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BENI DI BATASIOLO SOVRANA BARBERA D'ALBA 2010 - A BEAUTY OF A BARBERA

100% Barbera from Langhe Albesi, in the zone of Barolo and La Morra, Piedmont, Italy.

SRP of \$22 and available for as low as \$14. Sample submitted for review. Imported by Boisset Family Estates.

From the bottle:

"Single vineyard. Aged 12-15 months in oak. Harmonious flavors of red berries and spice. Delicious with red meats, ham and cheeses.

14.0% Alcohol"

Beni di Batasiolo has a long history in the Piedmont region, dating all the way back to 1882. The family started with just 8 acres, but by the late 1970s had become the largest land owning family in Barolo. 60% of the wine in tiny Barolo (talk about a prime area -- it's only 3 miles by 5 miles large!) is produced by coops.

Beni di Batasiolo is not just about Barolo however (which we'll be reviewing in the future) -- the family also produces Chardonnay, Gavi, Moscato, Barbaresco and more including Barbera which is what we have for you today.

The 2010 Beni di Batasiolo Sovrana Barbera d'Alba begins with a very pleasant aroma featuring cherry pie, a little cedar and a little chocolate. Tasting the medium-bodied wine reveals silky smooth flavors of plum, cedar, cherry, cranberry and other oaky notes. It ends dry with slightly chewy tannins and long lasting notes of sour fruit. A beauty of a Barbera for under \$20!



Piedmont for under \$20.



Taste Rating: 8

Cost Rating: 6

Overall Rating: 7.5

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