CANTINA DEL PINO BARBARESCO OVELLO

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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. One of the premiere sites in the entire Barbaresco wine growing region, Ovello sits at an altitude of 300 meters and has a south and southeast exposure. The soils in Ovello are limestone with sandy veins with high calcium content. Ovello has some of the oldest vines in their holdings at an average age of 40 years with some as old as 70. The winery is a modern facility. All the fermentation is done in stainless steel temperature controlled containers for optimum management. 15-20 day maceration. The wine is aged for 1 year in small oak barrels, then 1 year in large oak casks and 18 months in 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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