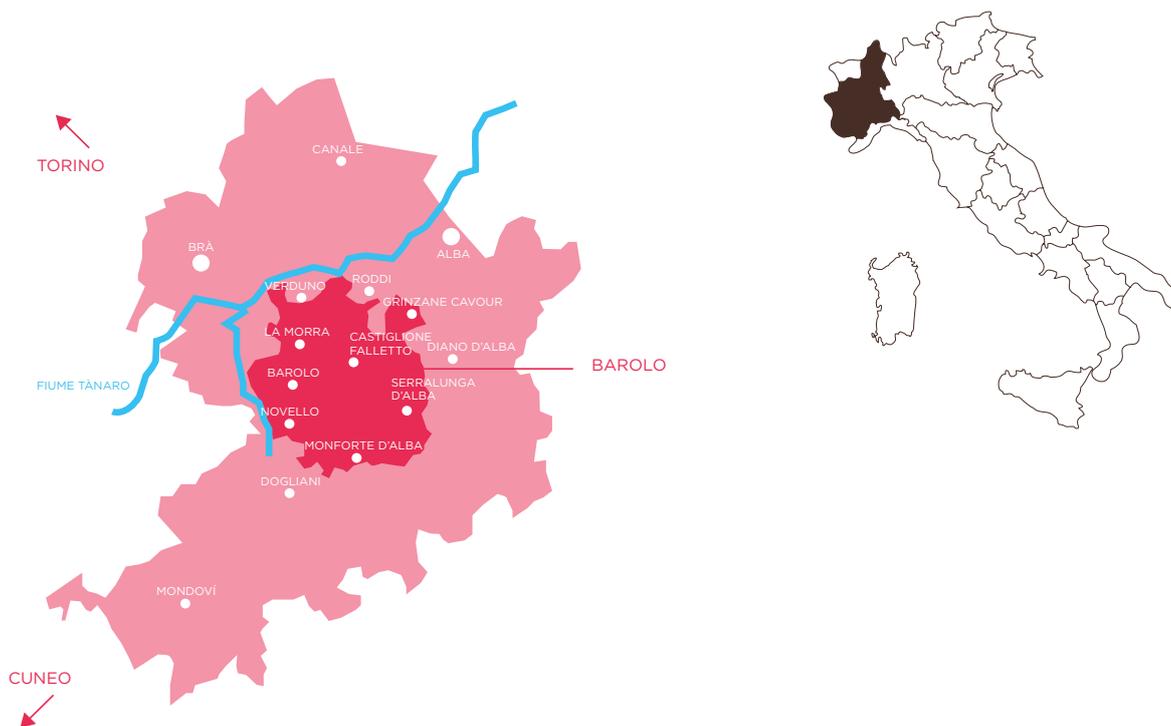


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**NEBBIOLO**

**100%**

## VINTAGE 2012

A winter with low temperatures, so much so that the snow was even falling in February. Fresh spring with notable jumps in temperature between day and night. The Nebbiolo had a long vegetative cycle, which is partially positive for a vine with a late maturation date. The irregularity of the seasons and occasional hailstorms resulted in generally light wines, often very diverse from area to area and, in turn, from producer to producer.

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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)

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### Barolo DOCG Ravera 2012

ELVIO COGNO

*The Novello vineyard, translated by whoever opens the window in the morning and finds it in front of them, represents the symbiosis between man and cru, with a stylistic, rigorous elegance. From the vine, a wine faithful to its birthplace, very neat and because of this, already very enjoyable. Flowery, juicy, and never widening, while instead extending thanks to a dense flavor. Flavorful and abundant tannins, but not too much.*



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### Barolo DOCG Monvigliero 2012

COMM. G.B. BURLOTTO

*Impactful nose beyond the markedly floral imprint. Geranium and Damask rose, both fresh and dried, alternate during the taste. From mid-mouth and beyond emerge both fruit from pomegranate and those spicy, sweet-balsamic hints of star anise that render the finish somewhat exotic. Powdery tannins.*



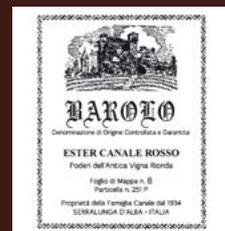
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### Barolo DOCG Ester Canale Rosso Poderi dell'Antica Vigna Rionda 2012

GIOVANNI ROSSO

*Uncompromising Barolo, as it should be, given its provenance. In order to understand the sensations on the palate, the apparent austerity melts away, thanks to notes of rose and fruit. There is not a great sweetness, however a juiciness that recalls cassis, pomegranate, and mature raspberry, is very much present. Savory finish, with tar and dry healing herbs. Flavorful tannins.*



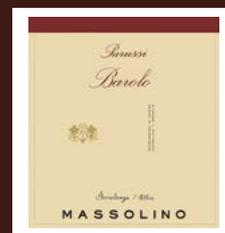
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### Barolo DOCG Parussi 2012

MASSOLINO

*From the Castiglione Falletto vineyard, practically dominated by calcareous earth. The character of the soil reflects on the wine, especially in a year like this, making sure that a dense, but never silent profile is highlighted. After a small preamble of cherry and raspberry preserves, a lot of salt, oak, red peppercorn, and leather. Powdery tannins.*



# 95



### Barolo DOCG Bricco Fiasco 2012

AZELIA

*Nose dominated by very neat red fruit, well translated into diverse variations. In the mouth, the wine bandies about between the tartness of raspberry and pomegranate with the sweet, soft, almost creaminess of white-fleshed peach, typical of the Castiglione Falletto area. Spicy finish of cinnamon and Tonka bean. Elegant and powdery tannins.*



## WINE RANKING

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**Barolo DOCG Bricco delle Viole 2012**

MARIO MARENGO

Label born of one of the most famous crus of La Morra, with plants bedded in the 1950s. On the nose, much red fruit such as the community would want. In the mouth, a fresh aspect with sour cherry and raspberry and then, becoming softer with sensations of strawberry and watermelon and always remaining fruity. Slightly alcoholic on the finish. Powdery tannins.



94

**Barolo DOCG Cascina Nuova 2012**

ELVIO COGNO

An immediacy without regard for the quantity and quality of the descriptors. The sensation that the fruit remains very evident, especially on the mouth: red, both sweet (strawberry and cherry) and tart (raspberry), and neat. Impressions of salt, licorice root, oak, and red peppercorn. Savory-acidic tannins. Very good persistence.



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**Barolo DOCG 2012**

ROCCHIE DEI MANZONI

Cherries, both fresh and macerated on the nose, with balsamic nips of licorice. Takes off in the mouth, thanks to a floralness from violet rendering it sweeter, while remaining earthy from a suggestion of rhubarb. Tart notes of cassis and sweet spices; excluding vanilla. Very well extracted powdery tannins.



94

**Barolo DOCG Cannubi 2012**

COMM. G.B. BURLOTTO

From that which could be called a Grand Cru, a wine that like the soils that characterize this vine, plays upon complexity. Floral and fruity nose from rose and cherry. The mouth amplifies the fruity side, both in quantity and quality of the impressions, completing it with hints of cinchona, cloves, and anise. Acidic and strong tannins.



94

**Barolo DOCG Brunate 2012**

GIUSEPPE RINALDI

Smooth, elegant, but with a character that if hidden in terms of volume, normal in a year like this, does not go unnoticed. Aromas of cherry, sour black cherry, and tamarind. Juicy, agile mouth with alcohol to give that delicateness which renders the sip not only complex but also balanced. Mentholated finish with spicy-citrusy touches such as Timut pepper (recalling grapefruit). Acidic tannins.



93

**Barolo DOCG Prapò 2012**

ETTORE GERMANO

Aromas and flavors lean towards currant. In the mouth, it is the first found, in both fresh and jammy versions, along with balsamic hints that lengthen the sip. Not missing, especially on the finish, some touches of licorice and cloves. Elegantly powdery and abundant tannins.



## WINE RANKING

93

 **Barolo DOCG Villero 2012**  
BOROLI

*Fruity aromas that recall ripe cherry and in some aspects, plum. The smoothness here is only one aspect, not a leitmotif thanks to renewed fruited notes, this time with an acidic mix of pomegranate, currant, raspberry, and bitter orange. Here and there, spicy nuances, specifically from mid-mouth and beyond. Acidic tannins.*



93

 **Barolo DOCG Perno 2012**  
GIOVANNI SORDO

*From Monforte, a very compact and coherent Barolo. Never tiring in the mouth because along with rigorous fruit, a powerful and dense tannic reserve. One perceives both the spicy tendencies toward delicate cacao and licorice, as well as refreshing notes that harken back to mint and thyme. Powdery tannins.*



93

 **Barolo DOCG Falletto 2012**  
AZ. AGR. FALLETTO DI BRUNO GIACOSA

*Extremely enjoyable wine notwithstanding an aromatic and gustative message that never invades the mouth, but conquers it little by little, as happens today to the sound of fruity acidity. Very evident, until the end of the sip, an almost encyclopedic catalog of mixed berries, which in sum are dark, smoked spices, beyond whiffs of balsamic, once again spicy with green peppercorns. Acidic tannins.*



92

 **Barolo DOCG Cascina Francia 2012**  
GIACOMO CONTERNO

*If the aromas propose licorice and cloves beyond the primarily dark berries, the mouth seems to have less of a dark feeling, thanks to a dowry of red fruits whether fresh or lightly preserved. The finish eventually becomes refreshing and the drink gains much, from balsamic notes of anise and eucalyptus. Powdery tannins.*



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