

	Retail	Savings
<b>\$81.99</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>9%</b>

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## 2015 Elio Altare Barolo 'La Morra' product-timed-pdf - Piedmont, Italy - 92pts Vinous | "Finest of the Year"

### Why We're Drinking It

*This is a tremendous set of wines from Silvia Altare. The 2016s show just how promising that vintage is, while the 2015 Barolos are among the finest wines of the year. Readers are going to have a very hard time choosing among these wines, but that is a first-class problem. Frankly, I would be thrilled to own any of them.*

--Antonio Galloni, Feb. 2019

**92pts Vinous:** *The 2015 Barolo is an absolutely glorious wine. Sensual, silky and polished, the 2015 has so much to offer. Bright red berry fruit is nicely complemented by an array of floral and spiced notes that add nuance. Polished tannins add to the wine's considerable near-term appeal, but the straight Barolo also has a track record here of aging exceptionally well. Don't miss it.*

The Altare family originally comes from the town of Dogliani, then in 1948 they bought the farm in La Morra. Back then, the estate covered 5 hectares of nebbiolo, barbera and dolcetto vineyards, along with some peach, hazelnut and apple trees, but those were times when orchards gave higher yield and more profit than vineyards. Faced with a severe and long lasting economic crisis in Italy, Elio along with other curious barolisti, decided to learn more about winemaking beyond the borders of Piedmont in an attempt to emulate the success that those regions were enjoying. In January 1976, they made their first trip to Burgundy and it was a revelation. When Elio got back home he knew there were major changes to be made. He wasn't afraid: he grabbed a chainsaw as if it were a sword, and first cut down the fruit trees in the orchard. Then in the cellar he chopped up the large, traditional botti into firewood which made way for the next big revolution: Barrique.

His father Giovanni didn't understand him. Being from an older generation and poorer times, Elio's radical decisions were too far removed from his own father's way of thinking. Giuseppe was not able to accept what he thought was an offence against common sense and tradition, and therefore sought comfort in silence. Giovanni died in 1985 and tragically disinherited Elio. Determined to fight for his beliefs, Elio continued to work to buy back the winery and vineyards from his siblings. Elio stood firm then and still does today. Stubbornly he decided to change direction and to give a different interpretation to the family's wine – favoring elegance, finesse, and balance, following a strict regime in the vineyards, adopting new vinification and aging techniques in the cellar.

As of June 2016, the ownership and supervision of the farm has officially been transferred to Elio's daughter Silvia, who is a dynamic and passionate champion for her family business.

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#### VARIETAL

100% Nebbiolo

#### APPELLATION

Piedmont, Italy

#### ALCOHOL

14.50

#### SIZE

750ml

#### BLEND

100% Nebbiolo

#### AGING/COOPERAGE

The wine is then aged in French oak  
barriques (100% used) for 24 months

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