

MARETTI

Langhe Rosso 2018

Barbera Nebbiolo

Region:	Piedmont
Vineyards:	Sourced from younger vineyards within the area of production of the villages of Barbaresco and Barolo given the Langhe Appellation.
Elevation:	300m to 400m
Grape Variety:	75% Barbera 25% Nebbiolo
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. Barbera however is the most widely planted and popular variety, due to its fruit-driven expressiveness and youthful approachability.

Winemaking: Vinified separately with each parcel naturally fermented in stainless steel. The Nebbiolo is immediately separated from skins whilst the Barbera receives a further week maceration. 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: Fragrant, lifted fruits of the forest overlaid by notes of cherry and dried rose.

This is a medium weight wine, very well balanced with super fresh fruit character, sandy tannins and a clip of acidity delivering excellent Italian drinkability. It finishes dry and savoury This is a very approachable wine that will match brilliantly with food as well being great on its own. The perfect pasta or pizza wine.

