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BARBERA D'ALBA

Langhe - Italy



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Barbera
Vineyard: Paradiso Vineyard
Vine Age: 17-years-old
Soil Type: Calcareous clay
Viticulture: Practicing organic
Fermentation: Native – stainless-steel
Skin Contact: 7 days
Aging: 6 months in used French oak barrels
Alcohol: 14%
pH: 3.46
Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L
Total SO2: 65 ppm
Total Production: 500 cases
UPC: 8051772680626

Reviews

James Suckling | 91 points

About

Barbera rarely is taken seriously by the majority of the wine trade, and this is sad. When at its best and can be full of intense fruit and tannin all the while having bright acidity to keep it refreshing. It is one of the few grapes in Piedmont that can also take a fair bit of oak and still remain true to itself. Matteo had learned two different schools of thought with Barbera working with Giacomo Bologna (classic) and Elio Altare (modern). His Barbera, in style, slides in between the two leaning a bit to the classic. Matteo describes Barbera as 'friendly' and it's a wine that is best shared with others.

The Barbera hails from a single vineyard, aptly named 'Paradiso', situated at 650 feet in elevation, located in the La Morra area of Piedmont. Whereas many Barberas will get hammered with oak, often time in new oak, Matteo is wanting to show the freshness and varietal character of Barbera though the use of a majority stainless steel. The grapes were picked at optimum ripeness and entirely destemmed. The juice sat on skins for a week with frequent cap punch-downs. Fermentation occurred with wild yeasts. After a gentle pressing it was transferred back to tank for malolactic fermentation to occur naturally. The wine was then racked into 2nd passage barriques for 6 months. The wine was then bottled without fining or filtration and just a small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

Full aromas, elegant, well-balanced and enduring, reminiscent of rose, undergrowth and oriental spices. Flavors conjure up Morello cherry and plum jam with a long finish of withered grape. Powerful yet soft.