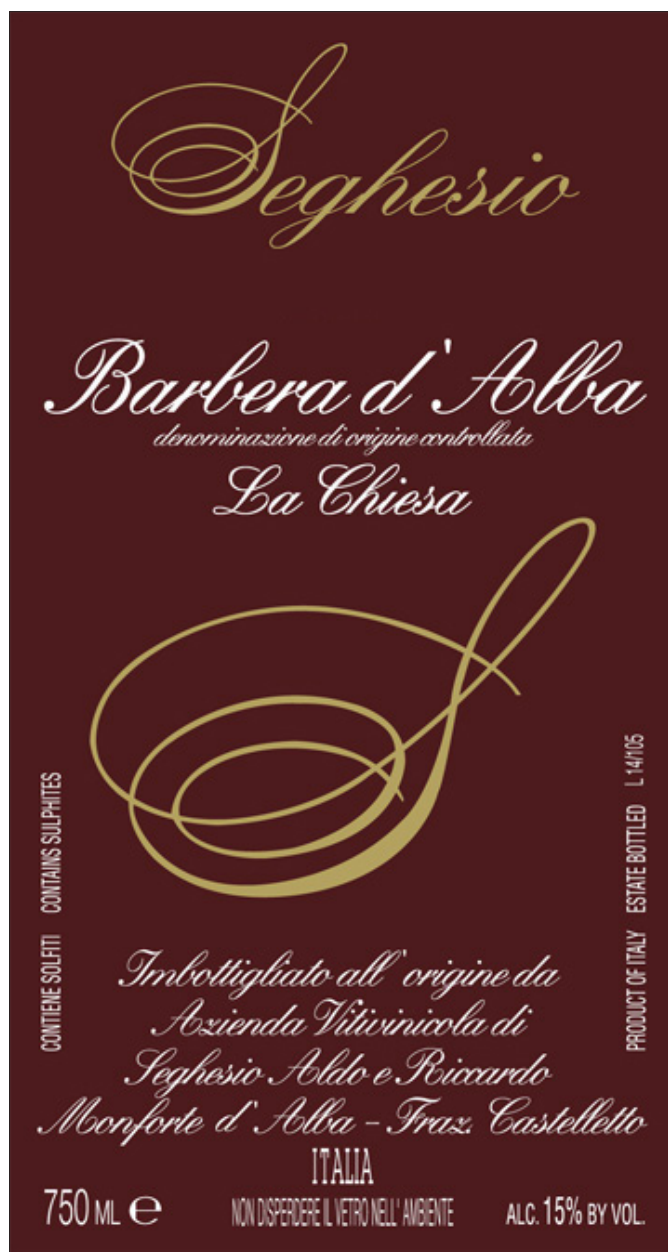


Seghesio

Barbera d'Alba "La Chiesa"

Piedmont



Appellation: BARBERA D'ALBA DOC

Zone: Monforte d'Alba (province of Cuneo)

Cru: Vigneto della Chiesa

Vineyard extension (hectares): 0.5

Blend: 100% Barbera

Vineyard age (year of planting): Barbera 1976

Soil Type: Tufaceous-clayey

Exposure: North-East

Altitude: 350 meters above sea level

Colour: Intense ruby red

Nose: Complex, ample, fruity, black cherry, coffee, chocolate, vanilla

Flavour: Dry, warm, full-bodied, fresh, persistent

Serving temperature (°C): 18-20

Match with: Roasts, elaborate pasta dishes

Average no. bottles/year: 5,000

Alcohol %: n/a

Grape yield per hectare tons: 8

Notes: n/a

Vinification and ageing: Fermentation and maceration with the skins in steel rotary fermenters for 5-8 days, the wine then matures in French oak barriques for 18 months

Awards: n/a

Estate History

The father of Riccardo Seghesio bought the estate in 1964 after the sharecropping system ended. Over the years more vineyards were gradually added. The present extension is of 9.5 hectares. The grapes were vinified at the estate and sold in bulk. Riccardo and his brother Aldo then bottled the 1990 vintage of Barbera and Dolcetto and the 1988 vintage of Barolo La Villa for the first time. Riccardo, after Aldo sadly passed away, is supported by his nephews Marco and Sandro, both agricultural technicians, in the vineyards and in the cellar and by his niece Michela, a trained commercial secretary, who follows administration and accounting issues. Vigneto La Villa extends for 4 hectares and is made up by various vineyards: the oldest one was planted in 1957, while the youngest was planted in 2005. Both the Baroli of the estate stem from these plots: Barolo La Villa is made from a selection of the oldest vines, while a Barolo "base" is made from the younger vines. The first part of the new cellar was built in 1997 and a second part was added in 2003. The alcoholic and malolactic fermentations are strictly spontaneous. Barolo La Villa stands out for its elegance. It is similar to the Baroli of Serralunga and it maintains its structure and its elegance in the great and small vintages alike. Apart from the Baroli, the other wines of the range are an attractive and fresh Dolcetto, a fruity and pleasant Barbera d'Alba, a floral and spicy Barbera d'Alba La Chiesa (made from the oldest Barbera vines) and a velvety Langhe Nebbiolo.



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