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Italy's Oddero Winery Adds to Its Prestigious Collection of Barolo Vineyards

The La Morra producer buys a small parcel in the Monvigliero cru of neighboring Verduno



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From left, Pietro, Mariacristina, Giacomo and Isabella Oddero run their family's Barolo winery—Giacomo is semi-retired.

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Italy's [Podere & Cantine Oddero](#) has added to its already impressive lineup of vineyards with the purchase of 1.8 acres in the Monvigliero *cru* in the Barolo region. The seller was longtime owner Giovanni Corino. The price was not disclosed.

Isabella Oddero told *Wine Spectator* that an agreement to purchase the parcel was made in July 2017. It won't be finalized under Italian law until the end of 2019, but because Oddero took possession of the parcel in 2017 and harvested the grapes that year, the deal was announced

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this week. It's a south-facing parcel in the center of the Monvigliero hill, a *cru* that is increasingly recognized as one of the best in Barolo.

Family-owned Oddero is managed by [Mariacristina Oddero](#), her niece Isabella and her son Pietro, who joined the team in 2017. The company produces more than 10,000 cases a year.

"Monvigliero was a dream of Mariacristina's for many years," said Isabella. The initial harvests, 2017 and 2018, will be blended into Oddero's Barolo Classico until the team feels it can stand on its own as a single *cru* bottling.

At a time when very little vineyard land in Barolo comes up for sale, Pietro found out about the parcel through "a friend of a friend of a friend," he told *Wine Spectator*. They drove out to Monvigliero and had two hours to make the decision to buy.

In addition to Monvigliero, Oddero produces wine from Brunate, Bussia Soprana Vigna Mondoca (Riserva), Rocche di Castiglione, Vigna Rionda and Villero. The firm also makes a Barbaresco from the Gallina *cru*.

In a related project, but outside the Oddero umbrella, Isabella and Pietro Oddero have partnered with Fabrizio Borgogno and Stefano Carbone, owners of the La Morra restaurant Osteria More e Macine, to produce Timorasso from Colli Tortonesi. The nearly 4-acre parcel will be planted in the spring of 2019 and the first wine is expected in four to five years.