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2016 Ascheri Langhe Rosso Montalupa

Made with Syrah, the Ascheri 2016 Langhe Rosso Montalupa is spicy and savory with specific aromas—dark fruit, tobacco and white pepper corn—that are certainly linked to the grape, but they remain totally outside the flavor profile associated with the cool-climate Langhe wine region at the foot of the Italian Alps. That spiciness and the rather sharp or focused quality of the fruit underlines a sense of place, and you might recognize dried mint or balsam herb as well. Those give lift and energy to the full-bodied finish. Only 2,800 bottles were made.

- Monica Lerner (June, 2022)

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