



ENRICO SERAFINO  
1878



# VIGNA SAN DEFENDENTE

## Barbera d'Alba doc MGA San Defendente 2020

### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

**COLOUR:** deep ruby red with typical purple hues.  
**NOSE:** wide, complex, vinous with notes of violet, cherry, currant, spices and tobacco while being very persistent.  
**PALATE:** rich of currant flavours, amazingly fresh, velvety, medium to full body, fine texture, with pleasant silky acidity softened by ageing in oak.

### FOOD PAIRING

It pairs with pasta, risotto, barbecue, cheese and salami.

### CHARACTER

Young	○ ○ ○ ○ ● ○	Aged
Light	○ ○ ○ ○ ● ○	Full bodied
Sweet	○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ●	Dry
No oak	○ ○ ○ ○ ● ○	Oak

Serving temperature  
16 - 18 °

Wine maker  
Paolo Giacosa

Growing area  
San Defendente, (Canale)

Grapes  
100% Barbera

Harvest  
100% by hand  
Alcohol  
14,5%



### GRAPES HANDLING

Grape bunches are hand-sorted on a vibrating table and chilled with carbonic snow to avoid oxidation and reduce considerably the use of sulphur. After destemming, berries are hand-sorted on a second vibrating table and finally softly crushed. This process is "100% screw conveyor free" to handle grapes as gently as possible.

### WINE MAKING

The must is cooled to preserve its best characters before fermentation in stainless steel vats and conic oak vats at controlled temperature. The maceration is medium acting using délestage and, partially, submerged cap technique for over 18 days.

### OAK REFINEMENT

The ageing of 18 months is made in medium size oak casks (2500-4000 litres) and a little part in barriques and tonneaux.

Cellaring  
8 - 10 years

Exposure  
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Vines age  
15 - 30 years

Soil  
Sandy-loamy

Training system  
Guyot

Farming practices  
Sustainable

### VINTAGE 2020

The vintage began with a mild winter followed by the months of March and April marked by fine weather and little rainfall. The rainy days of May and June caused a slowdown in plant growth. The situation was later normalized. The harvest started on August 21 with Alta Langa. Barbera and Nebbiolo ripening has slowed down but it has been taken up in the second half of September. Especially Nebbiolo grapes were harvested in optimal conditions. The 2020 vintage can be said to be extremely good with intense and elegant aromas and with well-balanced wines.

### THE DIFFERENCE IS

San Defendente Barbera d'Alba Superiore is a ripe, multifaceted and amazing Barbera showing an appealing richness in red fruit flavours. Thanks to the careful handling from the harvest to the oak REFINEMENT, the grape characters are perfectly included in the wine.