

ALARIO CLAUDIO — BARBERA D'ALBA VALLETTA



Claudio Alario is unflashy and charming, he is the embodiment of his own wines which have more to them than immediately meets the eye. The winery dates back to the 1900's when Claudio's grandfather was supplying grapes to other wineries. Three generations later Claudio had the conviction (and, as it turns out, ability) to produce very fine wines of his own from the family's prime vineyards. He is respected as one of the finest producers in Diano d'Alba..

VITICULTURE

The vines have an age that varies between 20 and 60 years and they all enjoy privileged exposures. The winery is located in Diano d'Alba, a small rural village, situated on soft, green hills. The geographic coordinates result in the peculiarities of a unique territory, the same peculiarities that Claudio Alario knows and identifies with.

For three generations the family focused on the care and cultivation of vines and the sale of grapes. Thanks to Claudio the family has come to winemaking and then bottling the wines. In 1988, a young and ambitious Claudio, treasuring the notions learned at the Higher Institute of Agriculture and of some years of direct experience in the field, decided to transform the generous products of his vines into wine.

Diano d'Alba rises to a height of 500 m above sea level to dominate the landscape of the Langhe hills. The area is best-known for its Dolcetto but now the family also has vineyards in the Barolo territory sandwiched between Verduno and Serralunga.

VINIFICATION

Claudio Alario started by producing only the Dolcetto, to continue with the Nebbiolo and the Barbera and to arrive in 1995 also to the Barolo.

The family's philosophy is to seek a continuous and constant improvement with the goal to reach an ever-greater quality. In particular, today, the commitment is to low yields in the vineyard in order to guarantee a superior quality wine.

This was followed by Barbera, Nebbiolo, and, in 1995, his first Barolo. Claudio now produces no fewer than three separate, single vineyard Dolcettos. From his beguiling Dolcetto to the complex yet approachable Barolo Riva which has won accolades to rival many of the region's finest, Claudio's wines are invariably beautifully made, marrying complexity and richness to accessibility; tannins and acidity to ripe fruits.



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Region	Piedmont
Classification	Barbera d'Alba DOC
Vintage	2019
Grapes	100% Barbera
Vineyard	60-year old vines
Soil Composition	Medium calcareous mixture
Vineyard Training	Guyot
Density/Yield	4000-5000 vines per hectare
Fermentation	In stainless steel vats with thermo rotofermentatori
Aging	20 months in barriques, 50% new and 50% 2nd pass
Alcohol	14.5%
Residual Sugar	2.50 g/l
PH	3.35 g/l
TA	5.90 g/l
Free SO2	60 mg/l
Total SO2	66 mg/l

TASTING NOTES

This Barbera comes from low-yielding 60-year old vines in Diano d'Alba. Very inviting aromas of ripe yet fresh black fruit lead into captivating flavours with a smooth, long finish. A judicious use of new and used French oak adds further layers of complexity with mature and silky tannins. A very rich and full-bodied expression of Barbera.

SALES FACTS

- Respected as one of the finest producers in Diano d'Alba

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Great choice for a barbecue, flavourful osso bucco, beef bourguignon, or Hungarian goulash.