



La Turna Barbera d'Asti DOCG PIEDMONT (ITALY)

Originally built by Pietro Rivella in 1870, the winery produces Barbera d'Asti DOCG and a beautiful Moscato d'Asti DOCG. In the '60s, Paolo Rivella, nephew of Pietro, began to sell the first bottles of Barbera that was so highly appreciated by local customers. As a matter of fact, the Barbera "Bel Sit" was named after the town, "The Barbera of Castagnole Lanze". In 2000, the Bel-Sit Estate was re-equipped and renovated by Ezio Rivella, one of the most important Masters of Italian Oenology of the last fifty years. Ezio is widely regarded as the man that introduced Brunello di Montalcino to the world through his development of the Banfi brand. He has since returned to his Piemontese roots to develop his ancestors' project, a project made easier by the perfectly situated vineyards of his family estate.

Grapes: Barbera

Viniculture: Mix of rich soil, sandy and clay. Long Cordon Spur. Aged in temperature controlled stainless steel.

Alcohol: 13.5% vol.

Tasting Notes:

Appearance: Rich blue raspberry

Nose: Violets and soft ripe cherries

Palate: Cherries and raspberries, with black fruits and floral notes.

Pairings: Piemontese pasta, duck and aged cheeses



Piedmont Wine Region of Italy

Climate: Piedmont is made up of a variety of climates as it is surrounded on three sides by mountains. The Alpine zone is very cold, the lowlands tend to have cold winters and dry, hot summers, and along the lakes in the region, the climate is mild.

Piedmont's wine region is a cluster of several villages which names make up the wine (not the varietal) For example, world renowned Barolo and Barbaresco are made up of Nebbiolo. Gavi is the village, the varietal is Cortese. Roero is the village and Arneis is the varietal. Many wines will say 'Asti or 'Alba, which are the villages that produce the grapes. Asti Spumante is a popular wine that is a sparkling semi-sweet and fruity wine.

There are several varietals that are cultivated here, including the Nebbiolo grape which is one of the most difficult grapes in the world to cultivate. Other leading wines in the region are: **Barbera**, Dolcetto, Gavi (Cortese), Arneis and Moscato d'Asti.