

Poderi Aldo Conterno

Crafted only from younger vines in Bussia, this Nebbiolo offers immediate charm without sacrificing typicity: crisp cherry and pomegranate, discreet spice, and a sapid, lingering finish that invites another sip.

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Il Favot Langhe Nebbiolo 2022

Piedmont, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The Langhe sits in southern Piedmont, a patchwork of rolling hills where **calcareous marls** and sands shape Nebbiolo's perfume and structure. Monforte d'Alba is one of Barolo's most powerful communes; within it, **Bussia** is a historic area whose altitude, exposures and marl-rich soils yield wines combining intensity with a firm, mineral spine.

Il Favot is drawn from different vineyards in Bussia planted to Nebbiolo's **Michet and Lampia** biotypes. The sites are younger by design—periodically replanted, with a maximum vine age of about **15 years**—bringing bright fruit tones and a softer tannic profile. Hand-harvested around mid-October, the grapes carry ample phenolic ripeness while retaining freshness, translating into aromatic purity and fine, sandy tannins in the glass.

Winemaking

Il Favot is **100% Nebbiolo** (Michet and Lampia). Fermentation is traditional and deliberately **short** to privilege color and fragrance over heavy extraction: the must remains on the skins for **6-8 days** in stainless-steel vats at **24-26 °C**. This curtailed maceration yields a vividly colored wine with moderated tannins and notable softness, without sacrificing varietal definition.

After a few months in stainless steel with rackings, the new wine spends **a few months in oak casks** before bottling. The measured oak touch polishes texture and frames red-berry fruit with subtle vanilla and sweet spice, setting Il Favot apart from the estate's Barolo while preserving Bussia's signature clarity. (Younger-vine sourcing and short maceration are central to the cuvée's supple style.)

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo

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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Brilliant ruby with youthful purple edges; clear, vivid hue typical of short-maceration Nebbiolo.
- **Aroma:** Redcurrant, strawberry and cherry, hints of brushwood and rose, with a touch of vanilla and balsamic lift.
- **Palate:** Medium-bodied and creamy in feel; fine, sandy tannins support a core of red berries and blood orange. Fresh acidity drives a precise, sapid finish with gentle spice and mineral resonance.

Did you know?

Il Favot is intentionally sourced from **recently replanted Bussia parcels**—vines capped at roughly **15 years**—and crafted with **6-8 days** of skin contact to emphasize color and silkiness over heft. It offers a "younger-vine" counterpoint to the estate's structured Barolos.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Vitello tonnato:** the wine's bright acidity and gentle tannins refresh the dish's creamy texture and delicate veal flavors.
- **Tajarin al ragù bianco:** savory poultry-pork ragù mirrors Nebbiolo's subtle spice and balsamic notes without overpowering its finesse.
- **Porcini risotto:** umami depth and creamy starch highlight the wine's red-fruit core and mineral line.
- **Roast chicken with herbs:** aromatic herbs bridge to Nebbiolo's floral-spicy profile; moderate tannins suit lean, tender meat.

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James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2022)

A graceful and elegant nebbiolo with aromas of cinnamon, wild strawberries, dried cherries and camphor. Full-bodied, it shows density and velvety tannins with flavors of dried cherries and oranges. Brilliant finish sustained by crisp acidity. Drink or hold.

92 Decanter

Decanter (DCT) : 92 Points (2022)

Limpid and pretty aromas highlight red currant and strawberry with earthy brushwood and a touch of vanilla. The palate is creamy, with Nebbiolo's sandy-grained tannins adding tactile tension. Balsamic notes tinge the red berry core and a whiff of rose surfaces on the finish. Concentrated acidity is pleasantly puckering. Hailing exclusively from Barolo-designated vineyards, Il Favot is crafted with vines younger than 15 years. Maceration lasts for no longer than a week, and the wine ages in second-use barriques.

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Wine Spectator (WS) : 90 Points (2021)

Lean and racy, this red exhibits cherry and blackberry flavors, with earth and sweet spice touches. The finish is dense, with tannins and lingering elements of fruit and spices. Drink now through 2028. 1,640 cases made, 1,000 cases imported.