfano, ALESTE is the new name for Luciano's first wine, the Barolo Cannubi Boschis, which garnered early acclaim with the international trade and press. This single-vineyard wine is typically dense and concentrated, but shows incredible harmony and balance.

VINEYARD

The vineyard is one of the great cru sites in Barolo, synonymous with richness and complexity. Sandrone's ALESTE Barolo is grown on the soil of Cannubi Boschis from which it displays the characteristics of wines from this village: profound aromatic complexity and comparatively softer tannins in relation to vines grown in Monforte or Serralunga. The "Boschis" subzone of the Cannubi has a particularly good exposure to the south and southeast in a small bowl or "conca" that helps hold the warmth in the early morning. Its soils are sea deposits of calcareous clay, not very deep, with good drainage.

Grape Variety: 100% Nebbiolo

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: Each lot of the vineyard is vinified separately, and after destemming and light crushing, the must is covered with CO₂ for a gentle warm maceration of approximately a day. Alcoholic fermentation begins about 24-36 hours later from native yeasts. A gentle maceration takes place in upright open-top steel tanks for the first 9-10 days of alcoholic fermentation. Immediately after alcoholic fermentation, which takes 28-30 days, malolactic fermentation takes place in 500 liter French oak casks.

Aging: The wine is aged in these casks for 24 months, followed by 18 months of bottle aging. Around 800 cases are produced in a typical vintage.

VINTAGE

The spring, following a mild winter, came rather gently but prematurely. The amount of rainfall in the summer was above average, with real "cloud bursts" on a few occasions, although these were quite contained yet intense. The month of September was undoubtedly positive from a climatic point of view, with a good diurnal temperature shift, significantly contributing to grape quality and phenolic maturation.



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WINE ENTHUSIAST, CELLAR SELECTION

"Dried rose, blue flower, aromatic herb, wild berry and a whiff of pipe tobacco are just some of the aromas you'll find on this stunning red. It's elegant and structured, delivering raspberry compote, crushed strawberry, cinnamon and star anise framed in bright acidity and firm fine-grained tannins. It has fantastic tension and energy, and promises to age well for years."