

CABUTTO

The Cabutto winery is located in the commune of Barolo (Piedmont) on the road towards La Morra, 10 miles from Alba.

Tenuta La Volta (The Volta Estate) was purchased by Domenico Cabutto, father of Bartolomeo and grandfather of Osvaldo and Bruno, in 1920 from Count Gastone Guerrieri di Mirafiori.

"La Volta" is named after the adjacent castle, built between the X and XI century. In this castle, now unfortunately abandoned, lived for a period of time one of the best known Italian patriots of the last century who fought for Italian unification: Silvio Pellico, the writer of "My prisons".

It is a family run winery. They produce wines only from grapes of their vineyards.

Bartolomeo Cabutto, the father, is assisted by Osvaldo, enologist, and Bruno, agronomist.

As most of the vinegrowers of Langhe region did in the past, they too sold grapes and wine to "negociants". In the 80s they decided to directly market their wines.

The vineyards, 13.8 hectares (34 acres) surround the winery except for a cru at Bricco delle Viole.

The soil is calcareous-clay from the "tortonian" geological period (miocene).

The microclimate of the area is perfect. There is a constant breeze that keeps away the haziness during the summer. The humidity can help cause diseases to the vines and therefore is also dangerous to the grapes. In order to preserve the vines from mildew and oidium, a sulphur and copper sulfate solution is applied to the plant. The windy exposure of the vineyards and their elevation generate a thermic gap between night and day, thus enhancing the perfumes and the freshness of the wines.

The organic fertilizer (mountain aged cowmanure) is used only if a vegetative deficiency is noticed. The summer thinning of the bunches is one of the many manual operations they go over to reduce the yield and therefore improve the quality.



The main core of the vineyards is located at Castello La Volta, called Vigna La Volta, 13.6 acres. Other 3 important vineyards are: Vigna Sarmassa, planted with Nebbiolo and Barbera (2.2 acres); Vigna Passau, set up completely new in 1997 (1.5 acres) and Bricco delle Viole, planted with Nebbiolo and Barbera (2.3 acres).

Osvaldo and Bruno Cabutto at Vinitaly Fair in Verona in the display area of Selezione Fattorie, the prestigious Italian selling organization of high quality wines.

