

General Info

Country: Italy

Region: Piedmont

Appellation(s): Meriame

Producer: Riikka Sukula

Year Founded: 2005

Annual Production Total: 4,500 bottles

Farming: Organic

Harvest Method: Manual

Total Estate Size: 2 ha



Azienda Agricola Sukula

Riikka Sukula, a self described ‘Jackie-of-all-Trades’ fell in love with Piedmont and it’s famous wines when she traveled to the region on a wine purchasing trip for her Finnish Wine import company, Belmondo. Longing to experience the magic of a wine season first hand she moved her family to the Serralunga d’Alba Cru of Meriame, where they purchased a small vineyard and old farmhouse in 2005.

The estate is just under two hectares (1.5ha Nebbiolo + .5ha Barbera) which allows for incredible attention to detail! Due to the limited production size of the estate and a careful eye for quality, Riikka produces only 4,500 bottles per year and is considered a micro-producer in a region where many other wine estates are already quite small. Her first Barolo vintage was bottled in 2007. Her respect of the terroir and efforts toward Organic certifications prove that even without decades of historical vintages to rest upon, the wine that is being produced is of the highest quality.

The Meriame Cru is approx 7ha. Located near the boarder of Castiglione Falletto & Serralunga d’Alba at around 400m. The wines have notable elegance and perfume while not lacking in the structure expected of the area.

As an accomplished Winemaker, Mother, Vegetarian cookbook author, and podcast host we are in awe of what Riikka has accomplished and know she will continue to ‘walk the talk’. The ideals pursued by Riikka are very simple, love and passion for the land, research and study to constantly improve and absolute respect for every single vine to ensure that it expresses itself at its best.

The Wines

**BAROLO SERRALUNGA
d’ALBA ‘Meriame’**

2017/2018: Sandstone and clay soils. Vines are 40-65 years old. Wine is fermented in stainless steel and ages for about 24 months in tonneau. Held in bottle no less than 4 years before release