

# 2011 Guidobono Nebbiolo

LANGHE DOC, PIEDMONT, ITALY



The most highly esteemed of Italy's northern varieties has got to be Nebbiolo. And that's no accident. Guidobono's Nebbiolo is a lovely example, showing just why it is such a noble grape. It comes from the Langhe, the area surrounding the famous communes of Barolo and Barbaresco. As such, it can be released much sooner after its harvest than the wines from either of the latter, and more easily show off the fruitiness of its youth.

Much like Pinot Noir, Nebbiolo is very sensitive to the micro-climate of the vineyards and it expresses this faithfully. Because of this fact, it requires just the right site, so Nebbiolo represents only 3 percent of Piedmont's total grape production. All the more surprising, then, that there are any Nebbiolo that remain as good a value as this.

**This wine is all violets and roses on the nose, classically laced with attractive red fruit, flowers, licorice and tobacco. A sip delivers rich fruit on the palate and a long, gentle finish.**

***Recommended pairings:*** Gnocchi with Wild Mushrooms & Truffle Oil

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Rigatoni Bolognese with Tomato Cream Sauce