

Lapo Berti - Langhe Nebbiolo

Location: La Morra, a commune famous for making the archetypal Barolo, is located in the Province of Cuneo in the Italian region of Piedmont.

Agriculture: The fruit is 100% Nebbiolo grown in La Morra. Lapo combines a second selection from his cru Barolo vines along with grapes from vines that he tends in other sites located in La Morra. He likes to point out that the rules for 'Langhe Nebbiolo' generously allow up to fifteen percent of other, authorized red grapes; his, however, is a pure Nebbiolo from 100% La Morra fruit. The grapes are farmed organically, yields are low, vines are 20-60 years old, soils are silty-clay, and the elevation is 513 meters



Vinification: The fruit was picked by hand in mid October, destemmed and crushed. The fermentation was spontaneous and relied on indigenous yeasts, taking place in stainless steel tanks without temperature control. The wine remained on the skins for just over three weeks and the cap was punched down 1-4 times per day during the middle of fermentation. The wine was pressed off the skins and transferred to used barrels (225 and 500L, 5-11 y.o) for 18 months for malolactic conversion and aging. The reason behind 18 months elevage, quite long for a Langhe Nebbiolo, is that Lapo finds it more captivating when Nebbiolo has already lost some of the fruit characters and is starting to show a little tertiary character; the spicy and savory aromas that come with aging. On top of that he gets a more refined wine that goes into bottles without stabilization, fining, or filtration. After aging the wine was assembled and bottled at the waning moon in July 2023 under natural single-piece corks. The wines were made without the use of selected yeasts, malolactic bacteria, copper sulfate, fructose, tannins, acids, fining agents or filtration and the sulphites were kept to a minimum. 2021 Langhe Nebbiolo.

Total Sulphites: 64 mg/L (only miniscule amounts were added)

Total Production: About 1150 bottles

Tasting Notes: This wine could be mistaken for very good Barolo. The 2021 is zippy, fresh, exuberant and well alive. The palate is burly, the tannins still chewy, the overall feeling is that the flowers/spice/red/dark fruit are compressed together ready to detonate: Decant! And listen to "Age of Love" by Artbat, while waiting.

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