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## **BAROLO DOCG 2008**

**Varietal:** 100% Nebbiolo (clones of Michet and Lampia).

**Vineyard:** From vineyards situated in the town of Barolo, in the localities of Cannubi and Via Nuova.

**Vineyard Size:** 2.5 hectares.

**Soil:** Sant'Agata limestone and clay marls from the Tertiary Period - Miocene.

**Altitude:** 300 meters (Cannubi) and 340 meters (Via Nuova) above sea level.

**Exposure:** South, Southwest (Cannubi) and South, Southeast (Via Nuova).

The growing season for 2008 was characterized mainly by two stretches of differing weather conditions. The first part began with high levels of precipitation in the spring (predominantly during the month of May), followed by hail on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July and the 1<sup>st</sup> of August (ultimately generating higher than normal production costs during the harvest as much time was spent on hand selecting the highest quality grapes). The weather subsequently changed for the better towards the latter part of August and September, reversing the fortune of the vintage which originally appeared to be compromised.

**January:** Started with mild, above average temperatures (almost warm), then steadily decreased to round out the month.

**February:** Very dry with spring-like temperatures.

**March:** Commenced with warm days, but finished with a cold stretch which also included snowfall.

**April:** Abundant rain throughout (100mm), while holding seasonal averages of 11 - 12 °C.

**May:** After the first 10 days of good, stable weather, May was marked by a lengthy stretch of rain.

**June:** Rainy until the mid-point, then warm and ideal until the end of the month.

**July:** Cooler than normal with average temperatures around 23 °C. Rain and hail in the middle of the month.

