

# La Spinetta

Sourced from the iconic Campé vineyard, this wine showcases Nebbiolo's capacity for complexity and elegance



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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo

# Barolo Campe 2018

Piedmont, Italy

### Region and Vineyards

The 2019 Barolo Campé originates from the celebrated **Grinzane Cavour** commune in Barolo, part of the Langhe hills of **Piedmont**, northwest Italy. Nestled at an altitude of 280 metres, the 3.5-hectare Campé vineyard enjoys full southern exposure and is planted exclusively with Nebbiolo. The soils here are of alluvial origin with a calcareous clay composition, imparting structural backbone and aging potential to the wine.

This sector of Barolo is historically significant, not only for its wines but also for its namesake, Count Camillo Benso di Cavour—Italy's first Prime Minister and an early proponent of Barolo's international acclaim. The site's combination of elevation, solar exposure, and marl-rich soils enables the production of intensely aromatic, full-bodied Nebbiolo wines with profound complexity.

### Winemaking

Crafted entirely from **100% Nebbiolo**, La Spinetta's Barolo Campé 2019 is vinified with precision and respect for tradition. The grapes undergo a 14-day maceration and alcoholic fermentation in temperature-controlled vats, preserving aromatic integrity while allowing optimal extraction.

Malolactic fermentation is conducted in **French oak barrels**, of which 30% are new and 70% second-use. The wine is then aged for **24 months** in barrel, followed by an additional **8 months in bottle** before release. This patient élevage builds finesse, smoothing the robust tannins while preserving the wine's vivid aromatic spectrum.

# **Tasting Notes**

- **Color**: Pale ruby red with delicate transparency, typical of Nebbiolo.
- **Aroma**: Expressive bouquet of blackcurrant jam, white pepper, caramel, and subtle floral undertones, evoking violets and crushed rose petals.
- **Palate**: Structured yet graceful, showing layers of peppermint, incense, and dried cherry. The tannins are firm but refined, with a long, mineral-inflected finish underscored by vibrant acidity and spice.







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## Did you know?

The name *Campé* derives from the local dialect meaning "champion" or "winner," and this vineyard has long been regarded as one of La Spinetta's crown jewels. It was the first Barolo project of Giorgio Rivetti, and its lion-emblazoned label is an homage to strength and pride in terroir.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised veal shank (ossobuco)**: The richness of the meat and marrow is a classic foil for Nebbiolo's tannin and acidity.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto**: Earthy umami complements the wine's savory and herbal notes.
- **Truffle tagliolini**: A local Piedmontese match that enhances the wine's floral and spiced character.
- **Aged Parmigiano Reggiano**: The cheese's crystallized texture and sharpness pair well with the wine's structure and aromatic complexity.

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### Robert Parker (RP): 94 Points (2018)

Boasting an orange lion on the label meant to symbolize "Barolo, the king on wines," the La Spinetta 2018 Barolo Campè Vürsù is bold, elegant and firm. In a vintage that often delivers understated wines, this expression feels especially intense, ripe and thickly layered. Dark fruit, plum, earth and spice rose from the bouquet. The tannins stand out in the 2018.



