



Grape Varieties	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Stefano Conterno
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.6g/L
Acidity	5.35g/L
Notes	Practising Organic

PRODUCER

Poderi Aldo Conterno is one of the most respected names in Italian wine, with their namesake founder described by Jancis Robinson as "one of Barolo's most emblematic characters". Particularly famed for their single-vineyard Barolos, the wines of Poderi Aldo Conterno are widely regarded to be among the finest examples of Nebbiolo made today. Over the years, production has been deliberately reduced to increase quality. From the same 25 hectares of 60-year-old vines in Piemonte, the Conterno family now produce 80,000 bottles rather than the 180,000 made in 1998. This intensity shines through in the wines, which are defined by their signature elegance.

VINEYARDS

Based in the village of Monforte d'Alba, in the heart of Barolo, the Conterno family's 25 hectares of vineyard are situated almost exclusively on the hill of Bussia, one of the most sought after sites in the area. The Colonnello vineyard is one of their best vineyards.

VINTAGE

The 2015 vintage began with a wet winter, which provided the soil with an excellent supply of water. From February, mild spring temperatures brought forward the vegetative cycle meaning budbreak was earlier than usual. Flowering then began in the middle of May. This was followed by an excellent berry set. Despite a wet start to June, the second half of the month was dry and hot. This weather continued through July with temperatures peaking around 40°C and averages typically above 30°C. Fortunately, the vineyards were not stressed by the heat, thanks to the plentiful water supplies accumulated during the early months of the year. Harvest began ten days earlier than the previous vintage.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were fermented in stainless-steel tanks at temperatures of up to 32°C. Maceration lasted 30 days. The wine remained in stainless steel for four to five months and then it was transferred to oak casks where it aged for 28 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is ruby garnet in colour with an intensely perfumed nose characteristic of this vineyard. Aromas of aniseed, cherries, roses and ripe plums give way to an elegant, mineral character on the palate. The tannins are sweet, concentrated and powerful, with a hint of cinnamon to lift the tightly-packed, smoky fruit. Long and perfumed to the end, it shows liquorice and rose petal notes on the finish.