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Wine Producer Profile: Vietti



The harvest at Vietti
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The Vietti family have been growing grapes in Piedmont since the middle of the nineteenth century, however it wasn't until patriarch Mario Vietti took over control of the Vietti family affairs that the first wines were released under the Vietti family name in 1919.

A period of transformation followed this decision and the Vietti family farm was transformed from one that was engaged in many different fields of agriculture, to one with a single focus: producing top quality grapes and wines. In 1952 Alfredo Currado (Luciana Vietti's husband) took over the reins of the winery. He remained at the helm almost until his death in 2010. In this time, Vietti became one of the first producers in Piedmont to export their wines the USA, one of only two wineries in Piedmont to "rescue" the native grape Arneis from extinction and one of the first producers of Barolo to bottle single vineyard wines (something which has defined the evolution of Barolo for the last fifty years).

Today Luca Currado (Alfredo's son) is the man at the helm of the Vietti winery. 35 hectares of vineyards in the heart of the Barolo zone of production yield 250,000 bottles of wine a year. In keeping with the Vietti winery's history for producing single site Barolo, fittingly it is still these wines that form the pinnacle of the Vietti range. Five Vietti Barolo are produced (the Barolo Castiglione, Barolo Rocche, Barolo Lazzarito, Barolo Brunate and the Barolo Riserva Villero). All are highly regarded with the entry level Barolo Castiglione offering great value.

Vietti also produce five wines based upon the Barbera grape, alongside Vietti Barbaresco, Vietti Dolcetto, Vietti Arneis and Vietti Moscato.

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