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GIACOSA FRATELLI **Barolo Bussia**

DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA E GARANTITA

CATEGORY: Bold Reds





Pack Size: 6/750ml **UPC:** 8003738100419

OVERVIEW

Giacosa Fratelli is a 5th-generation family-run, Piedmont winery founded in 1895 by sharecropper Giuseppe Giacosa, who bought their Neive winery after winning the Italian lottery. The family farms 50 hectares of vines across Piedmont including Monforte d'Alba and Castiglione Falletto in Barolo and Neive in Barbaresco. The family, including next generation twin brothers Mauro and Alessandro, deeply believe in reducing their consumption and carbon emissions. They work sustainably in the vineyard and winery - soon to be a zero emissions facility - to preserve the terroir and history of these traditional Piemonte wines.

VINTAGE

RAINFALL: 23.6 inches/year. Below average.
BLOOM: End of May
WEATHER: Hot but regular water and some rain during harvest.
HARVEST: 10/10/2018
GRAPES: Average Brix 24.8

SITE

Estate-owned and organically-farmed vineyards in the famous Bussia cru in Monforte d'Alba. South-east oriented. Spurred cordon cultivation.

ELEVATION: 1345 ft

SOILS: Clay and calcareous, rich in iron.

VINES: 3500 plants/ha | Average age of vines: 29-43 years old **YIELDS:** 6 tons per hectare

TASTING NOTES

A medium to full-bodied wine with fine-grained tannins that are integrated nicely. Find notes of ripe cherries, dried lavender, and florals followed by a long finish.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Excellent with red meats (roasted, skewered or grilled) or wild game.

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

FERMENTATION: Grapes are harvested by hand. Non-invasive winemaking, lengthy maceration.

BARRELS: 3 years in big casks

AGING: Aged in large 30 and 60 hectoliters casks for 3 years and an additional year in bottle.

PH: 3.5 | **TA:** 5.47

Bussia Nieve, Piedmont, Italy 14.5% Alc. by Vol. Organically Produced

100% Nebbiolo

92 pts - James Suckling **90 pts** - Vinous

