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Passion and enthusiasm, delight in the consistently excellent results achieved to date, and a good dose of humility that enables him to maintain a sense of balance: these are the qualities that distinguish Aldo Pola. Flanked by partner Bruno Ferro and assisted by his son, Davide, Aldo makes a range of excellent wines in the district of Neive. Oenologist Beppe Caviola offers invaluable support in the cellar, which produces more than 60,000 bottles a year from the estate's 13 hectares of vineyards. After sacrificing the 2002 vintage, a decision that served to show just how serious this cellar is – no quality fruit, no wine – we are happy to welcome the Barbarescos back in this edition of the Guide. Sori Burdin '03 is consistent with its vintage, showing a warm, complex nose of ripe fruit and aniseed, and no-nonsense tannins on the full palate where hints of spice emerge. The basic Barbaresco also showed very well, it's a refreshing wine with unmistakable notes of liquorice and dried flowers. But it was the Barbera d'Alba Brunet '04 that stood out from the range of wines presented. Fifteen months of barrique-conditioning have given it an immediate impact of intense aromas including black cherry and chocolate on the nose, and a soft, elegant palate. The other wines are all interesting and a special mention goes to the tannic but supple Dolcetto d'Alba Bordini. The Nebbiolo '04 and Arneis '05 are both clean and fresh.

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