

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 1.2-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 great wine. 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 great wine."

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, Ezio regained full access and control of his family's vineyard dominated by older vine plantings of Arneis and Sylvaner. The vineyard had been long leased to another producer.

COCITO 2024 LANGHE BIANCO DOC "BEN TURNO"

A blend of mostly Arneis (95%) + a small amount of Chardonnay and Sylvaner (5%) from scattered vines in the vineyard. The vines average 35+ years in age and are planted between 260-280 meters elevation. The vineyard has a South-East and East exposure (which is ideal for securing the desired expression of the Arneis vine's characteristics).

Native yeast fermentation in stainless steel tank

Aged sur-lie for 6 months.

Rested in bottle for 2+ months prior to release.

limited production – less than 500cs produced.

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

It refers to not only the vineyard being fully returned to Ezio, but also Ezio's beloved daughter Federica returning to Piedmont and working side by side with her father, in the vineyards.

91 Points, Vinous: *"The 2024 Langhe Bianco is a very pretty, aromatic wine. Apricot, mint, green apple, jasmine and light tropical inflections grace this attractive, distinctive white. The Bianco is a blend of Arneis, Chardonnay and Gewürztraminer. The 2024 is beautifully done."*

