

Le Pianelle | “al posto dei fiori”

Alto Piemonte | Coste della Sesia Rosato DOC



The Story: By the time Cristiano Garella was 21 he was the winemaker and Director of Tenuta Sella, one of the oldest and most famous wineries in Northern Italy. By the time he was 24 he was helping other winemakers in Alto Piemonte understand their own vineyards and passionately advocating for the rebuilding of the region. His belief in the terroir of his area is abundantly clear when you taste any of the wines he makes or helps to make. At Le Pianelle, Cristiano has not only helped to restore one of the great vineyards in Bramaterra, he is also making some of the best wines. The wines from Le Pianelle are beautiful, complex, moving expressions of Nebbiolo and remain vastly underpriced, as do most of the wines from Alto Piemonte. Bramaterra and Le Pianelle are another great example of the heights Alto Piemonte can reach.

Vineyard: The vines are planted at between 270-380 meters above sea level. The soils are marine and volcanic sands ranging in color from yellow-orange to brown. The vines were planted in 1990.

Vinification: The Nebbiolo is macerated for 24 hours with dry ice, and then pressed off; the rest of the wine is a 'saignée' of Croatina and Vespolina from the red wine production. 95% of this mass is fermented at low temperature in stainless steel, the remainder is fermented in used barriques.

Ageing: Aged in stainless steel and bottle.

Everything else you want to know about this wine: “al posto dei fiori” translates to “instead of flowers.”

Varietal: 90% Nebbiolo, 5% Croatina and 5% Vespolina

Region: Alto Piemonte

Winemaker: Cristiano Garella

Vines Age: 30 years old

Farming: Certified Organic

Soil: Marine and Volcanic Sands

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