

WESTERN RESERVE WINES CLUB SEPTEMBER 2023

WINE: *Araldica Albera Barbera D'Asti Red 2020*



VARIETALS: *100% Barbera*

Viticulture Area: *Piemonte, Italy*

Bottle Price: \$12.99 Case Price: \$140.29 plus tax

INTRODUCTION

Barbera is the classic red grape of Piemonte's Asti area. It produces ripe, fruity, medium-bodied wines that gain in complexity after maturation in oak casks. Monferrato Hills in Piemonte provide ideal conditions for this varietal. South West aspects at altitudes between 250 and 400m. Limestone-clay soil. The vineyards are in the Piemonte low Guyot trellis. Planting density 4,000 - 4,500 vines/ha.

REGION



Piedmont, a region of Italy bordering France and Switzerland, sits at the foot of the Alps. It's known for sophisticated cuisine and wines such as Barolo. Turin, the capital, has abundant baroque architecture. Castel Boglione is a Province of Asti, Italy, located about 43 miles southeast of Turin and 16 miles southeast of Asti. Castel Boglione borders these municipalities: Calamandrana, Castel Rocchero, Fontanile, Montabone, Nizza Monferrato, and Rochetto Palafea.

Barbera was once known as "the people's wine", for its versatility and abundant production. Monferrato is usually cited as the variety's birthplace. Barbera ripens relatively late, as much as two weeks after Dolcetto. However it traditionally still ripens before the stately Nebbiolo. Its chief characteristic is a high level of natural acidity even when fully ripe, which makes it ideal for rich Piedmontese cuisine.

Albera is the name of a small valley in Castel Boglione area (province of Asti), ideal for the cultivation of Barbera grapes. With 900 hectares covering parts of Monferrato, Langhe, and Roero, cultivated by 140 associates, Araldica cultivates and manages one of the most extensive vineyard of Piedmont. A privilege the company of Castel Boglione has chosen to place at the centre of its winegrowing decisions, while valorising the production of each individual vineyard and safeguarding a winegrowing and landscape heritage now comprised in the Unesco List of World Heritage Sites.

PRODUCER



Araldica produces excellent Piedmont wines from the most prestigious winegrowing areas of Monferrato, Gavi Langhe, and Roero. Founded in 1954 at Castel Boglione, a small village lying between Asti and Acqui Terme, today Araldica Wines is a cooperative society of 140 associates whose work it coordinates, starting from vineyard activities.

The valorisation of traditional varieties, the selection of the best varieties according to the micro climate and territorial conditions, care for the environment and the peculiar characteristics of each wine: Araldica is a large cooperative society which, despite the fact that it turns over significant product volumes, has not forgotten the family-based artisanal approach to winegrowing, considered to be an essential bedrock for the production of great labels.



Tasting Notes:

Ruby red with purple highlights. Elegant bouquet on the nose with aromas of cherries and plums with an enticing warm, spiced and smoky sensation. The palate is rich and generous with juicy cherry, plum fruit and meaty, spicy notes beneath. Soft oak tannins offer an extra dimension to the texture. A refreshing smack of fruity acidity on the finish gives plenty of definition to the ripe fruit.

Food Suggestions:

Barbera is the classic red grape of Piemonte's Asti area. It produces ripe, fruity, medium-bodied wines that gain in complexity after maturation in oak casks. This fine example is at its best with pasta dishes, red meats and cheeses. Serve at room temperature.

Remember We Taste The Bad Ones So you don't have to! CHEERS!!!

Sources:

<https://www.araldicavini.com/index-en.html>

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