

CASCINA LA GHERSA

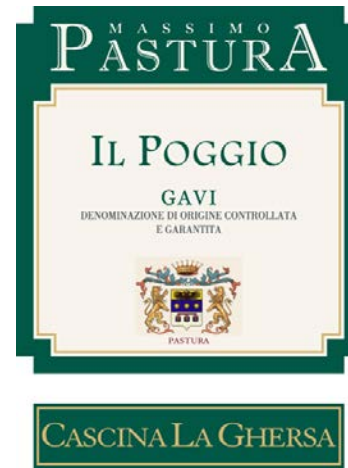
In 1920-25, Osvaldo and Luigi Bologna replanted their "Vignassa" vineyard with Barbera vines, which had been destroyed by phylloxera before World War I. While Osvaldo continued to tend the family's vineyards, it wasn't until 1976 that they began building a new cellar in Moasca, Piedmont.



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.

GAVI "IL POGGIO"



Varietal/Blend: 100% Cortese

Farming: sustainable farming– no herbicides, pesticides or chemical fertilizers.

Soil: mainly clayey and silty soils with limestone rocks

Ave Year Vines Planted: 1950

Yeast: selected yeasts

Fermentation: no de-stemming and in temperature controlled stainless steel vats for 10-15 days

Agng: 6 months in stainless steel vats on fine lees / two months in bottle

Alcohol: 12%

Fined: light

Filtered: light

Production #s: 500 cases

Gavi DOCG Il Poggio comes from a single vineyard, with 60 year old vines cultivated between the villages of Gavi and Arquata Scriva, at 350m altitude on very clayey, stony soil. Severe pruning and green-harvest are necessary to drastically reduce the yield per plant and obtain rich, concentrated grapes. Cortese is one of the most popular Piedmontese white grape varieties. Very fresh, floral and crisp, it yields a perfect "summer time" wine, to pair with oysters and seafood.

Country: Italy

Region: Piemonte

Sub Region: Gavi

Vineyard: Vigna Il Poggio

Vineyard Size: 1.3ha