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S A N D R O N E

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 surprises every year 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: 14,5 %
- Recommended drinking time: 2034 – 2060

Tasting notes

A profound and deep perfume is the first impression of the 2021 Barolo Aleste, redolent of cherries, raspberries, wood and mineral notes, with underbrush and dark spices.

It has a sense of mystery, hiding then revealing, unfolding as it evolves in the glass. On the palate is it surprisingly robust and structured, but not heavy ... it dances. Red fruits predominate, balanced by flavors of spice, wood notes and garrigue.

The tannins will require a good bit of patience but show the sweetness and elegance of the vintage - they simply need a few years to resolve into a coherent whole. The finish shows off the ripe tannins and notes of graphite and black fruit.

Evolution of the vintage 2021

The 2020-2021 winter was extremely snowy, with cumulative snowfalls in higher elevations of the Barolo zone reaching 3+ meters. The weather warmed in March and there were 2 weeks of unseasonably warm temperatures before the early April frost event. The frost lasted about 48 hours, depending on the site, and affected all of Europe. The vines had already begun budding and damages were luckily limited to lower elevations and places where air currents pushed the cold air up the hillsides. Fortunately, few of the Sandrone vineyards were affected.

Flowering was in the first week of June and coincided with the first period of real warmth. Thereafter, June and July were alternating warm-cool with well-timed rainstorms. The last significant summer rain was in mid-July, which also scattered hail over the Langhe in general.

August brought real heat to the Barolo region and combined with the lack of rain the plants began to suffer. Warm nighttime temperatures in August exacerbated the hydric stress and some sites suffered as much as in 2017. While the hydric stress was acute, the relatively short period (50 days) of dryness forced the plants slow berry growth, leading to an excellent juice/skins ratio. Overall, the late-season drought led to smaller berries and looser clusters, a positive outcome in the well-tended Sandrone vineyards.

In early September the night temperatures began to cool and the plants received a bit of refreshment from a few well-timed and gentle rainstorms in the middle of September.

The August heat contributed positively to the maturation and aromatic complexity of the grapes, and the wines tend toward generous, big and rich, with a bit less acidity than in the most classic years. 2021 Barolo will age effortlessly for several decades, while also providing great drinking pleasure in the medium term.

The Harvest took place on October 8th.

