



2012 San Biagio 'Sorano' Barolo DOCG

first produced in the 2005 vintage, Barolo Sorano is grown on two parcels of land located in the higher part of Sorano, an outlying district of the village of Serralunga d'Alba. The vineyards are between 15 and 25 years of age, and face south-east and south-west on soil composed of clayey and calcareous marl.

Harvested in October. Before picking attentive thinning of the bunches takes place throughout the month of August. This is followed by a painstaking selection of only the best grapes during the picking, and again in the winery prior to crushing. The yield never exceeds 5.5 tons per hectare.

in order to bring out the best in the richness of the grapes grown on this important site, it was decided to employ a strict style of vinification that would be capable of giving this wine the unique sense of "terroir" this cru is capable of expressing. This led to the rediscovery of old methods of vinification used in days gone by: the grapes are crushed in large vats made of Slavonian oak, and the juice is left to macerate on the skins for 2 days. This is followed by a whole week of delicate breaking up of the cap to make the mass homogeneous. The pomace is then covered with the wine, which is left to ferment slowly for more than 2 months, allowing the fermentative-enzymatic processes to extract the polyphenols and provide a rich aromatic structure.

after the vinification, the wine matures in the same 10,000-litre vats for around 30 months, followed by a further period of 12 months in the bottle. During this ageing there is a clear-cut evolution of the tertiary aromas.

The nose is very intense, bright garnet red, tending to more mature shades on ageing.

complex, with floral notes and black-berried fruit, including ripe blackberry. Spicy aromas - especially tobacco - follow, along with underbrush and tar: lingering tertiary aromas tending to the ethereal.

the qualities provided by the soil in Serralunga d'Alba show through quite clearly on the palate, with appealing full flavour, a well-balanced structure, and balsamic notes that merge beautifully with the sweetness of the tannins. Nice hints of liquorice, tobacco and tar on the finish.

at its very best with roasts, braised meats, game, and medium and mature cheeses.

Region: Serralunga d'Alba, Piedmont, Italy

Variety: Nebbiolo

Alcohol: 14.5%

Production: 100 dozen