



Mario Baralis (right) with Alex Ouziel, founder of Kaliro Spirits.

## **MARIO BARALIS**

Mario Baralis, born in 1947 in Penango Asti (Piedmont, Italy), is one of the most reputed enologists and Master Blenders in Piedmont.

Happily retired for over twenty years, Mario was the guardian of Antonio Carpano's original vermouth recipe, as he oversaw its production at the old Carpano distillery in Turin for over fifteen years, until the brand and company was sold in 1996.

Mario's friendship with Alex Ouziel (Founder of Kaliro Spirits) started following a chance encounter in Asti. Drawn by Alex's passion for Vermouth and seeing in 9diDANTE a great opportunity to pass on the knowledge and experience of a lifetime, Mario accepted to mentor his friend on his vision of using local Piedmont artisanal traditions to deliver a bold and sinful Vermouth that pushes the traditional boundaries of the category.

Now residing in the hills north of Asti, Mario has dedicated the last 20 years to his other passions; producing his own olive oil and riding his beloved Kawasaki Z900.