

# LA MORANDINA

**L**a Morandina's terroir is superlative and incredibly idiosyncratic. The Moscato grape, by nature most aromatic, is exalted by the calcareous soil on which the 15 hectares of vineyard stand.

The Morando brothers' Moscato is perfection: it has the richness that thoroughly satisfies coupled to a fragrant freshness that prevents cloying; and the bouquet transcends Moscato with unique nuances of sage and mint.

In this estate strict organic practices have been utilized for over 30 years, in fact chemical pesticides and fertilizers are banned in favour of sulphur and copper base products, manure and compost. Leguminous plants are sown on the aisles between the rows of vines and biological control is normally used against some kinds of pests. Furthermore, Giulio and Paolo Morando closely collaborate with the University of Turin, where their uncle Albino has taught viticulture for many years, and a considerable amount of research work is carried out at La Morandina.

The estate offers two wonderful Barbera d'Asti, Barbera Varmat and Barbera Zucchetto, both issuing from very old vines: husky and riddled with spice, these are pure examples of this rich soil, originating from the Miocene Epoch during which the Alps continued rising from the sea (fossilized shells can be found in the ground), while the vines of the Varmat cru are prephylloxera and are 100-120 years old.

Giulio and Paolo also make a regular Barbera d'Asti, L'Insieme (a blend of Barbera, Syrah and Nebbiolo) and a stunning single vineyard Barbaresco, "Bricco Spessa" (a cru in the township of Neive), made from 70-80 year old vines, mainly Nebbiolo Michet. This

Barbaresco, due to the age of the vines and the biotype of Nebbiolo, can be considered an "austere" wine, with an intense aroma and a great structure that makes it suitable for long ageing.◊



## Moscato d'Asti

Zone: *Castiglione Tinella*  
 Cru: *Bricco Francia*  
 Varietal: *Moscato*  
 Vineyard Ext.: *15 hectares*  
 Average Prod.: *90,000 bottles*



## Barbera d'Asti Zucchetto

Zone: *Montegrosso d'Asti-Costigliole*  
 Cru: *Zucchetto*  
 Varietal: *Barbera*  
 Vineyard Ext.: *4 hectares*  
 Average Prod.: *12,000 bottles*