

CANTINA DEL PINO BARBARESCO



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Located in a part of the Piedmont Region called the Langhe where some of Italy's most famous wines are produced. The nearby Alps provide not just majestic views but also a protection from severe weather throughout the year. The grapes come from 4 vineyards, which cover a combined 6 acres. The vineyards range from 35 to 70 years in age, the soil is calcareous limestone with white sandy veins. The winery is a modern facility. Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks for 30 days on the skins. Aged two years in oak and one year in the bottle. The wines are not filtered or fined.

Domizio Cavazza was the director of the Royal Enological School in Alba from 1888-1913. When he arrived in Barbaresco he surprised everyone by purchasing land and making his home there instead of the more famous estates in Barolo. He purchased the Ovello cascina (farmhouse and land) and began making wine. For the first time the wine made from the Nebbiolo vineyards surrounding the village was called Barbaresco. Cavazza celebrated the birth of his first son by planting what became a well-known landmark in the region, a large Mediterranean pine tree. The estate began to be known as the *cascina del pino* or "winery of the pine." Renato Vacca's great grandfather purchased the vineyards after Sig. Cavazza prematurely died. The Vacca family has been there ever since. Their winemaking philosophy is that they want their wines to reflect the *terroir* of Barbaresco with no manipulation.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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