



Lessona Doc 2014

The vintage began unusually with a very short winter and a very early and warm spring. It promised to be an average vintage. However, at the beginning of June, temperatures suddenly dropped to nearly freezing and the summer months that followed were some of the wettest on record. The second half of September was mild, and after one of the most difficult seasons in the vineyard, it was a relief to bring the grapes into the winery. We had to carry out a precise and strict sorting of the grapes which has made this one of the shortest vintages ever in terms of quantity and structure, but with wonderfully aromatic, refined and fragrant wines. It was a vintage fraught with great challenges, but with time it will give us great satisfaction!

Vineyards

The grapes for this wine come from the Ormeggio and Castagnola vineyards in Lessona in the Orolungo region, the Covà vineyard in Castello and the Monfalcone vineyards.

Soil

In the Lessona vineyards, soils comprise marine sands from the pliocene period on igneous rock, mixed with more recent glacial sediment. The soil is acid (pH 4.5 - 5.5) rich in minerals and trace elements including iron, manganese, aluminium and zinc.

Vines

100% Nebbiolo.

Rootstocks

3309-C, Gloire de Montpellier, 101-14, Gravesac, Rupestris du Lot.

Plant density

5.000 vines per hectare.

Altitude

Lessona: 290-350 metres above sea level.

Harvest

From 17th to 22nd October 2014. The grapes are hand picked into small boxes.

Vinification

The grapes are sorted while on the conveyor belt, then destemmed and gently pressed then fed by gravity into the fermentation tank. Fermentation with natural yeasts in open topped wooden fermenters. Skin maceration lasts 28 days, with regular punching down of the cap. The wine then remained 9 months *sur lie*.

Ageing

The wine ages in barrels and oval 15 hectolitre casks for 33 months. Bottling: 20th July 2017. Further ageing in bottle for some time before release.

Analysis

Alcohol: 13 %; total acidity: 5.9 g/L; pH: 3.55.