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Barolo "Pernanno" DOCG

The Bongiovanni farmstead dates back to the early 1950s, when it was purchased by Giovanni Bongiovanni. Giovanni planted a Nebbiolo vineyard where there had been nothing but untamed woodland. He struck gold, yet never bottled his own wine. When he died, the estate was left to his daughter Olga who grew to cover prime hillside vineyards of the Langhe for her own wines. Here, the family only planted native grape varieties and one noble international grape, Cabernet Sauvignon. A good number of innovations have come about thanks to Olga's nephew, winemaker Davide Mozzone. The Bongiovanni philosophy aims to minimize outside intervention and maximize character and terroir, steering clear of stereotypical wines. While not certified organic, the winery proudly participates in Piedmont's Green Experience, which is a network of sustainable and organic growers. Pernanno comes from a single Nebbiolo vineyard - only 2 hectares/about 5 acres - of the same name in Castiglione Falletto. Its southeastern exposure is perfectly suitable to the Nebbiolo variety. The grapes are harvested in the fall and after very careful selection and vinification, the wine ages in French oak barrique, some new, some used (the percentage of new and used barrique depends on the wine's analysis after fermentation). It is raised for at least twenty-four months in oak and twelve months in bottle. Unclarified and unfiltered.

Wine exported to: USA, Canada, Puerto Rico, Singapore

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Winemaking and Aging

Grape Varieties:	100% Nebbiolo
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel
Type of yeast:	Selected
Length of maceration:	10 days
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes
Fining agent:	None
Aging containers:	Barrique
Container size:	225 L
Container age:	New and used
Type of oak:	French
Bottling period:	March
Aging before bottling:	Min. 24 months

Aging in bottle:	3 months
Closure:	Cork
 Vineyard	
Organic:	No
Vineyard name:	Pernanno
Vineyard location:	Castiglione Falletto
Vineyard size:	2 hectares (5 acres)
Soil composition:	Silt and clay
Vine training:	Guyot
Altitude:	380 meters (1,247 feet) above sea level
Vine density:	4,000-5,000 vines per hectare
Yield:	65 quintals reduced depending on the thinning
Exposure:	Southeast
Years planted:	1950, 1960, 1975, 1985
Age of vines:	35-45 -60 years old
Time of harvest:	Mid-October
First vintage of this wine:	1995
Total yearly production (in bottles):	4,000-5,000 bottles per year

Tasting Notes and Food Pairings

Tasting notes:	Intense red with garnet highlights. Very complex bouquet with notes of tobacco and mint that burst forth on the palate, resulting in an ideal balance of robustness, elegance and roundness.
Serving temperature:	Best served at 16-18 °C (60.8-64.4 °F).
Food pairings:	This wine goes well with cheese and meat, particularly braised beef.
Aging potential:	15-25 years
Alcohol:	Alc. 14% by vol.
Winemaker:	Davide Mozzone