



NEW ENTRY: OUR TIMORASSO FIRST VINTAGE

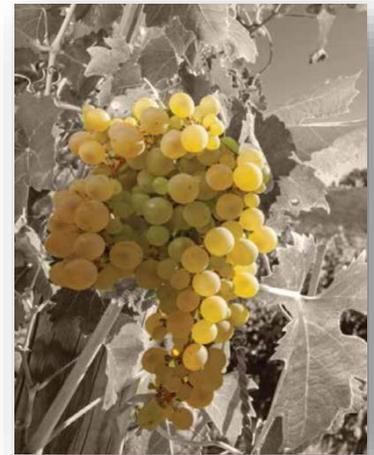
2018 was the first vintage of our **Timorasso Derthona**.

"We fell in love with this wine as soon as we first tasted it in the 1990s. It immediately evoked moving memories associated with the reminiscences of my father, Alfredo Currado who, in the late 1960s, began his wine-producing journey with Arneis, at the time a still widely unknown native Piedmontese white varietal."

(cit. Elena e Luca Currado Vietti).

What is the Timorasso grape?

It is an ancient native white berry vine grown in the Tortonese area since the Middle Ages. It is a dense and compact cluster variety, with high fertility, abundant vegetation and rather early maturation.



The municipality of reference is Tortona, called **Derthona** by the ancient Romans (in the province of Alessandria). Although small compared to the Langhe and Monferrato, this area is becoming, from a wine point of view, one of the most interesting areas of Piemonte. "Derthona" today is not only a historical re-enactment, but wants to be the **symbol** of a territory, a wine, a vine. People have been working long for Derthona to become a brand of Piemonte: an expression of a strong wine-terroir bond, just like the one acclaimed between Barolo, Barbaresco and the Langa. The Timorasso-Derthona combination will represent a territory of no more than 300 Ha in total.

Timorasso is a bizarre and precious vine that, despite its ancient origins, has been in danger of disappearing. Today, however, thanks to the intuition and foresight of some winemakers like **Walter Massa**, this native vine has come to us.

Today, alongside a small group of producers, we are committed to producing a unique, mineral, deep white with a strong acidity and an incredible aging potential.

The vineyard area of the Tortonese Hills is now made up of **47 municipalities** (about 1800 Ha of vine) within a rather varied territory (we can in fact find many different crops in addition to the cultivation of vines). The extremes see on the one hand the Padana Plain and the Po River and on the other the Apennine mountains up to 1700 meters high, exposed to the sea winds coming from the sea of neighboring Liguria. In the center is a wide and extraordinary hilly strip, with a continuous series of hilltop and valley floor villages. Thanks to its strategic geographical location, four different regions are joined in Tortonese: Piedmont, Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna and Liguria. Tortona is 100 km from Castiglione Falletto.

The soil composition is represented for the most part by **blue-grey Saint Agata's Marls**, similar to the marls found in some of the main grapevine sites in the Barolo area. Few people know that the geological era of formation of these two areas is very similar (between 15 and 5 million years ago).



Among its highlights is the attitude to **longevity** with refined elegance. The scent of honey emerges when drunk young, but there are also those who call it "a red wine dressed in white". We like to call it the "Italian Heremitage Blanc", a wine that becomes more precious with time and is appreciated for its strong personality, complexity and power combined by undoubted finesse. We always recommend to decant it in order to enjoy it at its best, just like any white wine of great importance. Personally, we believe that the Derthona shows its most interesting features after at least five years of refining in the bottle. It is advisable to forget a few in the cellar without fear. Properly preserved it will bring forth mineral and hydrocarbon notes typical of a great white wine with a complex evolutionary path.

VIETTI in TIMORASSO

The plots we own extend for 7.1 hectares in the municipality of Monleale in the areas of Scaldapulce, Boscogrosso and Borghetto. Following some test winemaking in the previous years, at the beginning of 2020 we started to market the first vintage of our Timorasso (harvest 2018) and from the first tastings it was a surprising success. We produced about 9,000 bottles. Thanks to the new vineyards that have just been planted, production will grow in the coming years, but for us it remains a "niche" project.

Last but not least, we always want to thank a population, the Tortonese one, made of extraordinary people. They welcomed us with enthusiasm and all the simplicity that distinguishes them. They told us their story, they accompanied us on this new adventure with extreme collaboration.

We like to define the Timorasso dream as another dream that has come true and that will write new pages of a story, that of our company, always open to new and extraordinary wine challenges. A great teamwork that has led not only to the creation of a new Vietti label, but to the creation of a great wine.



Vietti

"Ci siamo innamorati del Timorasso fin dai primi assaggi avvenuti durante gli anni '90. Seguendo la passione innata verso le sfide enologiche in terra piemontese ci siamo umilmente iscritti al ristretto novero dei produttori di Timorasso, vitigno nobile, autoctono, affascinante e complesso, il cui posto nel mondo dei grandi vini bianchi è una pagina in continua evoluzione e con tante significative storie ancora da raccontare."

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