

Notes from Pietro Mascazzini of Gaggiano, April 2021

"Galizya" (0.7ha) - Gattinara DOCG

NOTES: 40 years old vineyard purchased in 2014.

New vines planted between 2018 and 2019.

Most of the grapes produced here are used for Gattinara DOCG "Timoteo" but a small part is vinified separately to produce Coste della Sesia Nebbiolo DOC "Sandrìn"

SOIL: Rocky, volcanic origin soil composed of brown/reddish color porphyry and quartz

GRAPE VARIETIES: 100% Nebbiolo

"Brusavecc" (0.9ha) - Bramaterra DOC

NOTES: Old vineyards of thirty / forty years in the small village of Lozzolo on the border with the Gattinara production area. Purchased and restored between 2019 and 2020. Grapes produced here are mainly used for Bramaterra DOC "Gervasio" and a small part for Coste della Sesia DOC Rosso "Leandro"

SOIL: porphyry, quartz and clay

GRAPE VARIETIES: 60%Nebbiolo, 30%Vespolina, 10%Croatina

"Valcorba" (0.3ha) - Bramaterra DOC

NOTES: Old vineyards of thirty / forty years in the small village of Lozzolo on the border with the Gattinara production area. Purchased and restored between 2019 and 2020. Grapes produced here are mainly used for Bramaterra DOC "Gervasio" and a small part for Coste della Sesia DOC Rosso "Leandro"

SOIL: porphyry, quartz and clay

GRAPE VARIETIES: 80%Nebbiolo, 10%Vespolina, 10%Croatina

*Brusavecc and Valcorba are in close proximity, east of Lozzolo (close to, but outside of Gattinara production area); the vjds listed below are to the west of Lozzolo.**

Casa del Bosco "Alta" (0.5ha) - Bramaterra DOC

NOTES: Vineyard we rent from 2017; restored in 2018.

It is the vineyard mainly used for the Coste della Sesia DOC Rosato "Caterina" and the Coste della Sesia DOC Rosso "Leandro" grapes. The best grapes are harvested separately for the production of Bramaterra DOC "Gervasio"

SOIL: porphyry and quartz of volcanic origin mixed with clay and brown sands

GRAPE VARIETIES: 80%Nebbiolo, 10%Vespolina, 10%Croatina

Casa del Bosco "Bassa" (0.6ha) - Bramaterra DOC

NOTES: Vineyard we rent from 2017 (just down the road from Alta, above); restored in 2018. It is the vineyard mainly used for Coste della Sesia DOC Rosato "Caterina" and Coste della Sesia DOC Rosso "Leandro" grapes. The best grapes are harvested separately for the production of Bramaterra DOC "Gervasio"

SOIL: porphyry and quartz of volcanic origin mixed with clay and brown sands

GRAPE VARIETIES: 80%Nebbiolo, 10%Vespolina, 10%Croatina

"Anzivino" (0.66ha) - Bramaterra DOC

NOTES: Vineyard we rent from 2018.

Grapes produced here are used for Coste della Sesia DOC Rosato "Caterina" and Coste della Sesia DOC Rosso "Leandro" grapes. The best grapes are harvested separately for the production of Bramaterra DOC "Gervasio"

SOIL: porphyry and quartz of volcanic origin mixed with clay and brown sands

GRAPE VARIETIES: 80%Nebbiolo, 10%Vespolina, 10%Croatina

"Piccone" (0.34ha) - Bramaterra DOC

NOTES: Vineyard we rent from 2017; restored in 2018.

It is the vineyard mainly used for the Coste della Sesia DOC Rosato "Caterina" and the Coste della Sesia DOC Rosso "Leandro" grapes. The best grapes are harvested separately for the production of Bramaterra DOC "Gervasio"

SOIL: porphyry and quartz of volcanic origin mixed with clay and brown sands

GRAPE VARIETIES: 100%Nebbiolo

** Lozzolo is a small, ancient village of 800 inhabitants always competing with Gattinara on wines. Anciently, it was called "Loceno": a legend tells that in 1242 A.C. when the "borgofranco" of Gattinara was founded grouping all the small villages in the surroundings, they did not want to join in the newborn village. From that moment Gattinara and Lozzolo start competing on everything. Today they are connected by a very busy street, but there's a beautiful path between forests and vines named "Via delle Vigne" that was the ancient connection between them. On the border with Lozzolo, Travaglini owns a lot of hectares of vines in the area named "Uccineglio". Lozzolo is not far from "Molsino" area too (one of the most important crus of Gattinara historically produced by Nervi and today owned by Roberto Conterno).*

Conditions are quite the same: rocky volcanic soil, altitude, South-West exposition. From many years ago in Lozzolo there are quarries of kaolin and feldspar. So going west from Gattinara, especially in Lozzolo, hills have an important percent of clay in addition to porphyry and quartz, and very often are softer grounds to work.