

# FRANCO SERRA

## LANGHE NEBBIOLO

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**Wine Maker:** Natale & Fabio Pesenti  
**Designation:** Langhe Nebbiolo DOC  
**Location:** Alba, Piedmont  
**Average Age of Vines:** 25 years  
**Exposure:** South  
**Elevation:** 1,000 ft.  
**Soil:** Calcareous (lime, chalk)  
**Variety:** 100% Nebbiolo  
**Rootstocks:** 3309 & SO4  
**Training System:** Guyot  
**Vine Density:** 2,450 / acre  
**Harvest Method:** Hand picked  
**Harvest Date:** October 15  
**Maceration Period:** 3 weeks  
**Fermentation Period:** 4 weeks  
**Fermentation Vessel:** Stainless steel tanks  
**Maximum Fermentation Temperature:** 80° F  
**Filtration:** Cellulose sheets  
**Aging Vessel:** Oak barrels, 20% new  
**Aging Period:** 1 Year  
**Bottle Aging:** 3 months  
**Cases Produced:** 3,000  
**UPC:** 0 20106 50294 9

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Franco Serra is made by the Sperone family who has produced affordable, premium wines for four generations. In 1920, Antonio Sperone opened a small wine shop in Torino where he sold bulk wine directly to consumers. Unsatisfied with the price and quality of the local wine, Antonio started his own winery in Puglia where land was inexpensive and produced good wine. He built a bottling facility in Torino and was soon able to offer his customers quality wines at prices everyone could afford. Sadly, it was destroyed when the city was bombed in WWII. The winery in Puglia survived the war and enabled Antonio's grandson Giacomo to open a new facility near Milan where he produced vermouth, sparkling wines, spirits and fine wines. With the help of his sons Paolo and Antonio, the company grew quickly and achieved distribution throughout Italy and expanded into foreign markets. In 1965, the family purchased 75 acres of prime vineyards in Piedmont and built a new winery in Monferrato. Even as the prices fetched for wines from this increasingly fashionable region continue to climb, the Sperone family proudly focuses on value. The Franco Serra line provides everyone with the opportunity to drink thoughtfully crafted, distinctive wines from Italy's most renowned region.

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