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RECENT VINTAGES
2014 VINTAGE

2014 was a quite difficult season in the vineyards all over Europe, however the favorable end of the season proved to be a pleasant surprise for the quality of the grapes on the Langhe Hills. In particular, the region of Barbaresco was a shining exception in a difficult vintage.

After a mild winter we experienced the usual up and down. Unfortunately this climatic pattern continued through June and July resulting in a mix pattern of cool / warm days and frequent, heavy, extremely localized rainfalls. The ideal conditions for the spread of vine diseases made vineyard management and spray timing absolutely crucial in order to save grapes through the harvest. Summer green harvest was mainly focus onto limiting the potential risk of botrytis spread, the work in the vineyard was crucial and painstaking through the summer.

By mid – August, however, Barbaresco was experiencing a much better situation, far dryer than the rest of Piemonte. September was undoubtedly a more positive month with good day/night temperature difference which proved to be fundamental for the ripening of the grapes and the complexity of the aromas.

In the end, the total rainfall during the growing season in Barbaresco was almost one third than the rest of Piemonte and almost half of the one in Barolo. As we know a dry end of the season is all what it takes to make a great vintage. We were therefore able to wait and Nebbiolo harvest started late in Barbaresco, at least by the new millennium standards, on October 8th and ended, under dry and sunny conditions, on October 22nd.

2014 wines will be similar to those from the 2013 vintage, medium in body, but well balanced, rich in color and aromas, with great mineral finish and long lasting potential.