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DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA E GARANTITA

ALBE® 2013

Selezioni Varietali

“ Albe celebrates the art of assembling Barolo vineyards. This traditional approach brings together the best qualities of each site and elevates the blend to a new harmony. Classic in the making and contemporary in the drinking, Albe is a Barolo of unparalleled balance. ”

DESCRIPTION: Albe is a tribute to the masters of the 1950s and 60s, to those winemakers who had the vision and the taste to blend some of the most amazing crus in order to achieve a Barolo of balance and charme. This is a blend of high-elevation vineyards.

VARIETY: 100% Nebbiolo.

VINEYARD AND TERROIR: Albe is a blend of wonderful Barolo vineyards ranging from south-south-east to south-west.

VINTAGE: 2013 was a classic vintage and delivered some of the most collectible wines of the decade. Spring was cold and very rainy, especially between April and the end of May. Weather slightly improved in June, but flowering was challenged by low temperatures and fungal attacks. Fruit set was small from the start and the vines focused their energies on fewer clusters, creating the towering richness and structure that is such a signature of these wines. Picking started approximately 10 to 15 days later than norm, and ended in early November, as it was often the case in previous decades. 2013 can be considered a very late harvest (so as 2004, 2008 and 2016), where Nebbiolo enjoyed the best of the weather thanks to a warm October and to significant diurnal drops. This vintage produced wines for the ages.

HARVEST AND WINEMAKING: The high-elevation vineyards for Barolo Albe are usually picked in the second half of Nebbiolo harvest. Vinification is made in custom-designed vertical tini, with gentle punch down and rinsing of the cap. Maceration lasts 25 days on average. Malolactic is held in stainless steel, the following spring.

AGING: Albe rests on average between 30 and 36 months in Slavonian oak casks of large capacity: 40, 50 and 75hL. The wine is usually raked once a year. Blending is decided in the spring prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Barolo Albe is a very aromatic wine, intensely perfumed and showing all the refinement of this classic vintage. Palate opens with plenty of Nebbiolo fruit tones, restrained yet supple and generous. Drink it or cellar for 15+ years.

TRIVIA:

- Albe means 'sunrises', as you can see the sun rising three times every morning on the vineyards that compose this blend.
- Albe appeared in *Burnt* (2015), a movie directed by John Wells featuring Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller, Uma Thurman. This was a choice of the authors, not a product placement, and the Vajra family heard about this only after the movie was first released.

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