

# 2019 Gradale Barbera D'Asti

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## VILLA TERLINA, PIEDMONT, ITALY



### **The Wine:**

100% Barbera from the oldest section of a single vineyard planted in 1956. Fermented for 21 days with extended maceration to extract more color and tannins. Aged for 12 months in small French oak barriques, this wine is produced naturally without filtering or clarification. Only 750 cases were produced.

### **The Estate:**

Villa Terlina is a 7-acre estate in the hilly area southeast of Agliano Terme in the heart of Piedmont. The top soil is a marly-calcium rich layer above a gypsum-rock base creating a distinct minerality in all of the wines. Strict adherence to ecologically sound agriculture, the vineyard is pesticide-free and the grapes are biodynamically grown. Dr. Paolo Alliaia is the owner and winemaker of this tiny, classic Piedmont winery that focuses on the Barbera grape.

### **Tasting Notes:**

**Color:** Dark violet.

**Aromas:** Black cherry, intense floral notes, earth and tobacco.

**Flavor & Texture:** Sweet, black fruits, and earthy rustic tones mingle flawlessly which lead into subtle spices and hints of mineral.

**Food Pairing:** Rigatoni pasta with Italian sausage, fennel, fresh Mozzarella and sun-dried tomatoes.

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