



Giacosa Fratelli

BAROLO SCARRONE 'VIGNA AL MANDORLO' DOCG RISERVA

Traditionally-styled Barolo from single-vineyard called 'Vigna del Mandorlo' in Castiglione Falletto, one of the most prestigious crus in Barolo. Vigna Mandorlo, or *Almond Vineyard*, begins at the foot of the castle of Castiglione Falletto and extends, on three adjoining terraces, over more than three hectares. It is dominated by a large almond tree. The vineyard has a south exposure, with slopes a 25-35% gradient, and lies at an altitude 300-380 meters above sea level. The clayey-calcareous soil is rich in microelements of marine origin, alternated with layers of sandstone, making it particularly suited to producing great Barolo wines.

A long, undisturbed maceration yields rich polyphenols, good structure and complexity that are nicely blended together and softened with patient 3-year ageing in large oak casks (30hl). Intense persistent bouquet of rose and blood orange, with spicy and ethereal scents of liquorice, tobacco, and even white truffle. Full-bodied, yet well-balanced and smooth. Well suited for long ageing when stored correctly in a dark room and away from sudden temperature changes. Excellent with red meats (roasted, skewered or grilled) and especially with wild game.

GRAPE	100% Nebbiolo (Lampia and Michet biotypes)
LOCATION OF VINEYARDS	Vigna del Mandorlo in Scarrone (Castiglione Falletto)
ORIENTATION	South
ALTITUDE	300-380 mt a.s.l.
TYPE OF PLANTING	Organic, not certified
SOIL	Clayey-calcareous, rich in microelements of marine origin
VINIFICATION	Grapes are hand-harvested and carefully placed in large cases. They are left to rest for a night before undergoing crushing and de-stemming the next morning, including the more mature bunches. A long submerged cap maceration follows, lasting for 55 days. After the process of racking, the wine is refined in 30-hectolitre French oak barrels for 46 months and then in stainless steel tanks for another year, before finally proceeding to bottling.
ABV	14%
OENOLOGIST	Maurizio Giacosa



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