

Rizzi

BARBERA D'ALBA - 2021

REGION: ITALY - PIEMONTE



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Nestled at the very top of the impressively steep, vine-clad hills of the Treiso zone of Barbaresco, the winery's vineyards were planted as early as the 1960's in the white marl, calcareous soil typical of this area. An impressive selection of cru Barbaresci is punctuated by the spectacular Vigna Boito located at the peak of the Rizzi cru. The estate is managed entirely by the Dellapiana family with son Enrico as winemaker and viticulturist. Rizzi Winery participates in "The Green Experience" project which mandates guidelines for environmentally sustainable production.

THE WINE

Vineyard Profile

Vineyards in Treiso.

- Altitude: 920-1410 feet/280–430 meters
- Exposure: South, East
- Soils: White marl, clayey-calcareous, with layers of sand
- Vines planted 1967 – 2004
- Vine Training System: Guyot

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested into small crates from late September through 1st ten days of October
- Fermented in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperatures for 10 days
- Traditional, partial submerged cap method used during ferment
- Wine racked, then malolactic fermentation for 1 month
- Aged in large oak barrels, concrete and stainless steel tanks
- Bottled and released 18 months after harvest

Winemaker's Notes

This Barbera shows you the harmonious side of the terroir. It aspires to achieve fruitiness rather than strength and density. It is well structured, fine and linear to the last note. The color is ruby red with clear crimson highlights. It has a bouquet of blackberry and sour plum, with light vinous notes. A balanced body and high acidity makes the wine fresh and a terrific pairing partner.

Technical Information

- 100% Barbera
- Alcohol: 14%

REVIEWS

Barbera d'Alba – 2021

90 Points - © Wine Advocate, August, 2023

Here's another food-friendly alternative from beautiful Piedmont. The Rizzi 2021 Barbera d'Alba opens to an inky dark appearance with thickly concentrated flavors of cherry liqueur, crème de cassis and black plum. The wine is textured and layered with soft fruit flavors. It ends with a spot of freshness, but the acidity is balanced against the sweetness of the fruit. This wine sees a brief six months in oak followed by a slow 16 months in cement to



relax and integrate. Some 13,700 bottles will hit the market in September.
2023- 2027

91 Points - View From The Cellar, November, 2023

The 2021 Barbera d'Alba from Enrico Dellapiana at Cantine Rizzi is raised in a combination of *botti*, stainless steel tanks and concrete vats. The wine comes in at fourteen percent alcohol in this vintage and delivers a beautiful, sappy bouquet of sweet dark berries, black cherries, peanuts, cigar ash, a superb base of soil tones, a dollop of fresh oregano and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is ripe, full-bodied and beautifully balanced, with lovely depth of fruit, moderate tannins, bouncy acids and excellent focus and grip on the long, complex and classy finish. After a few encounters with fifteen percent examples of Barbera in this report, it is refreshing to taste a classic bottle of excellent Barbera! 2023 – 2035

GENERAL INFO

Country	Italy
Region	Piedmont
Appellation(s)	Treiso, Neive, Neviglie
Proprietors	Enrico & Jole Dellapiana (brother and sister)
Founded	1974
Winemaker	Enrico Dellapiana
Annual Production	Between 7,500 to 9,000 9L cases