

CASCINA LA GHERSA

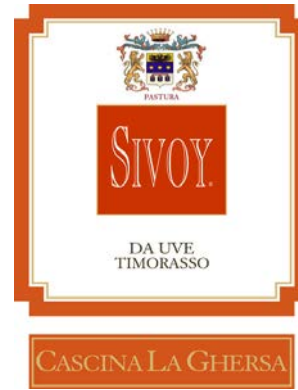
In 1920-25, Osvaldo and Luigi Bologna replanted their "Vignassa" vineyard with Barbera vines, which had been destroyed by phylloxera before World War I. While Osvaldo continued to tend the family's vineyards, it wasn't until 1976 that they began building a new cellar in Moasca, Piedmont.



In 1989, Massimo Pastura began work in the winery with his father Giulio and his mother Piera (Osvaldo's daughter), producing the family's first vintage of the "Vignassa" in that same year. Focusing his efforts on Barbera d'Asti, as the leading wine of the estate's production, Massimo helped expand the family's holdings up to their current 22ha, while researching the soil composition, the micro-climatic conditions and the clonal selections to find the maximum expression of this varietal through the local terroir.

Cultivating their vineyards with the utmost respect for nature, Cascina la Ghera uses organic treatments, grass coverage and no chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides. With old vines that were planted between 1920 and 1925, at a density of 5,000 vines per hectare, the total yields never exceed 40hl per hectare.

TIMORASSO "SIVOY"



Varietal/Blend: 50% Timorasso / 50% Cortese

Farming: sustainable farming / no herbicides, pesticides or chemical fertilizers

Exposure: E-S-E

Soil: marly sandstone from the "Tortonian" age

Ave Year Vines Planted: 2000

Harvest Technique: by hand into 20 kg crates

Fermentation: whole-cluster pressing in temperature controlled stainless steel vats for 10-15 days.

Aging: Timorasso ages for 10 months & Cortese for 6 months, both in stainless steel vats on fine lees, followed by 6-8 months in bottle.

Alcohol: 12.5%

Yeast: selected yeasts

Fined: light

Filtered: light

Production #s: 1,150 cases

Timorasso is a unique, distinctive and very authentic variety that only grows on the hills around the city of Tortona (Colli Tortonesi). The Timorasso vineyards reach only 52ha and the grape is very old Piedmontese indigenous variety, which was almost lost to other varietals in the 1960/70s.

Country: Italy

Region: Piemonte

Sub Region: Colli Tortonesi

Vineyard: Vigna Monte Galdone (Timorasso), Vigna Sivoy (Cortese)

Vineyard Size: 1.7ha Timorasso / 1.2ha Cortese