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## Barolo Le Vigne Sibi et Paucis 2008

### Barolo

#### ESTATE

Sandrone's wines are sometimes described as straddling the modern and traditional styles in the region: elegant, attractive and easy to appreciate right from their first years in bottle, but with no less power and structure than traditional Barolos.

#### WINE

Each year, the winery chooses to put aside a small part of their production of the wines based in Nebbiolo. The winery holds these in their library under optimal conditions for resting, refining and the slow march toward maturity. The seal on the labels identifies these specific bottles and their path which began under the ground in their cellars.

#### VINEYARD

The first vineyard, Vignane, is situated in the historical part of the Barolo appellation and shares many characteristics with Cannubi. The second vineyard, Conterni in Monforte d'Alba produces wines of great tannic structure and shares some of the austere character of Serralunga fruit. The third, Ceretta di Perno, is also from the Monforte d'Alba side and produces wines of freshness and vivacity. Lastly, the Merli vineyard is located in Novello, produces wines that are earthy and robust but with good aromatic complexity.

*Grape Variety:* 100% Nebbiolo

#### WINEMAKING

*Fermentation:* Each vineyard is vinified separately, and after destemming and light crushing, the must is covered with CO<sub>2</sub> for a gentle warm maceration of approximately a day. Alcoholic fermentation begins about 24-36 hours later from native yeasts. A gentle maceration takes place in upright open-top steel tanks for the first 9-15 days of alcoholic fermentation. Immediately after alcoholic fermentation, which takes 28-30 days, malolactic fermentation takes place in 500 liter French oak casks.

*Aging:* The wine is aged in these casks for 24 months, followed by 18 months bottle aging.

#### VINTAGE

The adjective that best describes 2008 is "classic." From a climactic point of view, this vintage takes you back to the 1970s, with a rainy spring, followed by a gradual stabilization of the climatic weather over the summer that allowed the winery to achieve an excellent maturation and a unique balance of acid and tannin.

#### WINE ADVOCATE

"The 2008 Barolo Le Vigne Sibi et Paucis comes from a vintage that was sandwiched between other blockbuster years such as 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2010. This is an excellent expression that excels in the delivery of both power and elegance. These are the two cornerstones of this remarkable wine. Le Vigne is a blend of fruit from various cru sites spanning various townships within the greater Barolo appellation. The percentages of fruit per township (Serralunga d'Alba vs Monforte d'Alba, for example) is adjusted according to the specifics of the vintage. That inherent flexibility is exactly what makes this wine so special. Dark fruit segues to lighter tones of ash, grilled herb and dried fruit. The tannins are silky and long."

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