

Massimo Clerico



Lessona Riserva



At a Glance:

- **Appellation:** DOC Lessona
- **Uvaggio:** Nebbiolo (Spanna) (97%), Vespolina (3%)
- **Average Annual Production:** 4,000 bottles
- **Average Alcohol by Volume:** 13.5%
- **Average Residual Sugar:** < 5 g/l
- **Average Total Acidity:**

In The Vineyard:

- **Parcel Names, Slopes, and Locations:** From the West-south-west facing, sloped Gaja, Leria, and Putin vineyards, all near the Clerico cellars in Lessona
- **Soil Types and Compositions:** Acidic pliocene sands and white clays
- **Vine Age, Training, and Density:** Trained in Guyot and planted at 2,500-3,000 vines/ha, vines average 50 years old.
- **Average Yields:** Controlled through pruning and debudding
- **Average Harvest Date and Type:** Entirely manual, usually early October

In The Cellar:

- **Fermentation:** Following total destemming, wine ferments with selected yeasts in stainless-steel tanks. Cuvaion lasts c. 55 days.
- **Pressing:** Pneumatic pressing
- **Time on Lees:** Racked following malolactic, wine remains on its fine lees until assemblage prior to bottling.
- **Malolactic Fermentation:** In tank directly following alcoholic fermentation, via inoculation
- **Élevage:** 42 months in large, neutral, French oak casks, with some of the wine in neutral barriques
- **Press Wine:** Blended after malolactic
- **Fining and Filtration:** Unfined, cartridge filtration
- **Sulfur:** Applied at harvest, after vinification, after malolactic, at rackings, and at bottling, with c. 85 mg/l total sulfur

In The Glass:

To qualify as Lessona Riserva, the wine must be aged a total of 46 months before commercial release with a minimum of 30 months of the aging process occurring in barrel. This, the most grand wine of the estate, is a selection of Nebbiolo from Clerico's finest vineyard sites, including the oldest vines of the estate (planted in 1970) in the "Vigna Gaja". The elegance and refinement of Clerico's Lessona is manifest, providing another unique rendition of the complexity of the Nebbiolo grape.