

Domenico Clerico,
Barolo `Percristina` 2014
Barolo, Piemonte, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Domenico Clerico and Oscar Arrivabene
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.93g/L
Acidity	6.27g/L
Wine pH	3.47
Bottle Sizes	75cl

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

Percristina is a homage to Domenico Clerico's daughter Cristina. The fruit for this Barolo is sourced from Domenico Clerico's vineyard in Mosconi in the region of Monforte d'Alba. The vineyard is south facing and altitudes range from 390 to 410 metres above sea level. The soils contain Marne di Sant'Agata fossil marl from the Tortonian period, and comprise of sand and clay loam with a high amount of active limestone. Vines were planted in 1968.

VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage was rainy and certainly challenging to manage, but it also yielded grapes with vibrant acidity, great color, rich aromas, and excellent health. At Domenico Clerico they managed the leaf canopy by removing all the leaves around the bunches to ensure they could dry quickly after each rain. The harvest took place from October 1st to 5th.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were harvested at perfect maturity, hand-picked and carefully selected on the sorting table in the cellar. This was followed by an extended maceration to extract the full potential and richness of the grapes while preserving their natural freshness. The wine was aged partially in French oak barriques (228 L, first and second passage) to enhance roundness, and partially in neutral Slavonian oak (large cask, 50 hl) for 60 months. It then spent an additional 5 years in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is dark, intense red colour. The nose is exceptionally vibrant, offering a complex bouquet of balsamic notes, licorice, tobacco, and rich fruit preserves. On the palate, it is powerful and opulent, with a full-bodied structure and robust tannins. The wine embodies the quintessential characteristics of Nebbiolo.