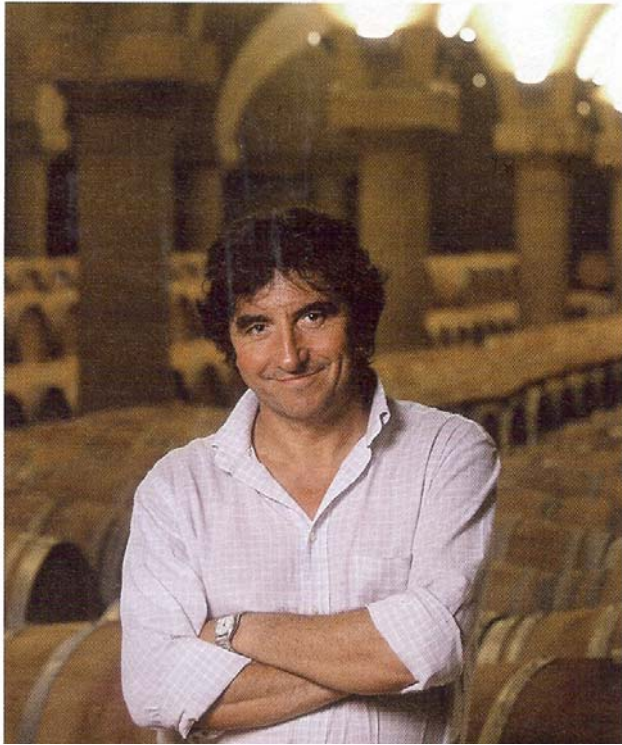


Top-quality vintages of Nebbiolo just keep on coming By James Suckling

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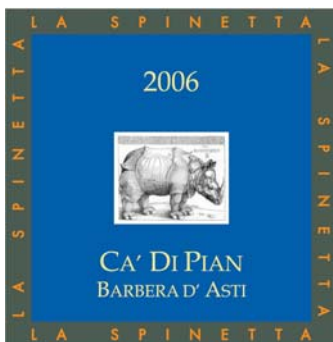
Rivetti attributes the success as much as to hard work as to good weather. "We work so much better in the vineyards. For example, in 2004, you could have made a pretty weak wine. We had to cut back grapes three times due to overproduction in the vineyard. 2004 was not a great year- it was a great year for producers, who worked hard in the vineyards.



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Giorgio Rivetti of La Spinetta makes some of the region's finest reds.

James Suckling's Recommended Values From Piedmont:



90 points

LA SPINETTA Barbera d'Asti Ca di Pian 2006

A bright and fruity red, displaying fresh raspberry and blackberry tart aromas. Full-bodied and long with lots of fruit and soft, velvety tannins.