



Az. Agricola Gilberto Boniperti Colline Novaresi Vespolina DOC “Favolalunga”

Winery: Az. Agricola Boniperti
Category: Wine – Still – Red
Grape Variety: Vespolina
Region: Barengo/ Alto Piemonte/ Italy
Vineyard: territory of Barengo
Winery established: 2003



Product Information

Soil: 25% sand, 45% silt and 30% clay

Age of vines: planted in 2007

Vinification & Yield: Handpicked grapes, destemming and gentle mashing, fermentation in steel barrels, soaking for about 10 days, malolactic fermentation in steel. Rests in stainless steel for first 6 months and another 4 months after bottling

Tasting Note: In a rare one-man show from Nebbiolo's significantly less famous yet very-apt offspring, Vespolina, the variety shows both a similarity to pappy and its propensity toward being ever-so-slightly kinder and gentler. Bright, firm, and silky (yet delicately saw-toothed with tannin), this is a distinctly Piemontese red with the pomegranate and blood orange notes sometimes associated with Nebbiolo.

Alc: 12.5 %

Producer Information

The Boniperti project became reality in 2003 when, by replenishing the “**Barton**” Vineyard, they established their company that today includes 3 hectares of vine cultivated land on the territory of **Barengo**, planted with red vines all typical of their hills: **Vespolina**, a small patch of **Barbera** and of course **Nebbiolo**. **4 vineyards** situated at 250 m above sea level and bordered within a small area of about 4 square kilometres, heterogeneous in soil composition and exposition. The vineyards rise on the land first cultivated almost a century ago by grandfather “**Barton**”, who taught them to love the territory and the quality of life that today identifies their family and makes the company stand out from the crowd.

Colline Novaresi is located in Italy's north-western Piedmont region. It was granted DOC status in 1994 and its vineyards overlap those of the DOCs Fara and Boca, as well as the Ghemme DOCG. Despite being a little overshadowed by its bigger siblings, the wines from this area still make their presence known. The reds are dominated by Spanna, the local name for the king of red grapes, Nebbiolo, with supporting roles played by Barbera, Vespolina and Croatina (also known as Bonarda here). All the varieties must comprise 85% of the stated varieties and they can be made into a youthful *novello*.