

2015 Le Cecche product-pdf - Barolo Sorano - Single-Vineyard Barolo, 54% Off!

Why We're Drinking It

Is there such a thing as too much ridiculously competitive-priced Barolo? The answer is no, especially when it comes to savvy wine consumers like yourselves. And when you see Barolo from an excellent vintage like 2015 (Suckling calls it "a great year, clearly the best since 2010, perhaps better), and from the magnificent Sorano vineyard for a meager price of \$39, a 54% savings, well there's just no way TO say no.

We discovered Le Cecche on a buying trip to VinItaly and fell in love with the charming husband and wife duo who run the historic estate. Marchioness Paola Invrea and her Belgian husband, Jan de Bruyne, purchased the hamlet of Diano d'Alba in 2001 and spent the next few years fully restoring the buildings into a modern winery. A few vineyards purchases later, they've become one of the smaller producers in the area that have captured the hearts of true Nebbiolo enthusiasts.

Our allotment is but a small amount, just a few cases that we're diligently trying not to hoard for ourselves. The wine simply has a beautiful finesse and elegance, a classic style of Barolo from Sorano, that is full of those beautiful sour and dry cherries we know and love, Asian spices and red plums, whiffs of tea and stewed orange rinds. Plenty of power, tannin and acidity to let this one lie for another decade or so.

If you love Barolo, even if you haven't been fully introduced, the Le Cecche is one to not miss. \$39 and 54% off! Complimentary shipping on 4 bottles!

Tasting Notes

Finessed, elegant and a classic style of Barolo from Sorano, that is rich with sour and dried cherries, Asian spices and red plums, whiffs of tea and stewed orange rinds. Lots of power, tannin and acidity.

VARIETAL

Nebbiolo

APPELLATION

Barolo

ALCOHOL

14.50

SIZE

750ml

BLEND

Nebbiolo

The Story to Know

Le Cecche is a small hamlet of Diano d'Alba, one of the "11 comuni del Barolo" in Piedmont. With origins dating back to the 18th century, the hamlet consisted of three small farms. Through marriages between the three families, Le Cecche finished in the hands of the Marengo family for a long period. The last generation remained without heirs, and sold the property in 2001 to the actual owners, Jan De Bruyne, a Belgian MD and his Italian wife, Marchioness Paola Invrea.

After a thorough restoration of the buildings and the creation of a modern winery, new vineyards of Barbera, Nebbiolo and Merlot were planted on the steep south and southwest facing slopes around the house. Also the old Dolcetto vineyard, dating back to the fifties was restored. In 2008 a vineyard for white wine was planted in Bossolasco at an altitude of 750m, southfacing, becoming one of the highest vineyards in the Langhe region.

In 2010 a vineyard was bought in the Barolo area, MGA Sorano in Serralunga d'Alba, well known for its long living wines.

In 2014 a second Barolo vineyard was bought in Grinzane Cavour, MGA Borzone, and in 2015 another vineyard in Monforte, MGA Bricco San Pietro. In total Le Cecche owns actually 6,5 ha of vineyards. 2 more hectares will be planted in Diano d'Alba with Dolcetto, Barbera and Nebbiolo. Started with a production of 3.000 bottles in 2002, the production reached 40.000 bottles in 2017.

The consultant agriculturist is Gianpiero Romana, Piero Ballario is the consultant winemaker.

