

# HB Wine Merchants presents wines from: **Paolo Manzone**



ITALY

## Barbera d'Alba 'Ruja'



DOC

### Brand Highlights

- 100% Barbera from the commune of Roddino
- Estate bottled by Paolo Manzone from the best district from low yields for true varietal character
- Made with grapes grown from 30 year old vines located 550 meters above sea level (=1800+ feet)

### The Estate

Paolo Manzone and his wife Luisella own and operate the estate located in Serralunga d'Alba and they own and farm 14 hectares of vineyards. The land and vineyards have been handed down from father to son for generations and the production ranges from Dolcetto d'Alba, to Barbera d'Alba, to Nebbiolo d'Alba to Barolo and even Arneis. The estate consists of hand tended vines with full regard to the traditional methods realizing the quality is made by the vines. Manzone is also a member of The Green Experience which is unique to the Piedmont region centered in the Langhe to protect and enhance biodiversity, sustainability, and to be ecologically respectful. No chemicals are used in the agriculture and priorities are given to agronomic solutions, respect for the soil, use of floral and herbal essences along with respect and honesty towards consumers insured by traceability and external certification. The winery and house is located entirely in the Cru Meriame di Serralunga having belonged to Luisella's family for generations. To be more precise it is located on the Western Slopes between Baudana and Lazzarito Crus in a small amphitheater facing South, South West in front of Castiglione Falletto.

### Wine Making

Hand harvested grapes are where the first selections are made and are then carried to the winery in 20Kg bins to insure they arrive fully intact. They are carefully selected and crushed, followed by fermentation in stainless steel tanks and large wooden barrels at controlled temperatures. At the end of fermentation, the wine is aged for several months in oak barrels.

### Tasting Notes

Savor the aromas of pomegranate and sour cherry, complimented by clove, in this dense and rich red wine. On the palate, this wine is pleasantly dry, round and smooth. Moderate fruit acidity gives a pleasant mouthfeel without sacrificing any of the juicy vibrancy. The finish is long with notes of mineral from the clay and limestone dominated soils.

### Press

- ◆ 2022 Vintage **90 Points**—James Suckling

### Product Specifications

- Available in 12/750mL w/cork
- UPC: 8 75734 00272 5
- SCC: 1 08 75734 00272 2
- Case (in.):