## TUTTO



## CASCINA TAVIJN

Monferrato, Piemonte

Nadia Verrua's family has been making wines in the hills of Monferrato in the province of Asti for over a century.

Their ten hectares of fascinating local grape varieties are farmed organically, planted over soft, sandy slopes in Scurzolengo, Castagnole Monferrato and Montemagno. They also keep a large number of hazelnut trees and it is little secret that Nadia's mum Teresa makes one of the best torta di nocciole in all of Piemonte.

In the simple, old fashioned cantina beneath the family's home, the wines are made with simple tools and raised in a mixture of big old botti, vats and cement, with nothing added at any stage.

The results are rustic, charming wines which are full of life and encapsulate all that is great about Italian vino da tavola.

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This is Barbera from an old vineyard planted in 1949 in Quarto d'Asti by a family friend of Nadia's. The grapes were destemmed and spent two months on the skins, followed by nine months in vat. A little shy on opening, air reveals a Barbera of real purity with bright, brambly fruit and beautiful acidity. Perfect alongside a proper brasato, or anything hearty cooked low and slow.