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Old World Wines:

Italy: The Piémont and the Barbaresco





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The Piémont is one of the greatest wine-producing regions of Italy. In this mountainous region of northern Italy, one can taste a wide variety of great wines.

The wines are made from Barbera grapes (the most used), Dolcetto (very fine), Nebbiolo (perhaps the best) and Moscato (for white wine).

Among red wines, Barolo and Barbaresco produce some of the best wines in Italy and in the world.

Piedmont witholds contradictory landscapes - the factories of Turin and Alpine villages - and produces wines that are worthy of its ambivalent character.

With a great variety of wines, the Piedmont is also home to exceptional wines like Barolo and Asti Spumante.

The Barbaresco region, located a little further south, benefits from a slightly warmer climate. The grapes ripen earlier and the wines are often more supple than those of Barolo.

A very ancient wine, Barbaresco was mentioned in 1799 when the Austrian General Melas requested a « Nebbiolo di Barbaresco » to celebrate his victory over the French.

Only in the mid XIXth century did they start producing a dry wine, which gave Barbaresco all of its extraordinary qualities.

Professor Domizio Cavazza, an eminent oenologist, introduced new winemaking methods, and in 1894, he created a cooperative exclusively devoted to producing Barbaresco.

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