

# LANGHE

DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA

## FREISA KYÈ® 2013

Selezioni di Vigneto



“ Kyè®: the sun or the moon? To us, this is the seduction of Freisa, an ancient local grape that is distinctive, fierce and untamable. ”

Milena and Aldo Vaira

**DESCRIPTION:** Freisa is a noble grape, rare and fighting for survival. Part of the history and identity of Piedmont since ancient times, Freisa is one of the closest relatives of Nebbiolo, as demonstrated in 2004 by Prof. Anna Schneider, University of Turin. Our Kyè® is the tribute to Freisa and its great and wild personality.

**VARIETY:** 100% Freisa

**VINEYARD AND TERROIR:** Vineyard San Ponzio, Barolo. Altitude between 390 and 410 meters a.s.l., clay soil and a collection of stumps selected by Aldo Vaira in 1979-1980.

**VINTAGE:** The winter of 2012 will be remembered as one of the coldest of the past years. A wet spring and very dry summer led to surprisingly perfect harvest conditions, which resulted in wines with vibrancy and structure.

**HARVEST AND WINEMAKING:** The perfect time for harvesting Freisa is determined by alternating still warm autumn days and cool nights: in general this happens in the second half of October, 20-30 days later than the average. The elimination of the stem, the more acidic part and with the greater charge of green tannins, is an essential process. After a fairly long fermentation, which allows the transmigration of tannins from the grape to the wine, followed by a malolactic fermentation (equally important for this variety). Aging for about 12-18 months, depending on the vintage, partly in oak casks and partly in barriques, give the necessary balance to the wine.

**AGING:** 18 months in large Slavonian oak casks of 25 hl, in generous vintages such as 2013.

**TASTING NOTES:** Deep ruby color. Notes of red berries, tobacco, rose and white pepper, interspersed with hay and herbs. A full body, well balanced acidity and alcoholic strength. An expressive and rich wine, with a long finish of dark fruit and spices.