



2010 VIGNA ELENA BAROLO RISERVA DOCG

THE STORY

Elena is the daughter of co-owners, Valter Fissore and Nadia Cogno. The vineyard for this wine was planted when Elena was born, and is dedicated to her, as is the wine. The label is a drawing of a chick that Elena made for her mother and father when she was just three years old. (She is now the professional designer of all the winery's labels.) This label has been the symbol of the wine ever since its creation many years ago. This Barolo Riserva is produced only in great vintages.

2010 VINTAGE NOTES

2010 was an extraordinary vintage for the Barolos of Elvio Cogno. The long, cold winter lasted until mid-March and had copious snowfall, allowing for a good budding and initial vegetative development. The beginning of summer was characterized by cool, rainy weather, slowing down grape development and resulting in a later harvest. The broad highs and lows of the summer helped the grapes develop an exceptional aromatic richness, combined with the right polyphenolic balance.

VINEYARDS

Varietal Composition:	100% Nebbiolo da Barolo, Rosé sub-variety of Nebbiolo
Sources:	100% estate vineyard halfway up the Ravera hill
Area:	1 hectare (2.47 acres)
Exposure:	Southeast
Altitude:	380 meters (1,246 feet) above sea level
Soil Composition:	Limestone and clay, with the presence of sand
Vine Age:	23 years old
Vine Density:	4,000 vines/hectare (1,619 vines/acre)
Cultivation:	Vertical trellising, Guyot pruning, 100% organic (not yet certified)
Harvest:	October

VINIFICATION

Fermentation: 100% in stainless steel, temperature-controlled, with automatic pump overs, postfermentation maceration for 30 days with submerged cap; skin contact for 40-45 days with fermentation and afterwards, with post-fermentation maceration submerged cap; 100% with indigenous yeast

Malolactic Fermentation: 100% in steel fermentors

Aging: 36 months barrel-aging in large (40 hl/1,057 gallons), used Slavonian oak, followed by 24 months in bottle

Cases Produced: 580 (6/750ml)

Cases Imported: 140

Alcohol: 14%

TASTING NOTES

An extraordinary, unique wine. Brilliant garnet red in color, with a fine and rich nose of rose, tobacco, mint, licorice, pomegranate, and black pepper. The palate is full-flavored: the Nebbiolo clone Rosé gave the 2010 vintage an incredible uniqueness. It is rich in incisive yet fine tannins, giving it a special elegance. With rich aromas and a persistent aftertaste of mint, white truffle, and wild berries, this is a wine for the fine wine lover; ready to evolve into greatness over time.

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