

Massolino,

Barolo `Parafada` 2021**Barolo, Piemonte, Italy**

Grape Varieties	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Franco and Roberto Massolino
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	0.51g/L
Acidity	5.69g/L
Wine pH	3.46
Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

This 55 hectare estate has been in the Massolino family since 1896. Since 1994 the style of the wines has undergone a subtle transformation. Winemaker Franco Massolino has done a wonderful job of marrying change with a respect for tradition, something that sets him apart from most of the younger producers in Barolo today. This is in part dictated by the nature of the vineyards that the Massolino family owns in the commune of Serralunga d'Alba - the source of some of the greatest, most structured, robust and long-lived Barolo wines.

VINEYARDS

Fruit for this wine is grown in the 1.13 hectare Parafada vineyard, situated at an altitude of 330 metres above sea level. The chalky, marl soil in this south-facing vineyard produces excellent quality grapes. The vineyard is protected from the wind by a ridge formation which helps the grapes ripen fully even in cooler vintages. The vines are Guyot trained and are planted at a density of 5,800 vines per hectare and the yield, 4.5 tonnes per hectare. The average age of these vines is 65 years.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage started with a mild winter with plenty of rain and snow, which provided essential as the remainder of the year was quite dry. Budburst began on schedule and the growing season recorded average temperatures and minimal rainfall. The harvest ensued mid-September and continued into mid-October, allowing the grapes to be concentrated but balanced. These growing conditions allowed for a pure and elegant expression of the region, creating a wine with excellent ageing potential.

VINIFICATION

This wine underwent a long fermentation and maceration in oak fermenters ("tini") at temperatures around 30°C; the wine then aged in large Slavonian oak casks for up to 30 months before being left to mature in bottle for about a year in cool, dark cellars.

TASTING NOTES

This Barolo is deep garnet in colour with intense and complex aromas of red plum, red cherry, rose and sweet spices. On the palate, the wine is elegant, with beautifully integrated tannins and a complex, refined finish.