

## ALDO E RICCARDO SEGHESSIO

I met Aldo and Riccardo Seghesio in 1990 through two fine friends and great winemakers of the area who occasionally bought small quantities of grapes from them. In fact, they were signalled to me for the outstanding quality of their vineyards in Monforte's cru of La Villa. This, I soon found out upon visiting, is a beautiful, small, tremendously steep south-facing slope only workable by hand.

The first release of the estate - the 1988 Barolo la Villa (first bottling ever from this cru!) - happily coincided with a magnificent vintage. The character of La Villa betrays its vicinity to La Ginestra, its better known neighboring cru justly famous for the elegance of its wines. Seghesio's Barolo expresses unusually deep colour, great finesse of bouquet with musk and tobacco scents and a concentrated, rich, silky texture that lingers long on the palate.

The low yields, the wonderful terroir and the fine winemaking also contribute in the making of very attractive Dolcetto and Barbera and perhaps the finest Nebbiolo I have ever tasted.

Furthermore, a Langhe Rosso (under the name of Bouquet - a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Nebbiolo) started being produced in 1996 and a Barolo "base" (made from the younger vines of the "La Villa" vineyard) will be released on the market in 2011.

Riccardo, after Aldo passed away in 2010, is at the helm of the estate supported by Aldo's two sons, Sandro and Marco, and by his daughter Michela. The winemaking philosophy of the estate remains the same: a modern style that interprets and respects this remarkable terroir. ♦

**Barolo La Villa**

Zone: Monforte d'Alba  
 Cru: La Villa  
 Varietal: Nebbiolo  
 Vineyard Ext.: 4 hectares  
 Average Prod.: 20,000 bottles

**Dolcetto d'Alba Vigneto della Chiesa**

Zone: Monforte d'Alba  
 Cru: La Chiesa  
 Varietal: Dolcetto  
 Vineyard Ext.: 2 hectares  
 Average Prod.: 15,000 bottles