



2012 RAVERA BAROLO DOCG

THE STORY

Ravera is the name of the cru where the vineyard is located. This vineyard encircles the cellar, it is essentially the hillside vineyard surrounding the farm — the great, classic cru of Novello.

2015 VINTAGE NOTES

To better understand the 2012 vintage, it is necessary to consider the weather trend during November and December 2011, when the temperatures were above average (around 15-16°C) and the climate was overall very dry. January was similar; but February was snowy and very cold, dropping to -15°C, the coldest temperature in the last 15 years. The springtime was temperate and rainy, especially in April and June, the flowering season, which caused later fruit set and lower density. The summer was very warm, with temperatures peaking at 38°C; but vegetative development was nonetheless regular thanks to the water reserve in the undergrowth.

VINEYARDS

Varietal Composition:	100% Nebbiolo da Barolo, Lampia and Michet (sub-varieties of Nebbiolo)
Sources:	100% estate vineyards located on the top of the hill; Novello village; Ravera area
Area:	5 hectares (12.35 acres)
Exposure:	South and southeast
Altitude:	380 meters (1,246 feet) above sea level
Soil Composition:	Limestone and clay, with presence of sand
Vine Age:	50-70 years old
Vine Density:	4,000 vines/hectare (1,619 vines/acre)
Cultivation:	Vertical trellising, Guyot pruning, 100% organic (not yet certified)
Harvest:	October

VINIFICATION

Fermentation: 100% in stainless steel, temperature-controlled, with automatic pump overs, post-fermentation maceration for 30 days with submerged cap; skin contact for 40-45 days with fermentation and afterwards, with post-fermentation maceration submerged cap; 100% with indigenous yeast

Aging: 2 years barrel-aging in large, used Slavonian oak, followed by 1 year in bottle

Cases Produced: 2,160 (6/750ml)

Cases Imported: 900

Alcohol: 14%

TASTING NOTES

Traditional Barolo. These two words are enough to describe the Barolo Ravera 2012. The bouquet is intense and enveloping, with scents of ripe fruit, Morellino cherry, truffle, and undergrowth; a very interesting nose that evolves in the glass, with notes of licorice and menthol. On the palate it is full-bodied, round, and elegant, with an aftertaste of blackberry, dark chocolate, licorice, and marked minerality. Strong, persistent, and aromatic, this wine will evolve and improve with age.