



## 2011 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.

### 2011 VINTAGE NOTES

After a normal winter, March brought heavy rains, and in April, the temperatures rose and remained higher than average for the rest of the season. Furthermore, July and August were very dry as well. These conditions carried on all the way to the harvest, except some light rainstorms in first week in September. This is one of the earliest harvests on record.

### VINEYARDS

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	100% Nebbiolo da Barolo, Rosé sub-variety of Nebbiolo
<b>Sources:</b>	100% estate vineyard halfway up the Ravera hill
<b>Area:</b>	1 hectare (2.47 acres)
<b>Exposure:</b>	Southeast
<b>Altitude:</b>	380 meters (1,246 feet) above sea level
<b>Soil Composition:</b>	Limestone and clay, with the presence of sand
<b>Vine Age:</b>	25 years old
<b>Vine Density:</b>	4,000 vines/hectare (1,619 vines/acre)
<b>Cultivation:</b>	Vertical trellising, Guyot pruning, 100% organic (not yet certified)

### 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:** 150

**Alcohol:** 15%

### TASTING NOTES

Dark ruby red in color with some orange reflections. The bouquet is very aromatic with flavors from dry plums to dried rose and violet petals with hints of balsamic and alpine herbs; a very "aristocratic" nose. The mouthfeel is warm and rich with soft, deep, refined tannins that are perfectly melted. The wine has a bright acidity that gives a very long and pleasant aftertaste.