



**PORTOVINO**  
GROOVY ITALIAN WINES

DERTHONA TIMORASSO  
*Vigneti Massa*

## WHY BE CURIOUS?

Get outta here! Lots of native varieties are 'cute'; Timorasso is way beyond that. Derthona comes from one of Italy's grower-heroes, Walter Massa. Twenty years ago, this small grower decided to save the native grape, Timorasso. We should count ourselves lucky, as it's turned out to be one of Italy's finest whites: complex, age-worthy and grown around the hills of Tortona, or, *Derthona* in dialect. Fascinating wine!

## PRODUCER:

It's hard not to get worked up about Walter Massa's wines: he had a vision for a variety nobody wanted, worked in obscurity for years, rescued the grape, and doesn't talk about himself but about the territory of Colli Tortonesi. When you get lost going there, start asking people 100 km out and they know and love him, from the gas station guy to the producer next to him. A prophet, a farmer, a philosopher and someone that you'd want to share a glass of wine with at your table.



## DETAILS:

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**Region:** Piemonte

**Farming:** Sustainable

**Varieties:** Timorasso

**Tasting Notes:** DOC Colli Tortonesi. Full bodied but also an acidity that gives the fruit and minerals a focus. Complex and one of the few Italian whites that will age: we've tasted fascinating bottles up to 9 years old.

**Vineyard:** Guyot. Vineyards: Costa del Vento 1990/04, 1.40 ha, 21 m.p., western exp. clay and cal. soil Costiolo 1997, 0.50 ha, 8 m.p., southern exp., calcareous soil Sterpi 1996/06, 1.

**Soil:** marl, chalk and clay

**Altitude:** 200 - 300 meters

**Land feature:** hill top vineyard

**Vine age:** 10 - 20 years

**Vinification:** Native yeasts. Maceration press 48-60 hours; fermentation 18-22 °C; batonnage; minimum 6 months bottle aging before released on market. Light filtration.

## AWARDS, PRESS & CERTIFICATIONS:

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Slow Wine Snail Award: Producer of Excellence - 2011

Gambero Rosso Wine Grower of the Year - 2011

Gambero Rosso 2 Glass winner - 2011

Gambero Rosso top Quality / Price Award winner - 2010, 2009, 2008