



## Pelassa San Vito Roero Arneis 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: Arneis, Nebbiolo & Barbera. Mario Pelassa first came into the wine industry in his youth travelling around on his bicycle selling various wines to the locals. He shortly upgraded to a motorcycle. 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% Arneis

**Viniculture:** Hand harvested

**Alcohol:** 13% vol.

**Appearance:** Pale straw-yellow color.

**Nose:** A complex & seductive nose with delicate scents of white flowers and chamomile. Hints of honey & white fruit give roundness to the aromas.

**Palate:** The taste is dry & harmonious with a pleasant acidulous strain giving freshness and body.

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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).

**Arneis** means 'rascal' in Piedmontese dialect, and was in decline in popularity until the 1960s. It attained a kind of cult status as the fashionable 'it' wine to pair with seafood in upscale restaurants along the Ligurian coastline.