

BAROLO

Barolo DOCG



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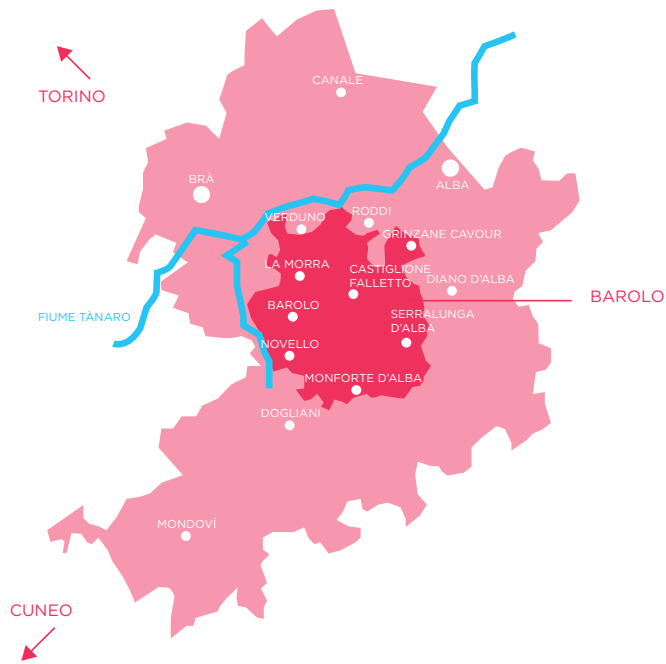
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Great wines are produced from the Nebbiolo grape in the Langhe, a recently declared Unesco World Heritage site located in the Southeastern part of the Piedmont, near Liguria.

The Nebbiolo, which is divided into three sub-varieties: Lampia, Michet, and Rosé, is difficult to grow due to its extreme sensitivity to different soil variations. However, this delicate fruit produces a very persistent wine: the Barolo, which is impossible to discuss in terms of one only characteristic. This notable wine can be interpreted in different ways and characterized by distinctive aromas and flavors thanks to

the heterogeneity of the territories, the many important crus, and its various vineyard expositions.

In the Langhe, various soils and mineral deposits are present, which contribute to the many interpretations of Barolo. Sedimentary clay, the Sant'Agata Marls: chalk marls mixed with grey-blue sandstone, Diano's sandstone: a dark grey sandstone interspersed with clay, and the formations of Lequio: red-gray stones striated with gray marls, are the important variances of the Langhe soil. The resulting Barolo is a fine, as well as, strong wine.



The production area is divided into 11 different zones:

Barolo (in 2010 composed of 248 ha):

- Fruity, fine, and strong wines.
- Sarmassa and Cannubi are two important and well-known crus.

Castiglione Falletto (in 2010 composed of 137 ha):

- Densely elegant, solid wines with strong tannins and earthy flavors.
- Monprivato and Bricco Boschis are two important and well-known crus.

La Morra (in 2010 composed of 248 ha):

- Less structured wines with very strong aromas.
- Brunate and Cerequio are two important and well-known crus.

Monforte d'Alba (in 2010 composed of 367 ha):

- Wines vary greatly depending on hillside location.
- Characteristic salty feel.
- The Western side produces wines from Bussia.
- The Eastern side produces wines, such as Ginestra, Gavarini, and Mosconi, stronger in tannins.

Serralunga d'Alba (in 2010 composed of 320 ha):

- Fully textured wines that are sometimes quite rough and powdery.

- The flavors recall red fruits preserved in alcohol.
- Vigna Rionda and Francia are two important and well-known crus.

Novello (in 2010 composed of 156 ha):

- Nascetta, a native white grape, is cultivated in this area.
- The wines are often wild, minty, and spicy with good tannins.
- Ravera is the most important cru of this area.

Verduno (in 2010 composed of 90 ha):

- Pelaverga, a native red grape, is cultivated in this area.
- The wines are not as strong as those of Serralunga.
- Monvigliero is the most important cru of this area.

The other lands that typify the Barolo production area are Grinzane Cavour, Roddi, Cherasco, and Diano d'Alba, which is also well-known for the Dolcetto.

It is important not to generalize the Barolo. Each area, each producer, and obviously, each vintage could result in a wine that differs from the above indications.

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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)

99+



Barolo Riserva DOCG “Monfortino” 2014

GIACOMO CONTERNO

Produced exclusively in the best year in Francia’s famous vineyard, a picture of excellence. Giacomo’s Barolo embodies the modern oenology Italian history. 84 months in cellar, should we whisper it or shout it all out, make proof of its artisan character. Sumptuous, nobile in the mouth and provided with special tannins.



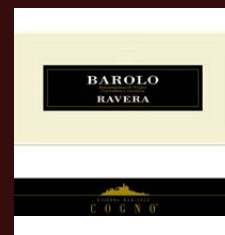
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Barolo DOCG “Ravera” 2015

ELVIO COGNO

This one represents a generous interpretation of exceptional cru and lean, but also vigorous shoulder. It is sensationally full-bodied, with Nebbiolo deriving from old vineyards. Its nose is intense, mentholated and smoked, while its sapid mouth provokes several pleasurable sensations, revealing toasted dry fruit and liquorice notes. Its persistence can be considered viscose, balsamic and mostly bewitching.



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Barolo Monvigliero DOCG 2015

COMM. G.B. BURLOTTO

Brilliant interpretation coming from one of the “founding fathers” of the appellation. Dry, tense and mineral, this wine is provided with great elegance and tannic sensation, which is destined for increasing rounding in time. Its intense nose reveals undergrowth fruit, rhubarb and under-spirit cherry. Its wide and iodized mouthful shows up in its minerality and dogged persistence.



97+



Barolo Riserva DOCG “San Bernardo” 2013

PALLADINO

This is a reserve from a vineyard of the same name – very old and marly subsoil. After 36 months in oak wood and another couple of months in bottle, it shows up its dehydrated violet and mind leaf aromas, as its rhubarb and medicinal herbs’ notes. Its mouth is wide, generous and provided with soft, but clear-cut tannins and an exceptional, as much herbaceous and persistent finish.



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Barolo DOCG “Parafada” 2015

PALLADINO

This gem is made up of thickness and dramatic fashion, and is also provided with balsamic touch. This Barolo derives from a Serralunga d’Alba multifaceted cru. Marl and limestone give minerality to the wine, whose fruit is compact, smells spicy and suptuous. It envelopes you while tasting. In short: history is made.



WINE RANKING

96⁺**Barolo Riserva DOCG “Villero” 2012**

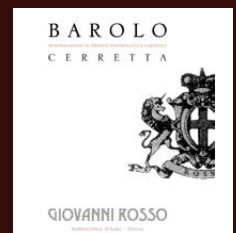
VIETTI

This reserve is by no means unique in its typology. This interpretation aims at preserve religiously the fruit sapidity. Low yields per hectare that make it, in bottle, distinctive and elegant. Its nose reveals pepper, violet petals notes and a balsamic touch. Its sharp drinking envelopes you and enchants you. Of sheer persistence.

96⁺**Barolo DOCG “Cerretta” 2015**

AZ. AGR. GIOVANNI ROSSO DI ROSSO DAVIDE

This nice and distinctive family-run cellar project is characterized by an assiduous attention to identity. This Serralung cru consists in parsimoniously used French oak, so that the rebel spirit doesn't vanish in the very thick grapes blend. Its complex nose reveals rose and violet petals, liquorice root and medicinal herbs' notes. Its vigorous and inviting drinking can do nothing but envelope you entirely.

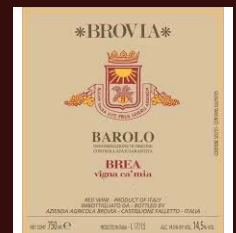


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**Barolo Brea DOCG Vigna “Ca' Mia” 2015**

BROVIA

A classic firm, now in clever female hands, devoted to organic wines, that remains connected to its homeland. Ca' Mia is austere, with plum jam and under-spirit cherry aromas and flowery, violet, mint leaf flavors in the mouth. Its tannins are provided with great sapidity. A wine that tastes like winter nights and leather armchairs.

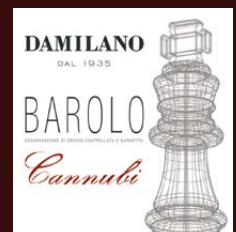


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**Barolo DOCG “Cannubi” 2015**

DAMILANO

A bottle with great potential, although it belongs to a difficult harvest. Its nose is thickness, full of aromatic herbs, under-spirit cherry and violet petals and a light toasting/smoking in tertiary. It is full-bodied and tastes sapid giving a great tannic sensation, which is never too aggressive, but smooth instead. The finish is a balsamic crescendo.



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**Barolo DOCG “Bricco delle Viole” 2015**

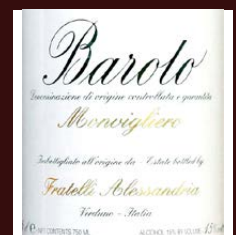
MARIO MARENCO

In this case, the micro area height is interpreted with great energy and sourness. This wine in bottle will be more and more fulfilling over the years. Yet, it's become memorable. Its nose mostly reveals great, smoked tertiaries, with tobacco and leather notes. Its tannic sensation is remarkable while tasting, as much as its width velvet. It tastes very horizontal, evoking a liquorice flavour.

95⁺**Barolo DOCG “Monvigliero” 2015**

FRATELLI ALESSANDRIA

Sharpness and elegance in bottles deriving from special vine varieties, to which it was paid a lot of attention. This is one of the most interesting denomination cru, and surely the most important one in Verduno. With under-spirit black cherries, liquorice root and undergrowth aromas. Vigorous, very distinctive and austere on the palate. Thanks to a very pleasurable tannic sensation, it seems to wear a nice and soft pair of gloves, when the storm rages outdoors.



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**Barolo "Brunate" DOCG 2015**

VIETTI

In a particular year, this steady Barolo with fruit champing at the bit, is clamorously compact and undoubtedly able to evolve. Anyway, it already seems irresistible. Vietti's Barolo can whisper to you and invade you. Its intriguing nose hides cherry, violet petals and undergrowth aromas. Its vertical mouth, immediately getting to your amygdala, is wonderfully mentholated and then, gets wide and persistent.

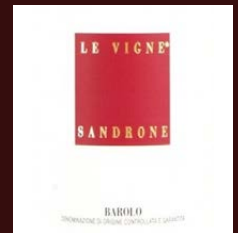


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**Barolo "Le Vigne" DOCG 2015**

SANDRONE

Compact blend of three different owned vineyards. Its finish is provided with elegance in bottle, that is typical of the wine cellar from which it derives. In oak tonneaux for two years so as to get a remarkably generous nose, with blank pepper, rhubarb, cinnamon and cherry jam flavours. Its round sip is very iodized and full-bodied, with a compact, but refined, tannic sensation.

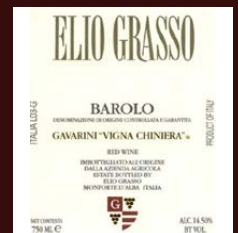


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**Barolo "Gavarini Chiniera" DOCG**

ELIO GRASSO

Coming from the peculiar Monforte d'Alba Firm. The inhabited area where the wine cellar was located turned into an international oenology cornerstone, and it never lose its own identity. Its authentic, but also sharp wines are able to take into consideration, like few others, their year and homeland importance. Refined and very spicy aromas, with chinotto, star anise and pepper leaf dominating. Very powerful tasting, with a delicious, exquisite tannic sensation.

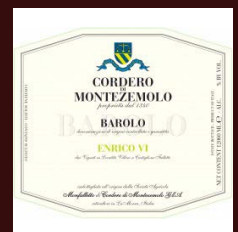


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**Barolo "Enrico VI" DOCG 2015**

CORDERO DI MONTEZEMOLO

Villero's hill, La Morra - this area was nominated by some oenology gods. This 4/4 noble wine, remained in French barrique for 20 months, had to do, however, with post restoration aristocracy: its balsamic nose reveals mint leaf, eucalyptus, rhubarb and under-spirit cherry flavous. "Uninhibited" also in the mouth, it tastes juicy, cool and very refreshing. Of sheer persistence.



94+

**Barolo "Cerretta" DOCG 2015**

SCHIAVENZA

From a cru of the same name, Bricco Cerretta, this wine embodies more than half a century of Italian oenology history. 36 months in venerable Slavonian oak, with great attention reserved to the countryside area. This wine is majestic and elegant, but not too serious. Its nose reveals balsamic, pepper leaf, liquorice root notes and violet petals fragrances. It is also provided with great minerality. Its important, well-structured and juicy palate invades you with a full-bodied tannic sensation.

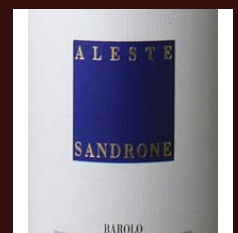


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**Barolo Aleste DOCG 2015**

SANDRONE

This wine, which represents its wine cellar symbol, was dedicated to Luciano's children, and it embodies oenology's wisdom and Cannubi Boschis cru's distinction. Its fruit is very round and multi-faceted. It is provided with blackberry jam and rhubarb aromas and both balsamic and mentholated scents. Firstly, it tastes very gastronomic, wide and round. After, it seems to wear a silk cape overnight.



WINE RANKING

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**Barolo Ciabot Tanasio DOCG 2015**

FRANCESCO SOBRERO

80 years of activity and personal care are dedicated both to the vineyard and the wine cellar. This 4 vine variety blend in Castiglione Falletto only remained for 24 months in oak barrels. Its spicy nose shows up violet petals, euphorbia, plum jam and liquorice root flavours, while its full-bodied mouth is provided with great sourness. Its finish is portrayed by a very light persistence.

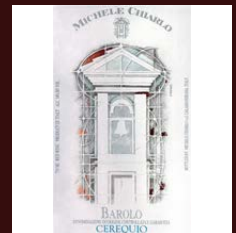


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**Barolo "Cerequio" DOCG 2015**

MICHELE CHIARLO

9 million-year-old tortorian marl in this grapes' blend of a very refined Nebbiolo. Its ionic bottle could only be produced in the most suitable years. Its powerful, balsamic and mentholated nose reveals broom, eucalyptus and pepper leaf aromas. The tasting proves the wine's distinction and refinement. Very thin tannins and thickness can be perceived on the palate.



93+

**Barolo DOCG "Ravera" 2015**

VIETTI

Raviera Cru, 60-year-old vine variety, 32 months in oak barrels. This wine remains harmless after years' tyranny. It is compact, intense, of a vibrant nose. With flowery, and mostly balsamic aromas accompanied by undergrowth, blueberry and Blackberry flavours. Its little toasting finishes the smelling in tertiary. Progress is the main tasting character. The beginning can be considered adolescent and exciting, then mature notes succeed, suiting your palate in an eternal snuggle.



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**Barolo DOCG "La Serra" 2015**

ROBERTO VOERZIO

La Morra - Young wine cellar, where vine variety is under a massive stylistic impact. A vineyard full of bio-dynamically-grown grapes. Indigenous yeasts in the wine cellar, with no filtration but very brief refining. The outcoming is an important, intense, full-bodied wine. Its undergrowth notes and balsamic nuances are followed by a round, wide mouthfeel, great tension, vibrating until the end.



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**Barolo Serralunga DOCG 2015**

BOASSO

A classical, persuasive Barolo of great drinkability, traditionally produced in Serralunga. Its teenage spirit evokes liveliness. Clean and defined nose, characterized by mentholated nuances with Blackberry jam and under-spirits notes. It tastes fatty, gastronomic, juicy.



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**Barolo Serralunga DOCG 2015**

SCHIAVENZA

Luciano Pira's creation, a brand-name for the Langhe terroir, turns up in this Serralunga interpretation which is not didactic at all. Compact, vibrant and intense at first, mostly provided with under-spirits cherries, mint leaves and blank pepper notes. Full-bodied, vibrant, with a great finish.



92



Barolo Castellero Docg 2015

F.LLI BARALE

From the "classic" cru of the family, it comes at the nose with a various olfactory range. A small floral share, with bulk of bouquet represented by red fruits, fresh and macerated. Well-balanced mouth, juicy notes of red fruit, alcohol infused cherry and spicy sensations that give a smooth dimension. The finish is balsamic and charming



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Barolo DOCG "Bussia" 2015

PRUNOTTO

Comune di Monforte - its vineyard is perfectly exposed and paired with a very mineral subsoil. After 24 months in oak wood and a year in bottle, its nose gets wider: revealing violet petals, plum jam and dried spices. Its opening to the mouth? Lovely. Soft, persuasive, rounded, without a wink.



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