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# Former Vietti Owners Establish New Barolo Winery

**B**arolo power couple Luca Currado Vietti and Elena Penna-Currado have begun a new chapter in their wine-making careers, this time with the collaboration of their children, Michele and Giulia. A year after the longtime proprietors of Vietti left that winery, the family has established Cascina Penna-Currado, a small artisanal estate producing Barolo, Barbera, Dolcetto, Nebbiolo and Timorasso. Their first vintage is 2023.



The Penna-Currado-Vietti family: Giulia, Luca, Michele and Elena

The family sold Vietti in 2016 to American business executive Kyle Krause and his family, with an agreement for the couple to stay on as managers for five years. They ended up remaining at Vietti until January of 2023.

The family is farming 30 acres of vines in the San Sebastiano area of the Monforte d'Alba appellation that they have leased for 25 years. "We have known this area for a long time," Penna-Currado told *Wine Spectator*. "Today, with climate change, grapes can ripen with freshness, low alcohol, influence from [the] mountain and same soils as Barolo."

The vineyards will be farmed sustainably.

The wines are made at a historic farmhouse built

in 1554. The couple purchased it in 2018 and have been renovating ever since. It was originally owned by the Marchesi Falletti family, then by the Opera Pia charity. "It's a property that is always breathing history and Barolo, so there was no better place to start our new path," said Penna-Currado.

A Dolcetto and Barbera will be released this spring, with a Langhe Nebbiolo and Timorasso to follow in autumn 2024. Three Barolos from the 2023 harvest are slated to debut in 2027. "To put together all those parcels for the '23 harvest was not simple, but fortunately we had the help of some people to start this new project," she added. The goal is to eventually reach about 6,000 cases. "We want to control every step of the process, from the vineyards to the winemaking, by ourselves."

—Bruce Sanderson



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