

# COCITO



In 1994, after much consideration, Ezio Cocito (pronounced Co-chee-toe) embarked on the advice of his longtime friend Giorgio Rivetti of La Spinetta. He pulled up the Moscato vines in his family's tiny 1 hectare high elevation vineyard in Nieve and replanted to Nebbiolo to pursue the dream of making great Barbaresco.

"I have two passions in my life: horses and Barbaresco. It's through these passions that Giorgio and I have become great friends. I have taught Giorgio much about horses and he has taught me much about Barbaresco."

With Ezio's grand dreams of making truly great wine, he collaborated with Giorgio to not only help him in the vineyard but in the winery. For the Barbaresco Riserva, production is very small, between only 350-400 six-pack cases a year. The wine is vinified and aged at the La Spinetta winery and only Riserva is produced with extended bottle aging.

"I've always believed that if you can't do something right, you shouldn't do it at all. This is why we only produce our wine when we can achieve an exceptional vintage."

Recently, the back portion of the vineyard, another hectare, was reunited with the 1 hectare of Nebbiolo. This portion of the vineyard had been long leased to another producer and is dominated by plantings of Arneis with a small amount of Sylvaner.



## COCITO 2020 LANGHE BIANCO "BEN TURNO"

A blend of Arneis and Sylvaner from 35+ year old vines, planted at 250 meters elevation.

Native yeast fermentation in stainless steel tank

Aged sur-lie for 6 months

Rested in bottle for 2+ months prior to release

Very limited production

"Ben Turno" means "welcome back" in Piedmont dialect.

It refers to Ezio getting back control of this portion of the vineyard, which was previously leased to another producer.

The expression of Arneis in this wine is extremely aromatic, due to some wild vine crossing with Moscato, that happened some time ago but was not known until recently. When Giorgio Rivetti vinified the grapes after the first harvest, it was quickly noticed that the wine had very heightened aromatics. The pallet expresses intense, fresh fruit, dry and an absolutely unique wine with an unprecedented character.