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BAROLO



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DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA E GARANTITA

ALBE® 2015

Selezioni Varietali

“ The true Beauty of Albe is the caress of the sun that rises three times every morning over our vineyards. It's the exceptional simplicity of nature that makes the awakening of life an everyday miracle. ”

Milena Vaira

DESCRIPTION: A tribute to the masters of our tradition, Albe is the sum of high-elevation estate vineyards. They lay on different slopes, thus our chance to see three sunrises (Albe) every day.

VARIETY: 100% Nebbiolo.

VINEYARD AND TERROIR: Albe is a blend of wonderful Barolo vineyards with exposures that range from south-south-east to south-west, at high elevation between 380 and 480m above sea level.

VINTAGE: 2015 is a vintage of rich and vibrant Barolos. It offers wines of plentitude with nuanced aromatics and breadth, yet with a strong aging potential. Winter was very snowy, and mild temperatures since the month of February lead to an early bud break. By flowering, which took place in the middle of May, the season was about 10 days ahead of norm. More rain fell between end of May and early June, and this was a great help for the vines to overcome a very hot month of July. 2015 was a generous vintage with very healthy fruit, and the loss of production is mainly due to sporadic, yet harsh hailstorms (starting May 8th), and from the summer heat. Harvest was slightly anticipated and fruit quality is great across the board, from the white varietals to Dolcetto, Barbera and Nebbiolo.

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 in held in stainless steel, the following spring.

AGING: Albe rests between 26 and 32 months, on average, in large Slavonian oak casks of 40, 50 and 75hL. The wine is usually raked once a year. Blending is decided in the spring prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Albe has an amazing scent of macerated Nebbiolo pomace, cranberries and raspberries. Infused rose petals, sweet red fruits and a hint of black figs, complete its wide and elegant bouquet. So authentic and yet expressive, it beautifully celebrates the maturity of these vineyards and wine. Albe is a pure tribute to Barolo di Barolo and to the amazing craft of combining vineyards.

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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