## Marco Capra Azienda Agricola

## **Italy - Piemonte**

In 1945, in the hills of Santo Stefano Belbo, Tommaso Capra, known as "Tumasin", founded his estate. Tumasin passed his experience on to his son, Luciano, and they produced high quality wine, sold to wholesalers in traditional demijohns, until the late 20th century.

In 1996, at age 15, Luciano's grandson, Marco, began working the vineyards. At age 18, Marco took over the company his grandfather had founded, merging his passion and innovation with tradition. In 2014, Marco changed the winery name to Marco Capra Azienda Agricola, to highlight his personal "touch". Marco's dedication is visible in the wines today, which fully express the typicity of the territory and have succeeded in gaining the increasing appreciation of both wine experts and wine enthusiasts. Marco is also dedicated to his family - wife Monica, and children Elisabetta and Riccardo.

The main resource of Santo Stefano Belbo has always been the cultivation of the vine: the geological structure of the soil and its microclimate favor an optimal ripening of the bunches and a resulting wine that delights the senses. Producing high quality wines is Marco Capra's first goal, and his personal commitment and work start in the vineyard: "The vineyards are our most important capital and it is our job to take care of them and work them in the most natural and ecocompatible way possible". Piedmont is renowned for its typical, richly traditional grape varieties – Nascetta, Nebbiolo, Dolcetto, Barbera and Moscato.

The hills that give life to Marco Capra wines are those of Langhe, Roero and Monferrato, a wonderful marriage between nature and man's work, recognized as UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2014. The vineyards are perched on gentle slopes, with the best exposition to the sun's rays and the breeze from the wind. The terroir is rich & alive with Piedmontese heritage.

