



BAVA PianoAlto Barbera d'Asti Nizza DOCG 2016



Country

Italy

Appellation

Nizza DOCG

Region

Piedmont

Sub-Region

Nizza

Varietal Blend

100% Barbera

Winemakers

Paolo Bava

Alcohol Content

14%

Residual Sugar

1 g/L

Total Acidity

5.64 g/L

Total Sulphur

32 mg/L

pH

3.56

HISTORY

Since 1600, the Bava Family has grown grape vines in Cocconato, a village that rises steeply up the hillsides of the Monferrato Astigiano territory, founding their winery there in 1911. Over the past century, six generations have carried on their family winemaking traditions and have expanded their vineyards to include prized estates in Barolo and Nizza. Concentrating on high quality Barbera, Nebbiolo and traditional indigenous varieties, Bava is dedicated to creating pure and delicious expressions of their historic Piedmontese terroir.

The label shows brick brise-soleil of the barn at Bava's Pianoalto farmhouse.

VINIFICATION and MATURATION

The Pianoalto estate in Crena hosts wonderful Barbera vineyards. Bava's oldest vineyard produces Pianoalto; and since 2014, a Barbera d'Asti Superiore boasts the appellation DOCG Nizza. It is made from the oldest vines at the Pianoalto estate in Agliano Terme. The importance of the soil and of the position resulting in the final reflections of the wine are at the origin of the cru of Pianoalto. The Piedmontese double-vat for the ageing enhances its original characteristics and its distinction. The grapes in Pianoalto have an excellent concentration of sugar and anthocyanins, while the tannins are sweet as they should be for good Barbera grapes when they are ripe. Grapes are hand-picked and fermented in 53 hl wooden vats. The must is daily tasted to ensure quality. Punching down and delestage are used to achieve the correct extraction of the components. Aged in custom-made 1500L wooden vats starts in the spring and lasts for 18 months followed by a long ageing in bottle before being released.

TASTING NOTES

PianoAlto is an harmonic and soft wine; the wooden ageing provides a balance. Fleshy with alluring aromas that are intense and complex, ripe currant and spicy notes similar to pepper and tobacco.

