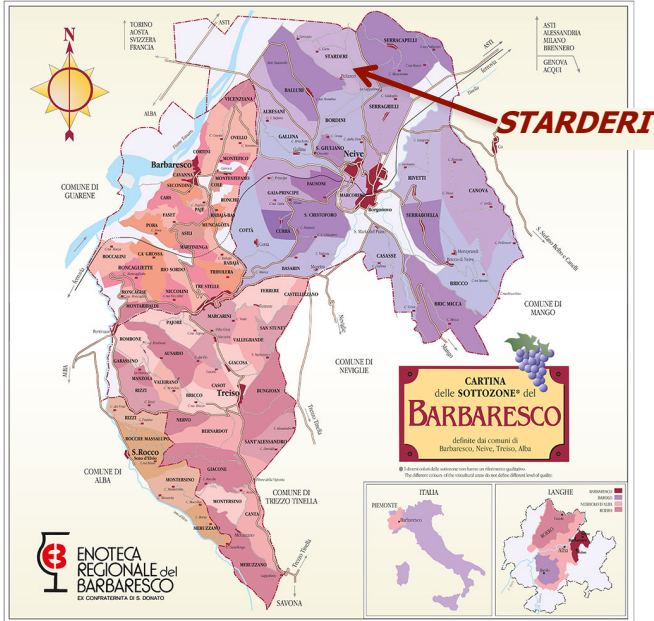


LA SPINETTA

"produrre vini con passione"



In 1996, a year after the purchase of Gallina (Nieve), the Rivetti family acquired six and a half hectares on the hillside just behind Gallina, in the Cru vineyard known as Starderì, which is planted exclusively to Nebbiolo.

Although the geographical details of Starderì are nearly identical to those of Gallina (calcareous soil, 50+ year old vines, south facing and the same altitude) the fruit and resulting wine is quite different. Starderì is much more powerful than Gallina and can easily be mistaken for a Barolo. What Gallina offers in elegance, Starderì presents in power and length. Though we aren't quite sure why the two vineyards are so different, a slight difference in microclimate is likely responsible. In fact, the vineyards are located in two different valleys; Gallina is situated in a much wider valley than Starderì.



Malolactic fermentation is done in French oak barrels (20% new). The wine is then aged for 20 months in French oak barrels, of which 20% are new and the remaining are second passage. It is bottled un-fined and un-filtered and then bottle rested for 6+ months. Farming is certified organic. There is no use of herbicides or pesticides. The wine is also Vegan. This is a 6-pk wooden case.

LA SPINETTA 2014 BARBARESCO "STARDERÌ"

93 Points, Vinous: "The 2014 Barbaresco Vigneto Starderì is deep, powerful and intense, as it usually is, with soaring aromatics, bright red stone fruit and huge beams of tannin that give the wine its vertical spine. The tannins are naturally going to need time to soften, but there is plenty to look forward to. The Starderì is the most explosive and searing of these Barbarescos from La Spinetta, but it nevertheless offers considerable appeal. Patience is key."

93 Points, The Wine Advocate: "The 2014 Barbaresco Starderì Vürsù represents a clear step up in terms of intensity and structure. If the Gallina is about elegance and finesse, this wine is about brawn, personality and volume. Again, if we focus on mouthfeel alone, this Barbaresco delivers an etched and firm tannic structure that runs straight down the backbone of this wine. Yet, the wine is also composed and still at this moment in time. You get the feeling that the real action will start a few years from now."

93 Points, The Wine Spectator: "A core of black cherry is accented by eucalyptus, juniper, wild rosemary and stony, chalky notes in this tightly wound red. Offers a firm tannic backbone, offset by plenty of sweet fruit. The long finish indicates potential. Best from 2022 through 2035."