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## Cascina Val del Prete Nebbiolo d'Alba

**Appellation:** Nebbiolo d'Alba, DOC

**Type:** Red, dry

**Varietal:** 100% Nebbiolo

**Certified Organic**

### Tasting Notes

**Color:** Bright garnet red color.

**Bouquet:** Intense, with notes of violet, dark cherry, and scents of pepper and eucalyptus.

**Taste:** Flavors of dried cherries, rose petal, strawberries, tobacco, resinous herbs, and truffle. Balanced acidity and very approachable.

### Food Pairing

Roasted lamb, game and dry cheeses.

### Vineyard Notes

**Production Zone:** Roero, Cuneo.

**Vineyard:** The vineyard extends for about three acres on the left bank of the Tanaro river. The vineyard is bio-dynamically fertilized.

**Soil:** Sandy-clayey with gray-bluish marl resurfacing, alkaline pH.

**Elevation:** 250 meters (820 feet) a.s.l.

**Exposure:** East and west.

**Vine age:** 30+ years old.

**Density:** 5,000 vines per hectare.

**Training System:** Vertical trellised.

**Pruning:** Guyot.

### Winemaking Notes

**Harvest:** Mid-October by hand.

**Vinification:** 25 to 35-day maceration in stainless steel tanks with 6-7 daily pump-overs. Racking into French oak barrels where malolactic conversion takes place.

**Aging:** 12-months in 25 hl oak barrels and 6 months in bottle.



**Val del Prete** (Valley of the Priest) is thought to have come by its name when around 1850, the Abbot Felice de Grèsy was forced to reside here in exile. In 1977, the property was purchased by Bartolomeo Roagna of Priocca d'Alba who then planted the first vineyards of Barbera and Nebbiolo in the amphitheater around the farmhouse and sold grapes and bulk wine. In 1995 Bartolomeo's son Mario, supported by his wife Maria Carla, took over the reins of the farm. He decided to move exclusively to viticulture and the production of quality wines. He also chose to move to natural agriculture and to bottle his own wines. Since 2013, the current 10 hectares of vineyards cultivated in Arneis, Barbera and Nebbiolo are certified organic. In 2010, Mario and Maria Carla's son, Giovanni started managing the family business, bringing youth and new enthusiasm into the process. Mario is still quite involved.