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A L E S T E

SANDRONE

BAROLO

## Experience grows and is brought to fulfilment

**From the heart of Barolo.** From the heart of the village of Barolo the sinuous Cannubi hill stretches northwards, with vineyards on the east and west sides. From a south-east facing part of the hill, historically called Cannubi Boschis, this Barolo Aleste is born, which brilliantly displays Nebbiolo's regal character. The site possesses a moderately compact marl soil with a microclimate that every year surprises for the transparency of its expression.

**Fruit of Experience.** In the hierarchy of Barolo, Cannubi Boschis is precious. We have proudly cultivated it and made its wines since 1985; with the certainty of its unique and extraordinary productive potential. Until 2012, the wine was called Barolo Cannubi Boschis; since 2013 it has been renamed Barolo Aleste - Luciano dedicated this wine to his grand-children, Alessia and Stefano.

In every vintage it is a wine that can age effortlessly. Typically, it gives its greatest expression after years of patience. We know that only with slow and silent evolution does Nebbiolo reveal its best character. Thus, our Barolo Aleste is part of the "*sibi et paucis*" project.

- Barolo DOCG
- 100% Nebbiolo
- Spontaneous fermentation from indigenous yeasts
- Maceration and alcoholic fermentation in open steel tanks
- Malolactic fermentation and ageing in French Oak tonneaux of 500 liters
- Aged in bottle for 18 months before release
- From the first vintage of 1985 Cannubi Boschis, from 2013 and beyond ALESTE
- Vineyard in the village of Barolo: Cannubi Boschis
- Alcohol: 14%
- Recommended drinking time: 2025 - 2045

## Tasting notes

Sandrone Aleste 2014 is a wine of an elegant personality, ageable and able to transform and transmit over the years of maturation the nobility of its character, origin and style. In the glass, the color is beautiful and brilliant garnet red. The fragrance, rich and complex, begins with floral notes - iris, aromatic herbs and dried hay -, then raspberry and wild strawberry, finally the ethereal spice notes of cinnamon and green peppercorns as well as tobacco. The flavor is rich and decisive, enveloping and warm, with notes that recall the aromas of spices and jams, herbs and tobacco. It is a dense, structured and long-lived wine, yet one of elegant character: the acidity and tannin give balance to the wine and the finish is velvety.

## Evolution of the vintage 2014

The 2014 vintage, despite being one of the most complex to manage in recent years, gave way to very pleasant surprises as a result of favorable end of season conditions, which gave us high quality in the vinified grapes.

The spring, following a mild winter, came rather gently but prematurely. The amount of rainfall in the summer was above average, with real “water bombs” on a few occasions, although these were quite contained yet intense. Particularly significant were the rains of the 23rd and the 29th of July, which however had profoundly different outcomes: in some areas 63 mm of rain were recorded in a single day, while just 15 km away only 13 mm. The month of September was undoubtedly positive from a climatic point of view, with a good diurnal temperature shifts, significantly contributing to grape quality and phenolic maturation. Nebbiolo is the varietal that responded best to the beautiful climatic conditions at the end of the maturation period. Where the operations of thinning and cleaning of the bunches were carried out correctly during the complete vegetative cycle, excellent results were achieved.

Harvesting operations began on October 10 and lasted until October 18.