

Castione Andevenno, Province of Sondrio

Established: 2005

Owner: Giuseppe Guglielmo

Winemaker: Giuseppe Guglielmo

Production: 12,000 bottles

Hectares under vine: 3.5

Viticulture: Sustainable

Vegan Friendly



Azienda Agricola Boffalora was established in 2005 when Giuseppe Guglielmo left behind his former career as a panel beater and took over his father-in-law's vineyards. Giuseppe farms a few hectares, including some pre-phylloxera, broken into a patchwork of vineyards in Castione Andevenno, just west of the Sassella zone.

The vineyards in Valtellina are planted on the northern side of the Adda river, centred around the city of Sondrio and rising, in some places, almost vertically. Precious parcels are terraced into the steep hillsides where Chiavennasca – the local name for Nebbiolo – is planted to soak up as much of the late sun as possible. This is back breaking work requiring an average of 1200 hours per hectare (compared to 300-400 in the Langhe) and the only machinery used in the vineyards is the funicular to transport the grapes down the steep slopes!

Giuseppe is also a beekeeper, cultivating both his bees and vines sustainably to encourage biodiversity, and the land teems with life and energy.

Chiavennasca of Valtellina makes a lighter framed wine than its Piemonte siblings, built more on finesse and elegance than power and tannins.

'Umo' Alpi Retiche IGT

Umo, aged for a six months in steel and casks, is a beautiful featherlight wine with fragrant strawberry and floral notes, the palate lively with a distinct Alpine freshness.

Valtellina Superiore DOCG 'Pietrisco'

The best selection of the oldest vines, aged in large casks for 12 months, Pietrisco is striking for its energy and perfume. Incredibly fine, there are notes of rose, orange, red berries and tea, the wine's shape and feel driven by the purity of fruit and silky tannins. Production here is tiny, just a few thousand bottles, and we are privileged to bring some to Australia.

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