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1973

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Elena Penna (right)  
Luca Currado (second  
left), and their children,  
Giulia and Michele

## Former Vietti owners announce new venture

A new Piedmont winemaking project has been created by the ex-owners of historic Barolo producer Vietti.

Elena Penna and Luca Currado recently announced the new venture, to be based at their Cascina Lazzarito property – a farmhouse built in 1554 that crowns the Lazzarito cru at the entrance to Serralunga d’Alba village.

The first Cascina Penna-Currado wines are largely from the 2023 vintage and should be released later this year. Alongside a Langhe Nebbiolo and Dolcetto d’Alba, the range includes a Timorasso white. A 2023-vintage

Barbera d’Alba is set for release in 2025, followed by 2023 Barolos in 2027.

*Decanter* Italy expert Michaela Morris said the family has access to about 20ha of vineyards, including a 13ha contiguous site in the hamlet of San Sebastiano.

‘We control everything in the vineyard from A to Z,’ Penna said, describing the venture as ‘a return to our origins’, and ‘a magical place where we can start our new family voyage’.

Penna and Currado left Vietti in early 2023, having previously sold the Barolo winery to the Krause family in 2016.