



## Luca Ferraris del Martin Barbera d'Asti DOCG PIEDMONT (ITALY)

Luca Ferraris Agricola is the largest family owned agricultural company in the seven municipalities of the Ruchè-growing region. Originating in the early 1900's, the family vineyards faltered during the industrial era. Luca reestablished not only the winery, but also the rare Ruchè grape, bringing it back to notoriety in the region. It was not until 2010 that the Italian DOCG recognized Ruchè!

**Grapes:** Barbera

**Viniculture:** 9 months French oak; 3 months in the bottle, unfiltered

**Alcohol:** 13.5% vol.

### Tasting Notes

**Appearance:** Garnet red with violet reflections.

**Nose:** Violets, herbs and spices

**Palate:** Intense, with ripe black raspberries, macerated cherries, spices notes and a balanced acidity.

**Pairing:** White and red meats, pasta, young and medium aged cheeses, game.

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## 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 is home to two of the most renowned wines in Italy: Barolo and Barbaresco. Both of these sought-after wines are made from the nebbiolo grape which is one of the most difficult grapes to cultivate in the world. The other most popular wine in the region is the sparkling wine, Asti, which is semi-sweet and fruity. Other leading wines in the region are: Arneis, **Barbera**, Dolcetto, Gavi, and Moscato d'Asti.

**Barbera** wines are usually slightly rustic and these wines are the most common in the area (it's a favorite dinner wine of Piedmont locals). It is juicy, delicious, and a very-easy to drink.