

Domenico Clerico,
`Visadi` Langhe Dolcetto 2023
Langhe, Piemonte, Italy



PRODUCER

Domenico Clerico's legacy is remarkable and his impact on Langhe winemaking was significant. He and a small group of other producers were part of the Barolo renaissance of the late 1970s and early 1980s, taking this denomination from relative obscurity to what it is today: a unique territory consistently producing some of the world's best wines. Following Domenico's premature death in 2017, the estate is now run by his wife Giuliana Viberti Clerico, with the support of her niece Cecilia, nephew Orlando and consultant winemaker Gianmatteo Raineri.

VINEYARDS

Fruit for the `Visadi` Dolcetto is sourced from three vineyards in Monforte d'Alba - Bricco San Pietro, Ginestra and Mosconi. Each vineyard has its own distinct character and geographical aspect, which results in an expressive and complex finished wine. Soils consist of Marne di Sant'Agata fossil marl, which is mainly fine and silty in composition with clayey sediments.

VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage experienced some erratic weather patterns but was ultimately characterised by a long and even growing season. Bud break occurred around mid-March, followed by early flowering, and a late harvest, facilitated by favourable diurnal shifts. The grape bunches were loose in structure, resulting in low yields but very healthy grapes due to increased airflow.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand picked and then selected in the cellar on a sorting table. Maceration on the skins took place with a gentle extraction to maximise the aroma and drinkability typical of this grape variety. After fermentation, the wine was aged in stainless steel tanks for 9 months before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The wine displays a beautiful violet colour, typical of Dolcetto. The nose reveals floral notes with high-toned violet and rose petals wrapped around a core of raspberry jam. On the palate, it is fresh and crisp with vibrant red fruit flavours, well balanced tannins, and a savoury, exuberant character.

Grape Varieties	100% Dolcetto
Winemaker	Oscar Arrivabene & Gianmatteo Raineri
Closure	Diam
ABV	13%
Acidity	5.2g/L
Wine pH	3.5
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan