

Matteo Correggia, Anthos, Dry Brachetto, Piemonte DOC

- Matteo's favorite wine for everyday drinking
- Mouthwatering style that favors all types of foods
- Sustainably farmed fruit with minimal intervention winemaking

The Producer

Roero has traditionally been overshadowed in the Langhe region of Piedmont by its two famous neighbors, Barolo and Barbaresco. It was seen as a reliable source of fruit for lower offerings of Nebbiolo and the home of a quirky yet interesting white variety, Arneis. Matteo Correggia rejected this stigma and almost single handedly elevated Roero wines to Italy's highest standard, DOCG. His estate, now run by his widow, Ornella, remains the reference standard and most beloved winery in the Roero region and beyond that is one of Italy's finest producers.

Matteo inherited his family's vineyard estate in 1985, at the age of 23, and continued the tradition of farming excellent fruit. This was not unnoticed by great producers of the region including Roberto Voerzio and Elio Altare. At their urging, Matteo established a winery to make wines from his outstanding vineyards. Both famed winemakers took him under their wings and mentored him in getting the most from his wines. Correggia became the only non-Barolo member of Altare's famed Barolo Boys who brought the region into modern international acclaim. While learning a great deal from his mentors, Correggia did not adopt the ultra-modern techniques of roto-fermenters and new barriques, preferring not to obscure the delicate perfumed aromas of his Roero fruit.

Matteo did adopt many ideas including sustainable farming, stainless steel temperature controlled fermentations and vineyard designation—in fact, Correggia produced Roero's first vineyard designated wine, La Val dei Preti, in 1987. He became renowned for the quality of his wines and under his guidance the standards were established for what would become the Roero DOCG. When Matteo was killed in a tractor accident in 2001, Piedmont's great producers paid a remarkable tribute to him by assisting his widow Ornella in completing the vintage.

Building on this legacy, Matteo's wife Ornella has continued to grow the winery's reputation as Roero's benchmark producer of Nebbiolo, Arneis and Barbera. She has introduced organic and biodynamic practices, committed to low intervention winemaking and has focused the winery on estate production.

Roero's unique geographic composition underlies the distinctive qualities of Correggia's wines. Compared to neighboring Barbaresco and Barolo, Roero's soils are mostly sand and marine deposits. The climate is less severe and the hills are lower but more dramatic. The Roero terroir thus produces fruit with more perfumed aromatics than other Langhe regions. Correggia's estate covers 20 hectares of prime vineyards. Farming is precise and natural with hand harvesting of all fruit. Winemaking takes place in stainless steel vats at controlled temperatures, aging is done in passive caves at ideal conditions. Barrel aging takes place in meticulously maintained barrels predominantly neutral. This fastidious winemaking allows only the fruit and the defining characteristics of the vineyard to show in the finished

The Wine

Brachetto is best known for its sparkling sweet versions from the Brachetto d'Acqui DOCG but it also has a history as a dry wine. This aromatic red has copious floral notes of fresh rose petals along with plump berry fruit. Italians love these bittersweet wines with local salumi and cheese and Anthos was Matteo's favorite wine for everyday drinking at the table. Among the complex aromatic notes are quinine and gentian and other flavors found in the Barolo Chinato wines, vermouths and amari so popular in Northern Italy. With lively acid, moderate alcohol and no noticeable tannins this is a fresh and fun wine that is a friendly partner for all types of Italian cuisine.



Region: Piemonte

Appellation: Piemonte DOC

Vineyards: Sustainably farmed estate

Vine Age: Up to 40 years old

Altitude: 280-330 meters

Soil: sandy with silt and calcareous clay

Alcohol: 12.5%

Varietals: 100% Brachetto

Yield: 700 cases

Harvest: hand-picked in mid Spetember

Vinification: short maceration on skins (2-4 days) with frequent punch downs and pump overs, fermentation in stainless steel

Aging: 8 months in stainless steel vats

Tasting Notes: effusive floral notes of rose petal and violet, juicy raspberry and blackberry fruit with exotic spices and a slight bitter hint on the finish, juicy and bright with no significant tannins

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