



# 2017 MONTEGRILLI NEBBIOLO LANGHE DOC

## THE STORY

This wine is dedicated to Valter Fissore's grandfather, Eugenio, who had a vineyard named Montegrilli in the Roero area of the Langhe.

## 2017 VINTAGE NOTES

After several heavy snow falls in the winter time, the beginning of the spring was quite hot with some rain that helped the growing cycle to start earlier than usual. Towards the end of April, the sharp drop in temperatures recorded - especially overnight - caused some frost damage, but only at the bottom of the valleys and on cooler slopes, in fact any of our vineyards were effected. Starting from May, the weather was hot and dry, enhancing a perfectly even fruit set followed by a quick veraison. This dry conditions, even if considered extraordinary, did not effected negatively the growing cycle due the reserve of water from the winter snow. By the end of August and September, the cool nights really helped to develop perfect phenolic ripening. Harvest was about 7 to 10 days earlier than usual.



## VINEYARDS

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	100% Nebbiolo
<b>Sources:</b>	100% estate vineyards in the mid-hill region of Ravera, village of Novello, a selection from the Nebbiolo vineyards for Barolo
<b>Area:</b>	One hectare (2.471 acres)
<b>Exposure:</b>	Southern
<b>Altitude:</b>	300 meters (984 feet) above sea level
<b>Soil Composition:</b>	Limestone and clay
<b>Vine Age:</b>	Average age from 10 - 15 years
<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

<b>Fermentation:</b>	100% in stainless steel fermenters with 7 - 10 days skin contact, temperature controlled, automatic pump-overs; 100% with indigenous yeast
<b>Malolactic Fermentation:</b>	100% in steel fermenters
<b>Aging:</b>	No barrel aging; bottle aged for six months Bottled without filtration
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	830 (12/750ml)
<b>Cases Imported:</b>	160
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14%

## TASTING NOTES

Ruby red in color with purple reflections. The bouquet offers a wide range of aromas primarily of blackberry, blueberry and plum. There are intense floral notes of rose and violet. The mouth is round and fresh, with soft and velvety tannins that give a very long and pleasant aftertaste. Very approachable.

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