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Parker
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Suckling
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TASTING NOTES

Power, richness, and masculinity from the Pajana site is typical of Clerico. An ageworthy Barolo for sure, tannins are present, yet structured without overpowering the fruit.

Domenico Clerico Barolo Pajana

COUNTRY ABV
Italy 14.5%

REGION VARIETALS
Piedmont Nebbiolo

APPELLATION
DOCG Barolo

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.

CULTIVATION

The Pajana cru of Ginestra showcases the elegance of Ginestra while the Ciabot Mentin bottling showcases additional power, richness, and masculinity.

VINIFICATION

Maceration on skins for 20-25 days.

AGING

Aged for 16 months barrique, constant tastings to select the best barrique, then assembling barrel. 16 months in barrel (50hL), 2+ years in bottle.