

CERETTO

Blangé Langhe Arneis d.o.c.



VINEYARD

Location: Vezza d'Alba and Castellinaldo (CN)

Hectares (estate-owned): 70

Altitude: from 210 to 290m a.s.l.

Facing: south, south-east, south-west

Soil: 51% clay, 31% silt, 18% sand; pH 8

Year of planting: 1987, 1996

VINES

Grape-variety: 100% Arneis

Stock: 1103 paulsen, S04

Plants per hectare: 4300

Buds per hectare: 40000

1st year of production: 1985

VINIFICATION

A 40% cryoextraction, with different durations and temperatures depending on the condition of the grapes, is followed by the use of new cold processing techniques in steel tanks. The temperature is controlled by means of a central computerized system, which guarantees uniform development of the wine by intervening on the biometabolism of the yeasts.

WINE

Arneis is a native varietal which produces a very fruity wine with hints of pears and apples. Its fragrance and flavor are also enhanced by the small amount of CO₂ kept from the fermentation, which also helps to make up for the variety's low acidity.

BOTTLES PRODUCED: 600.000

NOTE

One out of every five bottles of Arneis produced in Piedmont bears the elegant Blangé label designed by Silvio Coppola, proving the great success achieved by the Ceretto white, which made its début in 1985 when the first vineyard of approximately 3.5 hectares was purchased. It was an immediate hit, and this led to the Blangé farm being rapidly expanded with the acquisition of 10 more hectares in Vezza. In 1987, the new winery was inaugurated in Alba (on the Monsordo Bernardina estate), equipped with a fully-computerized fermentation system. This allows the wine-making process in each single tank to be controlled on a real-time basis, and to pre-set technical parameters, alternating hot and cold temperatures, and maintaining a certain degree of overpressure inside the tanks. Early in 1996, the addition of the San Carlo estate extended the property to a total of 135 acres in the villages of Vezza and Castellinaldo.

Pairing suggestions: *aperitif, fish, appetizers*