



Nino Negri

Lombardy | Italy



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INTRODUCTION

Casa Vinicola Nino Negri, founded in 1897, is headquartered in Chiuro in the old fifteenth-century Castello Quadrio. It is one of the most renowned wineries in Valtellina, as well as the largest, and a synonym for Valtellina wines all over the world.

Nino Negri owns 31 hectares of vineyards across the most prestigious of the Valtellina Superiore D.O.C.G. subzones: Inferno, Sassella, Grumello, Fracia, a monopole vineyard located in the Valgella subzone.

Today, Nino Negri winery is among the 270 best wineries in the world selected by WineEnthusiast, and their 5 Stelle Sfursat has received the highest rating for 26 vintages from Gambero Rosso."





VINEYARDS & ESTATE

Valtellina is the largest mountain vineyard in Europe and lies at the feet of the Lombard Alps, on the Italian-Swiss border on the right bank of the Adda River. The largest terraced amphitheatre in Italy stretches along 40 kilometres of high slopes with around two thousand five hundred kilometres of thousand-year-old dry stone walls adorned by high mountain ranges that protect the vines from the ice-cold northerly winds and from the humid southerly sirocco winds.

Due to the extremely steep hillsides, Nino Negri's estate is characterised by terracing, a system based on dry stone walls that support the terraced hillside vineyards built thousands of years ago to allow cultivation of the land. The sandy, silty base tends to be dry as it retains very little water and is highly permeable. The shallow soil has an arable surface of between 40-120cm and it is common to see vines take root in the cracks between the rocks.

The steep hillsides provide the perfect environment for Nebbiolo to thrive in. The steep slopes allow optimum exposure to the mountain sun as well as protection from the cold winds, and the wide temperature ranges between day and night encourage the expressive uniqueness of the king of grape varieties, Nebbiolo, locally called the Chiavennasca.

Great commitment is needed at every moment of vine cultivation in Valtellina, a difficult and labour-intensive area to cultivate. For over 100 years, Nino Negri has given this commitment, nurturing the grapes' potential and literally handcrafting wines of superior quality and character. All vineyard work, including vineyard management and harvest is done entirely by hand along the terraces supported by a myriad of age-old dry stonewalls, a symbol of this valley. During the harvest the grapes are transported down the mountain by helicopter so as to get them to the winery as quickly as possible.

THE WINEMAKER

After more than forty harvests, Casimiro Maule, chief winemaker and historical director of Nino Negri, left to Danilo Drocco the winery where he started his career in 1971, when he was chosen by Sciu' Carluccio – Mr. Carlo Negri, at the time owner of the winery.

Danilo Drocco, an experienced manager and winemaker with extensive knowledge of the Nebbiolo universe, is the new head of the historical Valtellina Nino Negri winery since April 2018. With a degree in Oenology from Turin University, he has more than thirty years of experience working in prestigious Italian and Piemontese wineries, covering key roles that helped him reach the top of the winemaking profession, and building invaluable experience that he has brought to Nino Negri.



RANGE



Sfursat 5 Stelle Sforzato Valtellina DOCG



Sfursat Carlo Negri Sforzato Valtellina DOCG



Ca' Brione Bianco Alpi Retiche IGT



Castel Chiuro Valtellina Superiore Riserva DOCG

RANGE



Inferno Carlo Negri Valtellina Superiore DOCG



Mazer Valtellina Superiore DOCG



Alpi Retiche Bianche IGT



Sassorosso Grumello Valtellina Superiore DOCG



Vigneto Fracia Valtellina Superiore DOCG



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