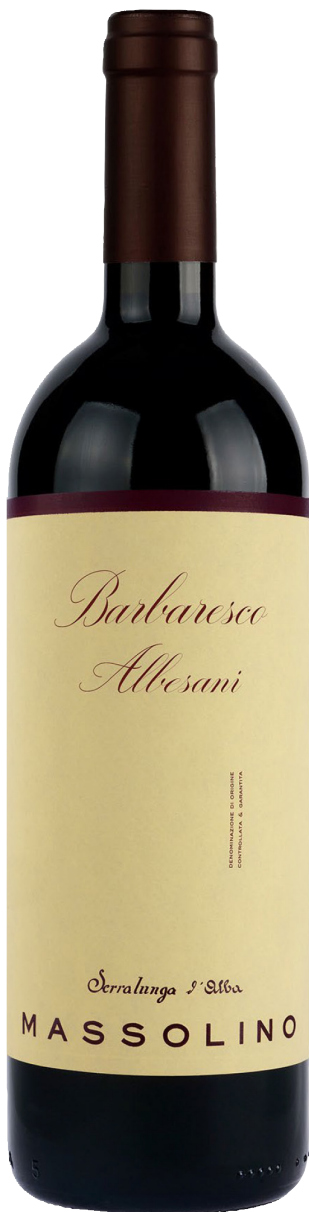




Serralunga d'Alba

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# BARBARESCO ALBESANI 2021



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A beautiful vineyard, situated in the municipality of Neive, with excellent exposure and altitude. A rich, elegant, sometimes austere wine, capable of combining great pleasure and excellent ageing potential. A small number of bottles of a very special Barbaresco! Made with Nebbiolo grapes grown in our vineyard in the "Albesani" Me.G.A. in Neive

**Altitude:** 230m above sea level..

**Total Surface Area:** 0.6 hectares (1.5 acres)

**Produced with wild yeasts:** Yes

**Soil Composition:** Mixed consistency.

**First year of production:** 2019.

**Vintage 2021:** The 2021 vintage began with a mild winter, though plenty of rain and some snow ensured an excellent supply of water, which proved to be essential over the course of the rest of a quite dry vintage. Plant growth resumed as per normal and in keeping with traditional timing, allowing to mitigate the damage of the frost which hit at the beginning of April and that resulted in an evident yield cut in some areas. A long period of fine weather began with spring and lasted throughout the summer, with recorded temperatures in line with averages for the time of year and without excesses, especially at night. We didn't have problems of hailstorm during the summer that continued regularly, with average temperatures and little rainfall, although no hydric stress was recorded. The harvest began mid-September and continued over the half of October for the Nebbiolo variety. The grapes were healthy, with optimal phenological maturity an optimal sugar content and strong acid profile. In the last part of the season, at the beginning of October, some rains arrived which helped to make the concentration of the Nebbiolo grapes more balanced, transforming a vintage started slightly early into a fairly late harvest vintage. Excellent colors with high but not excessive alcohol content with solid tannins but not aggressive and with an excellent level of acidity. It's a vintage with a very pure expression, pretty elegant and well balanced but also with strong personality that will grant an excellent ageing potential in certain variety. We think it's another great expression of our land!

**Vinification and aging:** Traditional Barbaresco, with long fermentation and maceration in oak vats at a temperature of around 30°C (86°F); aged in large Slavonian oak barrels for up to 18 months, followed by a further 24 months in the bottle in special cool, dark cellars.

**Notes:** From the very first moment this wine began to ferment, we knew we were dealing with a superb expression of Nebbiolo: a beautiful vineyard, excellent exposure and altitude... everything we need to give us perfect grapes!

**Color:** Deep garnet red.

**Bouquet:** This wine offers us highly complex, open and very pleasant aromas; flowers and scents of red fruit dominate but notes of hay, spices and tobacco also provide great depth and fullness!

**Serving Suggestions:** Rich, elegant, sometimes austere, capable of combining great pleasure and excellent ageing potential. A small number of bottles of a very special Barbaresco! We recommend decanting and serving at a temperature of 18-20°C (64°-68°F). This wine achieves its finest expression when paired with red meat, particularly game, and truffles. It is also excellent with fresh-egg pasta dishes with meat sauces, or risotto, not to mention medium-mature cow's and goat's milk cheeses.

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