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#### TASTING NOTES

A classic example of Barbera. Long mouthfeel influenced by oak aging provides a smooth texture and lasting finish. Red fruits, chocolate, vanilla, and toffee.

## Domenico Clerico Barbera d'Alba Trevigne

COUNTRY ABV  
Italy 14%

REGION VARIETALS  
Piedmont Barbera

APPELLATION  
DOC Barbera d'Alba

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#### WINERY

Domenico Clerico, who passed away in July 2017, began producing wine in 1976 as one of the progressive “Barolo Boys.” With a mix of both modern techniques but deep Langhe roots, Clerico’s classification is complicated. Their core winemaking philosophy is the belief that the quality of vines is the sole factor determining a wine’s potential.

The estate is situated in Monforte d’Alba, right in the heart of Barolo, with outstanding vineyard holdings in four of the greatest crus of Monforte: Ginestra, Pajana, Mosconi, and Bussia. Clerico’s Barolos have been routinely outstanding (90 points or more), including topping Wine Spectator’s 2011 Top 100 Wines of the Year, with the Barolo Ciabot Mentin Ginestra 2006 coming in at No. 8. Today, Oscar Arrivabene stands at Clerico’s helm, carrying on Domenico’s vision and dream of making pure wines that fully express the true character and potential of the land.

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#### CULTIVATION

3 hectares of Ginestra cru parted in 2 vineyards with different exposures, .8 hectares of San Pietro cru.

#### VINIFICATION

Maceration on the skins for 10-14 days.

#### AGING

Aged for 16 months in French oak barriques (50%), and in 50hL barrel (50%).