

QUORUM by HASTAE

ABOUT HASTAE & QUORUM

Hastae is a non-profit joint venture between six renowned Piedmonte producers intent on crafting a single wine – Quorum Barbera d’Asti, and a single grappa – from the Quorum pomace, for the altruistic purpose of giving back to the Asti region.

HASTAE MEMBERS

Berta ~ Braida ~ Chiarlo

Coppo ~ Prunotto ~ Vietti

Together, this consortium of six producers donates a small parcel of their finest Barbera grapes to the Quorum project. Then, an oenologist is intentionally recruited from outside of the Piedmonte region to make the wine, providing outside perspective and fresh ideas, pushing the Quorum Barbera d’Asti to new winemaking heights. By design, the winemaker and location changes after a minimum of four vintages.



QUORUM REVIEWS

The vintage from 1997 to 2003 were produced by renowned oenologist Riccardo Cotarella. His efforts led to spectacular praise from the critics at *Wine Advocate* and *Wine Spectator*:

- 1997** (93 pts, Robert Parker) “Having followed this wine since its inception, it has consistently been on of the greatest Barberas I have ever tasted.”
- 1998** (92 pts, Antonio Galloni) “The 1998 is nothing short of breathtaking for its complexity and exceptional overall balance.”
- 1999** (94 pts, James Suckling) “Complex. A rainbow of fruit on the nose, from berries to cranberries to orange peel, with hints of toasted oak. Full-bodied, juicy and powerful, with masses of vanilla, coffee and spice and a long, intense aftertaste.”
- 2000** (90 pts, Antonio Galloni) “The 2000 is another strong effort. It shows plenty of super-ripe fruit, smoke, and underbrush flavors in a generous, accessible style with excellent length and much persistence.”
- 2001** (91 pts, Antonio Galloni) “The 2001 explodes out of the glass with a huge nose of tar, spices, smoke, and sweet vanilla aromas; offering great depth in its fruit, notable length and great overall balance.”
- 2002** Quorum was not produced this year due to poor weather conditions affecting the vintage quality.
- 2003** (92 pts, Antonio Galloni) “The 2003 Quorum displays a superb, rich nose and layers of super-ripe dark fruit, cocoa, mineral, and toasted oak flavors with excellent persistence on the palate, managing to be opulent, yet well-balanced at the same time.”

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CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

From the beginning, the sole aim of the Hastae organization was to make one wine, Quorum, from one grape, Barbera d' Asti, to provide to charitable organizations throughout the Asti community. To date the Hastae organization has contributed to the following charitable groups and organizations:

- Donations to Piedmont Cancer Research Institute
- Research funding for the University of Torino's viticulture programs
- Patronage of Slow Food for the development of local artisanal products such as Hunchback Thistle from Nizza Monferrato and Robiola di Roccaverano cheese
- Creation of the Winegrowing research fund
- Contribution to the WWF Oasis for the "Bosco del Lago" area of Castello di Annone

GRAPPA

The Quorum grappa is the natural conclusion to the production cycle. The grappa is made by Hastae member and renowned grappa producer, Berta. The Quorum Grappa is produced from the remaining pomace of Quorum's remarkable Barbera d' Asti. Upon fermentation in November of each year, the grappa is refined for ten months in new French barriques. The result is a delicate grappa with floral perfumes and a beautiful golden hue.

THE FUTURE

As planned, the winemaking team and location is to change after a minimum of four vintages, and the baton has been passed with the 2004 vintage to the very capable hands of Vittorio Fiore.

Signore Fiore has dedicated his life to the improvement of Tuscan viticulture. He first moved to Tuscany in 1978 where he established consulting relationships with producers such as Tenuta Caparzo, Costanti, Poggio Salvi, Vecchie Terre di Montefili, Fattoria Viticcio, Fattoria Terrabianca and Borgo Scopeto. Fiore has written numerous technical articles and frequently attends seminars in France, Spain and the United States. He recently realized his dream of creating his own property, Podere Poggio Scalette where he produces the Super Tuscan, Il Carbonaione.

The Hastae group is honored to have Vittorio Fiore bring his expertise to Barbera di Asti and the future of Quorum is very exciting.



Vittorio Fiore
2004 Vintage Quorum Winemaker