

Giacomo Conterno



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The Conterno Barolos have been famous since the 1920s, and Roberto Conterno is the third generation to run the firm founded by his grandfather Giacomo. Roberto's father Giovanni purchased the great Francia cru in Serralunga in 1974, and it was the sole source of fruit for all their wines until 2008. In 2008, Roberto Conterno purchased three hectares in Serralunga's Cerretta cru, and a third vineyard, Arione, was added in 2015. In years of outstanding quality, the very best grapes in Francia (and now, Arione) are reserved to become Monfortino.

Adjacent to Francia, Arione has similar soils and a full southern exposure. There are 3.6 ha of Nebbiolo in Serralunga that can produce Barolo, while 2 ha in Roddino are only entitled to become Nebbiolo d'Alba. The Roddino vines were replanted by 2017, and yielded their first crop with the 2020 vintage.

Established:

Proprietors/Winemakers: Roberto Conterno

Appellation: Piedmont

Soils: A mix of calcareous marls (Francia and Arione) and heavier clay (Cerretta)

THE WINES	Vineyard & Grapes	Winemaking	Average Production
Barbera d'Alba "Francia"	From 5 ha of Barbera from the great Francia vineyard. Exposure is west by southwest.	Fermented ~2 weeks in wooden vats with regular breaking-up of the caps. Aged 2 years in large cask.	1,700 cases
Barbera d'Alba "Cerretta"	Source is 1 ha of Barbera from primarily western-exposed Cerretta vineyard.	Fermented ~2 weeks in wooden vats with regular breakingup of the caps. Aged 2 years in large cask.	~330 cases
Nebbiolo d'Alba "Arione"	2 ha of Nebbiolo from the southwest-exposed Arione vineyard in Serralunga.	Fermented 3-4 weeks in wooden vats with regular breakingup of the caps. Aged 3 years in large cask.	~1,000 cases
Barolo "Cerretta"	2 ha of Nebbiolo from a primarily western-exposed portion of Cerretta.	Fermented 3-4 weeks in wooden vats with regular breakingup of the caps. Aged 4 years in large cask.	~600 cases
Barolo "Arione"	3.6 ha of Nebbiolo from the southern-exposed Arione vineyard in Serralunga.	Fermented 3-4 weeks in wooden vats with regular breakingup of the caps. Aged 4 years in large cask.	~1,000 cases
Barolo "Francia"	9 ha of Nebbiolo from the great Francia cru in Serralunga. Southwest exposure.	Fermented 3-4 weeks in wooden vats with regular breakingup of the caps. Aged 4 years in large cask.	1,700 cases
Barolo "Monfortino"	A selection of the very best Nebbiolo grapes from the Francia and - since 2019 - Arione vineyards.	Fermented ~4 weeks in wooden vats with regular breakingup of the caps. No temperature control. Aged for a minimum 7 years in large cask.	0-700+ cases