

MARETTI

Maretti Langhe Nebbiolo 2018

Grape Variety: Nebbiolo
Region: Langhe, Piedmont
Winemaker: Danilo Droco
Alcohol: 13.5%



Summary: Piedmont, in the foothills of the Alps in the north west of Italy, is home to the country's finest full-bodied red wines. The greatest wines are made from the extremely long lived Nebbiolo. Sourced from vineyards in the small commune of Castiglione Falletto in Piedmont.

Winemaking: Vinified in open fermenters with daily pumpovers. The Nebbiolo is immediately separated from skins for pressing after a short maceration period. The fruit is matured independently in a mix of small French oak casks and large Slavonian oak for eight months before blending and a further four months ageing in large oak casks.

2018 Vintage: 2018 has been hailed as one of the best since 2000 and certainly a change of fortune as the previous vintage was notably seen as one of the worst in memory. Despite challenging conditions with fluctuating weather such as spring frosts and early summer rainfall it became stable prior to summer harvest. Both quantity and quality was rated as exceptional.

Tasting Note: With the alps on three sides in the country's mountainous North West, Piedmont creates some of Italy's finest red wines. This elegant and complex wine displays the lifted aromatics, bright red fruits and fine tannins so expressive of Langhe Nebbiolo. It's smooth and medium bodied with dark berries, hints of dried herb and nuances of leather. Approachable now but will benefit mid-term cellaring. Pair it with some rustic pork and fennel sausages on creamy parmesan polenta.