

## Villadoria

### 2014 Vintage Report

2014 vintage started very early because the winter was mild. In the vineyards we had an early bud break with favorable climate conditions during springtime. Flowering started around 20th of May. After a few days of heat in the middle of June, the bad weather began. Veraison proceeded slowly due to rains and below average temperatures. Anyway we were at least one week ahead as in 2009, 2011 and 2012. Veraison started in the Nebbiolo grapes in the middle of August, about 10 days ahead. 2014 was a rainy but early vintage. It reminds us a little bit of 2008 vintage that ended up being a great vintage. There were hails around Diano d'Alba and Monforte, Sant'Anna area towards Roddino. Generally speaking bunches were healthy. A few more issues are to be found in the vineyards in the valley due to downy and powdery mildew. The yield was low, quality good. In August and September we had a few rainy days and then sunny days that allowed good ripening of "late" varieties (Barbera Superiore, Nebbiolo). Dolcetto and white grapes were instead hindered by bad weather. Between September and October the temperature gap between day and night speeded up the ripening process and allowed an excellent development of perfumes in the nebbiolo. Generally, 2014 wine is rich in perfumes, it has good tannins and limited alcoholic content.