

ODDERO BAROLO DOCG ROCCHE DI CASTIGLIONE

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The vineyard is located in Castiglione Falletto, 250 meters above sea level, and has a southeastern exposure and is one of the oldest Oddero vineyards, with 65-year-old vines. Rocche di Castiglione is a beautiful narrow vineyard on top of the *Rocche* or cliffs. The original rock is extremely close to the surface; the sedimentary soil is thin and loose. During the warmest seasons, the plants really suffer for water shortage. Great care is taken over the cultivation of the vineyard; rigorous manual selection of grapes in the vineyard and in the winery; destemming-crushing, fermentation and maceration followed by malolactic fermentation in French oak barrels for 30 months. Bottling takes place at the end of the summer, with a further year of bottle aging before release on the market.

The Oddero winery's roots go back to the 18th century, when the family's ancestors began to make wine under their own name. The vineyards and farmhouses that they live in today have always belonged to the family. The wine cellars, located in Santa Maria of La Morra, are raised up on a natural terrace and overlook the hills of the Langhe. Surrounded by beautifully tended vineyards, the winery cultivates 86 acres. Over the past 40 years, Giacomo Oddero, born in 1926, has protected tradition while improving quality at the winery. He has now handed the reins of the winery to his daughter Mariacristina (who has a viticulture and oenology degree) and grandchildren Isabella and Pietro, who represent the seventh generation of a family with more than a century-and-a-half of viticultural tradition behind them. In 2008 they began converting to organic vineyard management. The Odderos' holdings are made up of many small vineyards (sometimes just an acre in size) distributed over a wide zone, where they strive to make wines that *are* the vineyards they cultivate. They have the great fortune to possess some of the most beautiful and important vineyards of the Langhe in Barolo and Barbaresco territory, with a high percentage of *sori*, the sunny sites where Nebbiolo can flourish. In general, their style is restrained: poised and sure, not flashy and forward.



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