

Azienda Agricola La Spinona

Italy - Piemonte

The two Pietro Beruttis, grandfather and grandson, are well known and respected in the Barbaresco area and have received much acclaim both nationally and internationally for their wines. The Berutti's estate consists of 22 hectares divided between four vineyard sites:

- La Spinona - 10 ha.
- L'Albina - 2.5 ha.
- La Ghiga - 5.5 ha.
- La Bergera - 4 ha.

Their best Barbaresco cru comes from the Faset vineyard area, of which Berutti owns the "Bricco" or crest of the vineyard. Only the owner of these coveted hilltop vineyards can use the designations "Bricco", "Bric" on the label.

La Spinona uses only organic farming practices and is famous for their own production of natural fertilizer. They were one of the first Piedmont estates to obtain organic certification back in the 1980's.

The label of La Spinona is as famous as the wine. The Spinona is a special breed of Piedmontese hunting Dog, which the Berutti's raise. As the legend goes, this particular dog, Baica, received her place of honor on the label for an act of great heroism. She saved the Berutti's only son from drowning in the irrigation lake when he was a baby. The son then became a veterinarian to save the dogs and later obtained a degree in agronomy to take care of the vineyards.

The Beruttis produce Barbaresco, Barolo, Dolcetto, Barbera, Chardonnay & Nebbiolo delle Langhe.