



**Luca Ferraris Bric d'Bianc  
Ruchè di Castagnole Monferrato  
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:** Ruchè

**Viniculture:** Stainless steel; 3 months in the bottle, unfiltered

**Alcohol:** 13.5% vol.

**Tasting Notes**

**Appearance:** Ruby red with purple rim

**Nose:** Roses and cherries

**Palate:** Candied orange and plum, ripe raspberries, summer cherries, and a clean dry finish.

**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.

**Ruchè di Castagnole Monferrato** is one of the lowest production varietal wines in Italy. Ruchè, a rustic red Italian wine grape variety from the Piedmont region, is the varietal base of Ruché di Castagnole Monferrato. A maximum of 10% Barbera or Brachetto may be blended. Very small production, it covers only about 100 acres (40 hectares) of vines around the villages of Castagnole Monferrato, Refrancore, Grana, Montemagno, Viarigi, Scurzolengo and Portacomaro. It is also found in neighboring province of Alessandria.