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AGRICOLE GUSSALLI BERETTA

Guided by terroir, driven by elegance

The Lo Sparviere estate in Lombardy's Franciacorta, the first estate established by the Gussalli Beretta family in 1974, is housed in an ancient country residence dating back to the 16th century. Over the years, the family has invested steadily in other wine estates across Italy. Wineries in Abruzzo, Tuscany, Piedmont and Trentino Alto Adige now constitute a leading group under the umbrella of Agricole Gussalli Beretta.

Having the opportunity to build a portfolio of wineries focused on premium quality, while allowing both grapes and terroir to have maximum expression is rare. It takes time, technical skill both in the vineyard and cellar, and a deep understanding of each individual wine region.

The wines made by each of the five wineries belonging to the Agricole Gussalli Beretta group have deep links to their respective regions. Lo Sparviere, in Franciacorta, with 30 hectares of vineyards all organically farmed since 2013, vinifies each single plot separately to let the particular characteristics of each terroir emerge. The altitude and the cool climate of Radda in Chianti produce extremely elegant Chianti Classico, Riserva and Gran Selezione wines destined for long ageing. Fortemasso's vineyards in the Langhe are sandy and steep, making for fresh and aromatic Barolos. The wines produced by Steinhaus and Orlandi Contucci Ponno in, respectively, Alto Adige and the Teramo Hills, are the result of extraordinary microclimates influenced by the nature of the territory they come from: mountains and sea.

To work as successfully as the owners do, across such compellingly diverse vineyards, as much as 586 km apart, is a huge achievement.

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**Fortemasso, Barolo Castelletto
DOCG Riserva 2016**

The Gussalli Beretta family's Piedmontese estate is located in the hamlet of Castelletto, in the eastern part of Barolo's most prestigious commune, Monforte d'Alba. Barolos from this area are approachable even when fairly young, age beautifully and radiate an innate complexity. The wines from this single-vineyard location have a suave, silky fruit-flowing signature supported by amenably layered tannins. These enviable characteristics are due partly to sandstone soils which stay cool and moist enough to prevent vine stress.

Flavour, complexity and aroma intensity develop well because the Nebbiolo vines occupy the top of a vertiginous hill rising to 450 metres, and off which runs notably cold night air. The inner tension this creates adds the right counterpoint to the rich, perfectly ripe fruit. **Drink** now to 2030.

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