

Azienda Agricola

GIOVANNI MANZONE

Piedmont

With Giovanni Manzone I am happy to be able to offer another superlative producer of Barolo, Dolcetto and Barbera. The estate's 8.5 hectare vineyard extension lies in Le Gramolere, a cru I will not hesitate to call one of the greatest and most expressive of the Barolo appellation. Interestingly enough, if one excludes small quantities for local consumption, wine from this cru had never been bottled before the early nineties, but rather sold in bulk by the various growers to negotiants who gladly reinforced their blends with them. As a cru Le Gramolere yields a Barolo of extraordinary longevity - a characteristic usually associated with the wines from Serralunga. With forty hectolitres per hectare it also appears to yield among the lowest production of the entire appellation, without need of grape thinning or excessively short pruning. This may help explain why Manzone's Barolo's concentrated silky raciness is backed by such a firm structure.

Both in bouquet and flavour, the character of this terroir expresses itself in a powerful reminiscence of currants and cherries which - unique in my experience - traverses the boundaries of grape varietal, affecting Barolo, Dolcetto and Barbera alike!

Depending on the given harvest, three distinct Baroli may be bottled: Le Gramolere, Bricat Le Gramolere (produced from the homonymous vineyard which is a strip of Le Gramolere owned exclusively by Giovanni Manzone, while Le Gramolere is owned by a couple of other estates), and Riserva, which is produced only in favorable vintages. This intriguing display of "cru identity", moreover, is truly enhanced by the winemaking precision and integrity of Giovanni Manzone, whose exacting and critical palate has guided him unerringly towards the

achievement of the highest quality.

Last but not least this estate produces a tiny amount of most seductive barrel-fermented white wine from an obsolete varietal, Rossese Bianco, and, starting with the 2001 vintage, an interesting Langhe Nebbiolo.



Barolo Le Gramolere

Zone: *Monforte d'Alba*
Cru: *Le Gramolere*
Varietal: *Nebbiolo*
Vineyard Ext.: *3 hectares*
Average Prod.: *9,000 bottles*



Dolcetto d'Alba La Serra

Zone: *Monforte d'Alba*
Cru: *La Serra*
Varietal: *Dolcetto*
Vineyard Ext.: *2 hectares*
Average Prod.: *8,000 bottles*



Barbera d'Alba La Serra

Zone: *Monforte d'Alba*
Cru: *La Serra*
Varietal: *Barbera*
Vineyard Ext.: *2 hectares*
Average Prod.: *7,000 bottles*