

## ALARIO CLAUDIO — DOLCETTO DI DIANO D'ALBA MONTAGRILLO



**C**laudio 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	Diano d'Alba DOCG
Vintage	2018
Grapes	100% Dolcetto
Vineyard	25-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	1 year in stainless steel tank
Alcohol	14.0%
Residual Sugar	2.50 g/l
PH	3.33 g/l
TA	5.70 g/l
Free SO2	60 mg/l
Total SO2	66 mg/l

## TASTING NOTES

In the nose, intense aromas of flowers, berries, and cherries provide a seductive background to explore the combination of freshness and warmth of Dolcetto. The flavours are well harmonized with ripe tannins and fresh acidity, giving way to a long, smooth finish.

## SALES FACTS

- Respected as one of the finest Producer in Diano d'Alba
- Served between 16-18 Degrees

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

Perfectly suited to be served with appetizers, red sauce pasta dishes, roasted meats, and pizza.