



**Destefanis
Dolcetto d'Alba
2004 - Piedmont, Italy**

Tasting Notes:

The Bricco Galluccio or "Small Rooster" vineyard is one of the steepest vineyards in Montelupo, offering a very well drained medium structured soil. Thus wines from here are always extremely rich in color and bright in the red fruit component. In the cellar carefully extracted and in vinification treated to important exposure to oxygen, without which Dolcetto otherwise acquires dangerous levels of reduction.

Vineyard Notes:

Marco Destefanis is the kind of producer you dream of finding. He is totally sincere, self-effacing, always anxious to please, and far more talented than he knows. This winemaker uses nothing but vines twice his own age, which produce rare fruit with incredible concentration.

Dolcetto should be pure pleasure to drink. At its best, it can be thought of as Italy's answer to Zinfandel: gutsy, irresistible wine with a freshness and balance Zinfandel can't touch. Destefanis's Dolcetto is in another league; rich, seductive, and totally enjoyable, but entirely serious too.

Giuseppe Destefanis founded the Piedmont estate in the 1950s, with the first vineyards planted in the 1960s. In 1985, Giuseppe's grandson, Marco Destefanis, breathed fresh life into the property by replanting vineyards, updating cellar technology and focusing the estate on traditional regional varietals, Barbera and Dolcetto. These wines, while elegant in style, exhibit true structure, power and definition.



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