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## Il Pettirosso

The wine appeared to be ready for bottling, but the barrel unfortunately needed replacing. There wasn't enough to warrant a new label so Isabella and Emanuele chose a few barrels of that '97 – the most mature – and it became Il Pettirosso.

Only in the case of some vintages, our cellar tastings suggest that we make a Valtellina Superiore as the unanimous expression of the three central areas of the DOCG.



Appellation:

Grapes:

Vineyard:

Altitude:

Maceration:

Ageing:

**Valtellina Superiore DOCG**

**Chiavennasca (Nebbiolo) 100%**

**With grass**

**400-550 m a.s.l.**

**109 days in wooden vats 50 hl**

**12 months in big barrels 50 hl,  
stainless steel, bottle**

### Reviews

#### VINTAGE 2018

Vinous – 91

#### VINTAGE 2017

Wine Enthusiast – 93  
Wine Spectator – 90

#### VINTAGE 2016

Vinous – 92  
Wine Advocate – 92  
Wine Enthusiast – 92

**VINTAGE 2018****Vinous – 91**

Dense and layered, this opens nicely with air in the glass, revealing flavors of dried raspberry, eucalyptus, leather and black tea enmeshed with a core of firm tannins. Showing fine balance and good energy overall, this should shine even brighter after short-term cellaring. Best from 2026 through 2036. 1,050 cases made.

**VINTAGE 2017****Wine Enthusiast – 93**

Pressed rose, wild berry, smoke and dried Alpine herb aromas emerge from the glass. The graceful palate offers red cherry, cranberry and star anise alongside a salty mineral note while deft tannins provide lithe support. Fans of concentrated, muscular wines may find it too ethereal but lovers of finesse will be smitten. Drink through 2026.

**Wine Spectator – 90**

A lively red, with light, crisp tannins and pretty creamed strawberry, wild sage and orange peel flavors underscored by tarry mineral and spice accents. Juicy. Drink now through 2026. 1,800 cases made, 375 cases imported.

**VINTAGE 2016****Vinous – 92****Wine Advocate – 92**

Here's a beautiful wine with a great human story behind it. Fruit from 50-year-old vines planted in friable granitic mountain soils is carried down to the winery in small cassettes on the hearty shoulders of the harvesters. With some 24,000 bottles made, the Ar. Pe. Pe. 2016 Valtellina Superiore Nebbiolo Il Pettiroso is perfumed with rosebud, wild berry, sour cherry and crushed stone. All that backbreaking human labor leads to a soft and gently polished red wine to pair with a classic buckwheat pasta from this ski-loving region.

**Wine Enthusiast – 92**

Bright and tangy, this fragrant wine offers head scents of red rose, pine forest, wet flint and Alpine herb. Vibrant and savory, the racy palate has lovely mineral energy and tension, doling out juicy Marasca cherry, ground clove and a hint of hazelnut alongside taut, refined tannins and bright acidity. Drink through 2026