

Massolino,
Langhe Nebbiolo 2023
 Langhe, Piemonte, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Franco and Roberto Massolino
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.52g/L
Acidity	5.45g/L
Wine pH	3.48
Bottle Sizes	75cl
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

The grapes for this wine come from several vineyards in Serralunga d'Alba, situated at 340 metres above sea level and covering a total of four hectares. The vines are Guyot trained and are approximately 20 years old, planted at a density of 5,500 vines per hectare. Soils are mixed but predominantly limestone.

VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage began with a mild winter and a complete absence of precipitation, similar to the previous vintage. May and June brought heavy rainfall, rejuvenating the vines for the warm and relatively temperate summer season. The rains returned in early September, but the sun reemerged later in the month to grace the harvest: some days reached record high temperatures of 30° C, but the vines performed well under the stress to produce fine and balanced wines with good acidity.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were hand harvested. After 15 days of temperature-controlled fermentation at 31-34°C in stainless-steel tanks, the wine was aged in traditional 'botti', or large casks, for over a year to convey smoothness and elegance. Massolino's aim is to make an approachable, easy drinking style of Nebbiolo which can be enjoyed immediately.

TASTING NOTES

This Nebbiolo is ruby-garnet in colour. The nose is delicate and pleasing, with notes of raspberries and violets and a subtle touch of spice. On the palate, the wine is elegant with soft tannins balanced by a fine minerality and vibrant acidity.