



## Pelassa Barolo DOCG PIEDMONT (ITALY)

Located in Montà d' Alba, in the Roero area of Piemonte, the Pelassa family has owned 12 hectares of land used for vine cultivation and wine production. The Pelassa family crafts quality wines that reflect the terrior of the land focusing on the grapes best suited for the land. Mario Pelassa first came into the wine industry in his youth travelling around on his bicycle selling various wines to the locals. At 18 he entered the army where he continued to sell wine to his comrades. After the army, Mario bought his first 5 acres of vineyards and thus the rest is history. His two sons, Davide & Daniele now head up the family winery bringing with them an air of modernization to their family tradition.

**Grapes:** 100% Nebbiolo

**Viniculture:** Hand harvested

**Alcohol:** 14% vol.

**Appearance:** Brilliant garnet red color.

**Nose:** Deeply scented bouquet that develops from scents of dry flowers & wild rose to deeper notes of "tar" creating an intoxicating ethereal bouquet.

**Palate:** Velvety, rich, ripe taste with impressive tannins well integrated into a rich & powerful wine. Layers of black fruit backed by wood & spice, penetrating & compelling

**Pairing:** Excellent with grilled meats, dark sauces & superb with truffles!

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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.

The Nebbiolo grape is known for its structure and tannins. It is very site-specific and late ripening. Other grapes of note in the region are Dolcetto and Barbera. The white grapes planted in the region are Arneis, Cortese (source of Gavi wine) and Moscato (used in Asti).

**Barolo** wines are very robust, and are extremely variable in quality & style depending on where the grapes are grown. This wine must be aged a total of three years before it is allowed to be released (five years of aging for a riserva). These wines tend to be heavy with flavors of licorice, violets, leather, and tar.