

BARBARA RESCO DOCG

Barbaresco DOCG



NEBBIOLO

100%

This wine is one of the great jewels of Piedmont viticulture.

Barbaresco is produced using only the Nebbiolo grape. The vineyards (682 ha) are located on different soil types, which include clay, limestone, and marl, in addition to areas rich in tuff.

The climate of the Barbaresco area differs from that of the Barolo. Here the conditions are warmer and somewhat drier. Barbaresco is often more approachable when young, despite its strong tannins. As Barbaresco ages, the spicy and earthy flavors stand out.

In order to earn the classification of Barbaresco it must be aged for at least 26 months. Of those, nine must be passed in barrels. For the title of Barbaresco Riserva, the minimum aging time required is 50 months, nine of which must be spent in wood.

The Barbaresco received the DOCG in 1980. The areas of most interest to the production of the Barbaresco are three: **Barbaresco**, **Neive**, and **Treiso**. In this last area, a small part of the vineyards of San Rocco Seno d'Elvio, near the city of Alba, is often counted.

Barbaresco:

- A small area of the Barbaresco production;
- A soil that is predominately rich in tuff;
- The character of the wine is sensuous with strong tannins;
- The most famous crus of the area are Asili, Martinenga, Rabajà.

Treiso:

- Soils rich in fine marls;
- The wines produced in this area are fresh but sometimes a little bit dark and less expressive, especially in cold vintages;
- The most famous crus of the area are Pajorè and Marcarini.

Neive:

- This area is the largest production area of Barbaresco;
- The wines are fully balanced with great elegance, which combines characteristics of both Treiso and Barbaresco;
- The most famous crus of the area are Currà, Cottà and Bordini.

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GARDINI NOTES WINE RANKING

The targets are three: short (5-8 years), medium (10-15 years) and long (more than 15 years), which denote the aging potential of the wine.



SHORT (5-8 years)



MEDIUM (10-15 years)



LONG (more than 15 years)

97+



Barbaresco Docg Montersino 2016

ORLANDO ABRIGO

A refined Nebbiolo, from Lampia clone, both sharp and intriguing. Enhanced version of Barbaresco, produced in one of the most reliable sites for viticulture in the Cuneo area. The ageing in oak adds a delicate boisé trace that is dominated by the strength of the fruit as well as by a wonderful tannic texture, offering a bitter finish with an extraordinary spectrum of perceptions.



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Barbaresco Docg Cottà 2016

SOTTIMANO

Sottimano proves itself to live up to its name with this Barbaresco showing a wide range of "alpha" characteristics. As usual, very rich on the nose, with aromas of red fruits and citrus. Nicely astringent, recalling mentholated scents from grass mowing. In the mouth, tannins are well-structured but elegant, surprisingly inclined to drinkability, all this ending in a very clear finish.



95



Barbaresco Docg Pora 2016

MUSSO

An excellent expression of Nebbiolo, a wide wine produced in a land which is ideal for its ripening. Left twenty-four months in oak of two passages. On the nose, a balsamic note with aromas of alcohol-infused cherries, pepper leaf. Menthol scents in the background. The mouthfeel satisfies the spiciness enriched by a nice toasting. A texture of soft tannins, a proper level of drinkability.



95



Barbaresco Docg Pajoré 2016

RIZZI

A very "masculine" Barbaresco for this version produced by Rizzi, which rather shows surprising and very pleasant nuances of sweetness on the nose: rhubarb, licorice, but also violet and wild strawberries, with a slight smoked note arising as tertiary. The mouthfeel is properly guided by very voluptuous tannins which also in this case are captivating but never excessive. A very long-lasting persistence.



WINE RANKING

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 **Barbaresco Docg Gallina 2016**

ODDERO

Here is an excellent Barbaresco displaying an extraordinary firmness and very balanced flavours. A full-bodied wine following the most accurate wine-making practices. So much refined that is perfectly suitable for every palate. On the nose, violet petals and fruits of undergrowth, especially blackberries. Tasty without being excessive, with round and balsamic tannins.



93+

 **Barbaresco Rio Sordo Docg 2016**

MUSSO

Nearly a hectare of vineyard made of a calcareous and clay soil for a sumptuous, spicy and firm Barbaresco. On the nose, aromas of pepper leaf, chinotto and mint. The mouthfeel is backed by a very soft tannic texture, with an excellent drinkability. A very long-lasting persistence.



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 **Barbaresco Docg Riserva Asili 2014**

CA' DEL BAIO

Twenty-four months in wood of two passages, and a further period of six months in bottle for this nice Riserva, a top-quality wine in this category since many years. An excellent work carried out in vineyard along with a good vision in the winery, all this result in a product of great firmness. On the nose, alcohol-infused marasca cherries, a nice spiciness from pepper leaf. A very deep and intense balsamic note arising as tertiary. The mouthfeel is round, comforting and culinary.



93

 **Barbaresco Docg 2016**

CASTELLO DI NEIVE

Emblematic wine for a winery which has been capable of interpreting continuous and skilled work processes on varietals since 1970. All the roundness of the fruit is perceived on the nose along with scents of small fruits of undergrowth, a spicy note without being excessive. The mouthfeel is fresh, pleasing, very clear and vertical. A long-lasting persistence.

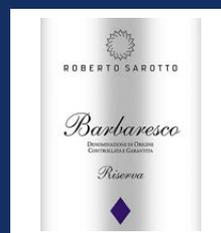


92+

 **Barbaresco Docg Riserva 2013**

SAROTTO

A winery devoted to a clear mission whose aim is to interpret a Barbaresco Riserva without being uselessly excessive, but showing roundness and a full-bodied texture. On the nose, it is nicely iodized, with notes of caper and blackberries dominating. An excellent and slender mouthfeel with velvety tannins. A good minerality and a nice persistence remaining very firm until the end of the sip.

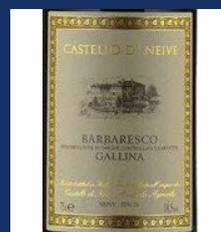


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 **Barbaresco Docg Gallina 2016**

NEIVE

Gallina: forty-year-old vineyards characterized by a mainly marl soil, and a crucial exposure to south-west, all this results in a compact wine offering a great and pleasant tasting. On the nose, it is intense, with aromas of chinotto, cassis and small red fruits. The mouthfeel is impressive, full-bodied, and very elegant, with a focus on a silky and soft tannic texture enriched by a note of licorice in the finish.



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 **Barbaresco Docg Riserva Currà 2013**
SAROTTO

This Riserva Currà from Sarotto displays a remarkable balsamic presence. A vineyard covering seven hectares situated in the town of Neive, at 300 metres above sea level. A very spicy nose with aromas of pepper leaf, alcohol-infused cherries and rhubarb. In the mouth, it shows a great freshness, and a good persistence. The mouthfeel is well-balanced, the tannic texture is never excessive.



92

 **Barbaresco Docg 2016**
GAJA

A blend from fourteen vineyards, a clear mission for a Barbaresco version which almost reaches perfection. Very low yields, a nearly crunchy fruit. A great richness on the nose with aromas of vanilla, boisé notes, flower petals and fruits of undergrowth. The mouthfeel is stunning on the take-off, then it becomes majestic thanks to a very long, sweet and perfect balance.



91+

 **Barbaresco Docg Rio Sordo 2016**
CASCINA BRUCIATA

An excellent cru which is able to offer both in the base version and in the Riserva one some of the oenological gems for this category, which surprises again for the richness of its fruit. On the nose, iodized scents dominated by plum, olive and caper, with a nice balsamic note. The mouthfeel confirms the olfactory perception. Salinity, very fine tannins and a nice persistence.



91+

 **Barbaresco Docg 2015**
ARMANDO PIAZZO

Sunny crests, a calcareous and clay soil situated in the area of Treiso and San Rocco Seno d'Elvio. An ageing period of nine months in large oak barrels for an excellent wine resulting from a flawless workmanship. It stands out for its rare freshness on the nose: aromas of pepper leaf and mint combined with a great texture made of red fruits of undergrowth. In the mouth, it shows again its freshness and roundness with a nice mineral character.



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 **Barbaresco Docg Meruzzano 2016**
ORLANDO ABRIGO

Meruzzano Cru, a winery whose sophisticated workmanship never obfuscates all accurate work proudly carried out in the vineyard, following the handcrafting practices. All this is confirmed by the fruit strength perceived on the nose: aromas of chinotto, rhubarb candy, blackberry and a pleasant mentholated trace in the background. The sip is dynamic, deep, but never excessive, bringing a nice almond note in the finish.



90+

 **Barbaresco Docg Asili 2015**
MICHELE CHIARLO

A noteworthy cru producing a wine which shows a great olfactory and flavour texture. Left eighteen months in large oak barrels; on the nose, it is delicate with aromas of rose petals, chinotto, dark fruits of undergrowth. The initial taste is excellent: fresh, elegant, ample with a very long persistence.



WINE RANKING

90+


Barbaresco Docg Rabaja 2016

GIUSEPPE CORTESE

An ageing period of twenty months in Slavonian oak for an interpretation of this great cru which stands out for its freshness. On the nose, aromas of raspberries, blueberries and wild strawberries. Nice mouthfeel on the take-off: measured, soft and mentholated. Robust tannins which occasionally are overwhelming, proving that this is a wine with extraordinary aging capacities.



90+


Barbaresco Docg Vallegrande 2016

CA' DEL BAIO

Treiso, the beating heart of the Langhe region. Twenty-eight hectares of a land entirely devoted to vines, managed by a firm which is deeply rooted in the same centenarian history of the appellation. An ageing period of twenty-seven months in oak for a blend produced by old and new vineyards and which impresses for its balance of flavours: on the nose, pepper leaf, raspberry and a hint of spiciness that becomes more evident in the mouth. A clear trace of chinotto in the finish.



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Barbaresco Docg Riserva 2011

RICOSSA

Here is a Ricossa in its great Riserva version which involves an interesting project based on accurate practices in the vineyard. A calcareous subsoil generating a salty wine with an extraordinary mineral taste. On the nose, intense aromas of dried spices and alcohol-infused cherries. In the mouth it is salty with a finish offering a pleasant freshness. A good persistence.

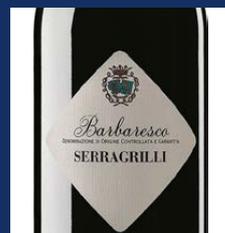


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Barbaresco Docg Serragrilli 2016

MARCHESI DI BAROLO

Neive, an amazing vocation for Barbaresco in one of the most celebrated cru of the appellation. On the nose, aromas of currant and a fresh mentholated trace. The mouthfeel is fresh, elegant and salty, with a nice tannic texture. Excellent persistence until the end of the sip.



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