



ELLENA GIUSEPPE

Langhe - Italy

Background

Agricola Ellena Giuseppe is located in the prized commune of La Morra. This 37-acre property includes twelve acres of vines, twenty acres of hazelnuts, and five acres of woodlands. From 1966 through the mid-2000s the Ellenas sold fruit to local co-ops. That all changed with the when young Matteo took over the property with his father in 2009. Matteo worked for both Elio Altare of La Morra and Giacoma Bologna of Rocchetta Tanaro, bringing a bit of style from both of these producers and fusing modernity with tradition. On the viticultural side, they practice organic farming, with a focus on multiple shoot thinnings, manual weed management, and sexual confusion to deter injurious moths. In the cellar, the younger wines are given soft handling with higher temperature ferments and shorter time in oak, if they see wood at all. The Baroli are macerated for 60+ days on the skins and held traditionally in botti with a bit of barrique. All fermentations are spontaneous.

Highlights

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Ellena Giuseppe makes Nebbiolo, Barbera, and Nascetta in La Morra, a commune of Barolo known for a more elegant style.

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Three generations work together to make the wines. The youngest, Matteo Ellena, leads with a touch of modernity.

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Nascetta is a rare find; there are less than 50 acres planted globally. It's a semi-aromatic grape that drinks best with some age.

Wines



*Nascetta SRP \$20

Aged on the lees in stainless steel. Bright and herbal.

*Barbera SRP \$20

Intensely fruity and bright, with neutral oak aging.

Nebbiolo SRP \$25 - \$45 - \$60

- ***Nebbiolo:** Feminine and very aromatic in style.
- **Barolo del Comune di la Morra:** An entry level Barolo, with elegance balanced by broodiness.
- ***Ascheri' Barolo:** A top-tier Barolo with powerful tannins and aging potential.

**Denotes single vineyard*



Ethos



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

Press

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Spiced flavors mixed with red fruit are wrapped around a core of compact earth that gives the wine a welcomed depth.

95 points

WINE ENTHUSIAST
'Ascheri' Barolo 2019