

2018 Elio Filippino La Morra Barolo Elio Filippino Wines, Neive, Piedmont, Italy



The Wine:

100% Nebbiolo from a two-acre plot in the legendary Barolo commune of La Morra. With a total production of just 4,000 bottles the winemaking and harvesting is all done by hand. The 2018 vintage began with one of the wettest March - April and May weather patterns in the last 50 years. The Summer was ideal with moderate temperatures and dry weather through August when some light rains came. The harvest was done in late October under ideal conditions and resulted in wines with elegance, structure and aromatic intensity. The fruit and varietal character were both classic examples of Barolo. Aged 24 months in Slovenian oak casks and an additional 18 months in the bottle prior to release.

The Estate:

On the right bank of the Tanaro River, 12km from Alba, this family-run estate sits on the steep hilly slopes of the Serra Capelli Hill. The south-west facing vineyards encompass 10 acres and are planted to Nebbiolo, Barbera and Dolcetto. Elio Filippino is the winemaker and his mother Lucia and sister Ivana all contribute greatly to the production of high-quality wines. Traditional winemaking methods are used along with biodynamic vineyard practices.

Tasting Notes:

Color: Light ruby with flashes of orange

Aromas: Sweet red berries, wild flowers, sage and fennel

Flavor & Texture: Berries, bitter chocolate, subtle spice with firm tannins and structure

Food Pairing: Slow cooked braised short ribs with wild mushrooms

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