

# MacArthur Beverages

## IN-STORE TASTING

With Isabella Pellzzatti Perego of Ar.Pe.Pe.  
& Christoph Künzli of Le Piane

The vineyards of Ar.Pe.Pe. stretch over steep and stony slopes, where nature has been testing the farmer for centuries. It is an extremely labor-intensive environment for winemaking, and one where labor is rewarded with some of the most beautiful and haunting expressions of the Nebbiolo grape made anywhere. ArPePe is considered by many to be the pinnacle producer of Valtellina.

Le Piane is the benchmark producer of Boca, a small area in northern Piemonte that had dwindled from 10,000 to 25 acres between 1941 and 1995. The south facing vineyards include some original 80-100 year old vines planted in the "Maggiorina" system that is unique to the area. This almost-forgotten part of northern Piemonte produces elegant, expressive Nebbiolo wines.

FRIDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> | 5:00-8:00PM



Isabella Pelizzatti Perego, is part of the fifth generation, along with her brothers Emmanuel and Guido making wines in Valtellina. Her Grandfather Arturo Pelizzatti Perego created Ar.Pe.Pe. in 1984. His aim was to realize fully the potential of the unique Valtellina terroir and produce long-aging Nebbiolo wines in accordance with the rules of the oldest traditions. Today, Isabella continues her grandfather's work. By working together and carefully innovating, Isabella and her brothers have succeeded in making their father's dreams come true.



When Christoph Künzli was first introduced to Boca in the late 1980s there were only one or two people producing Boca at all. Antonio Cerri was a retired farmer who was farming one acre of the 15 that had previously been under vine. Christoph felt that these were the best wines in Boca and tried to buy the vineyard on the spot. Antonio refused him for almost ten years and it was not until his death in 1997 that he was able to buy the property and begin a three year process to restore all 15 acres and rebuild the appellation one vintage at a time.