



## Barolo Dcog Sottocastello di Novello

**PRODUCTION ZONE:** the vineyard lies in the village of Novello, on the highly-prized “sotto castello” (below the castle) cru facing south, south-east at an average altitude of 400 m asl. The fairly deep limestone soil has medium consistency with good drainage. The vines are planted with a density of 4,500 per hectare, and are trained on vertical trellises and pruned using the Guyot system.

**YEAR OF PLANTING:** 1999 and 2002

**VINIFICATION:** vinification on the skins, with a submerged cap and daily pumping over of the must. The maceration is extended for several days following the alcoholic fermentation by steeping the cap in order to increase the extraction and stabilize the colour extracted; after the wine has been drawn off and raked several times, it undergoes malolactic fermentation in steel before being transferred to oak by the end of the year to mature for two years in Oak barrels prior to bottling, which takes place one year before the wine is released.

**TASTING NOTES:** deep, bright ruby red with slight orange hues; expansive, clear-cut nose, with hints of violet, vanilla, cinnamon, sweet tobacco and liquorice; very structured, soft mouth-filling taste, which is lightly dry with an appealing, long, spicy finish. Its structure and wealth of polyphenols give this wine an exceptionally long cellar life, during which its tasting properties continue to develop.



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