

## CASCINA ZERBETTA BARBERA

**Vintage:** 2006  
**Appellation:** Monferrato DOC, Piedmont, Italy  
**Varietal:** 100% Barbera  
**Alcohol:** 13%  
**pH:** 3.4  
**Residual Sugars:** 0 g/L  
**Sulfites:** 38 ppm  
**Total Acidity:** 6.5 g/l  
**Winemaker:** Paolo Antonio Malfatti

**Certificate:** Grapes and facilities have been certified by USDA Accredited ICEA—Istituto per la Certificazione Etica ed Ambientale (Italy) and certified biodynamic by Demeter. This wine is compliant with the National Organic Program (NOP) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



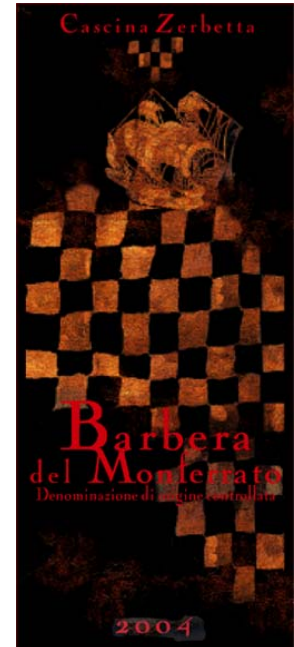
**Vinification:** Traditional maceration on the skins is combined with the newer techniques of remounting in a vacuum followed by delestage, a technique of gently extracting color and structure from the fruit. Malolactic fermentation is totally carried out. Matured in stainless steel tanks for six to seven months followed by two months in the bottle.

**Notes:** A bouquet of violet, plum, black cherry and black pepper. On the palate, lovely spice and herbal elements are shaded by sour cherry, cinnamon and juicy fruits. Pairing suggestions: Prosciutto, cheese, pastas, baked eggplant with marinara or pesto.

**Winery:** Cascina Zerbetta is an organic and biodynamic vineyard owned and operated by winemaker, Paolo Antonio Malfatti and his wife, Anna. It is situated in the heart of the Monferrato area near Asti and Alessandria. The farm is 20 acres, with an annual production of 1000 cases, half of this (500 cases) are devoted to the Barbera. The wines are 100% estate bottled. ; D.O.C. status

**The Story:** Paolo, the owner, desired to make an excellent wine that was food friendly but also sophisticated. The result is a wine that is unpretentious, straightforward, reflects the values of the territory and terroir. The low tannins and bright acidity of the Barbera varietal make it the perfect match for a wide range of cuisine. The label designer is Paolo's best friend from childhood, Marco Pipere. The checkers on the label represent vineyards and the ship; a journey or voyage.

**Accolades:** **Bronze Medal**—2008 San Francisco International Wine Competition (2005 vintage)  
**89 Points**—*Wine Enthusiast*, February 2010



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