

COCITO



In 1994, after much consideration, Ezio Cocito (pronounced Co-chee-toe) embarked on the advice of his longtime friend Giorgio Rivetti of La Spinetta. He pulled up the Moscato vines in his family's tiny 1 hectare high elevation vineyard in Nieve and replanted to Nebbiolo to pursue the dream of making great Barbaresco.

"I have two passions in my life: horses and Barbaresco. It's through these passions that Giorgio and I have become great friends. I have taught Giorgio much about horses and he has taught me much about Barbaresco."

With Ezio's grand dreams of making truly great wine, he collaborated with Giorgio to not only help him in the vineyard but in the winery. Production is very small, between only 300-400 six-pack cases a year. The wine is vinified and aged at the La Spinetta winery and only Riserva is produced with extended bottle aging.

"I've always believed that if you can't do something right, you shouldn't do it at all. This is why we produce only one wine and only produce our wine in exceptional vintages."

COCITO BARBARESCO RISERVA "BALUCHIN"

Only 400 six-pack wooden cases produced

Aged 24 months in 30% new French oak - Un-fined

2011 Review: 92 Points, Vinous: "The 2011 Barbaresco Riserva Baluchin is wonderfully open and racy, which makes it an excellent choice for drinking over the near and medium term. Sweet red cherry, wild flowers, mint, white chocolate and a kiss of French oak complement the natural richness of the vintage nicely. Gracious and light on its feet, the 2011 shows plenty of Nebbiolo translucence in a forward, racy style."

2010 Review: 93 Points, The Wine Advocate: "I tasted this wine at the La Spinetta winery because vintner Ezio Cocito is a close friend of Giorgio Rivetti. The 2010 Barbaresco Riserva Baluchin is an extremely precise and focused expression of Nebbiolo. The aromas are razor sharp. Cocito farms some of the highest-altitude vineyards in the Barbaresco appellation at 400 meters above sea level. I can only imagine that achieving ripeness must be a challenge in the coolest vintages. The vines are 24 years old, and therefore stable and consistent in terms of their output. The vineyard measures a mere 1.2 hectares. Limestone soils push elegant aromas of blue violets, flint and campfire ash."

2009 Review: 94 Points, Vinous: "The 2009 Barbaresco Riserva Baluchin fleshes out beautifully in the glass. Round, sensual and inviting, the 2009 benefits from the warmer growing season, which gives it a bit more depth and richness than the 2008. Sweet red cherry, orange peel, white pepper and mint add shades of complexity as this nuanced Barbaresco opens up effortlessly in the glass."

