

# BA RO LO

2018

# Barolo DOCG



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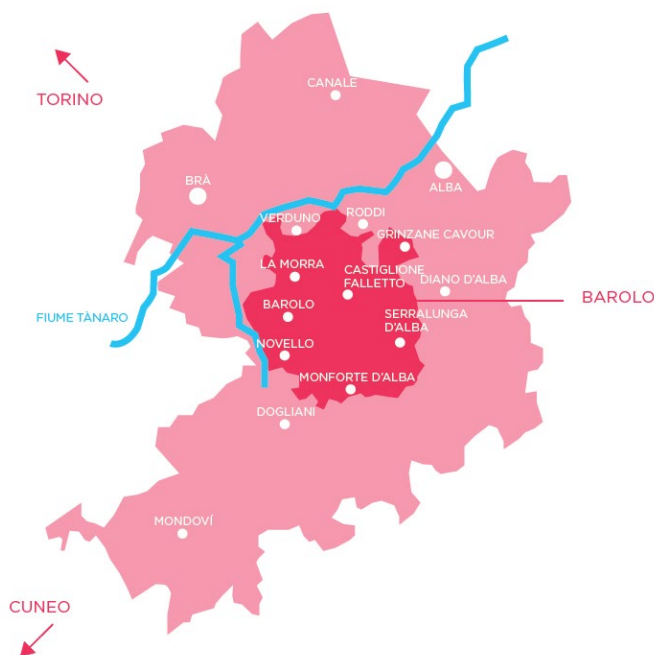
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Great wines are produced from the Nebbiolo grape in the Langhe, a recently declared Unesco World Heritage site located in the Southeastern part of the Piedmont, near Liguria.

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.



**Barolo** (in 2018 composed of 253 ha):

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

**Castiglione Falletto** (in 2018 composed of 145 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 2018 composed of 537 ha):

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

**Monforte d'Alba** (in 2018 composed of 461 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 2018 composed of 353 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 2018 composed of 184 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 2018 composed of 109 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 (60 ha) Roddi (24 ha) Cherasco (2 ha) and Diano d'Alba (20 ha) 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.

## DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CRU AND MGA

This year, the tasting of the various Barolo 2018 followed a unique and brand new criterion. The samples were divided by municipality and then by Crus, and tasted following a geographical path from north to south for each side of the Barolo area.

This division allowed to register every single nuance among wines produced in small areas with the same pedoclimatic conditions, thus to carry out a more accurate analysis.

An interesting digression about the terms “Cru” and “MGA” is also necessary.

During the 90s, Barolo undergoes a radical transformation and is completely rediscovered by the oenological world: starting as an astringent and an austere wine, it instead becomes harmonious, free from oxidation, rich in new aromas and specific characteristics of Nebbiolo variety.

As a consequence, market demand and vine areas spread, as well as wineries and labels, who feel the need to distinguish themselves from each other by giving to their own wines vineyards’ names, both dialectal or invented.

To avoid confusion, it is necessary to permanently name the different vine areas - the most ancient as well as the most recent ones - by municipality.

The Consortium for the Protection of Barolo and Barbaresco plays in this regard a fundamental role that ends up with the inclusion of 181 areas in the new regulation brought out in 2010, which officially defines at administrative level the main denominations and the smaller areas.

Thus were born the MGA, Menzioni Geografiche Aggiuntive (additional geographical mentions), called this way as required by the law and the Ministerial Decree in force at the time. Piedmont, specifically for Barolo and Barbaresco, is the only Italian region using this new denomination method.

But what’s the difference between Cru and MGA? It would be an understatement to say that MGA are just newer Crus. The mention is a geographical indication that is added to the main denomination, thus indicating a smaller area. Compared to the concept of “Vigna” (vineyard), with its exclusively corporate dimension, the mention has a more collective value instead, concerning more producers. On the other hand, Cru leads the same way to identify a specific production area, where several factors - even not natural - give the wine unique and particular characteristics, different from those you can find in other wines, however produced in nearby locations.

MGA and Cru are not the same, but both are valid as Barolo “sub-appellation”, to better identify origin and peculiarities that otherwise would be difficult to distinguish in such a wide wine scene.

## 2018 VINTAGE

According to the tastings I made, I can conclude that 2018 is a vintage of great cleanliness, beautiful exaltation of the fruit, in terms of elegance, tension and depth.

A year of great impact right from the start, but at the same time the crunchiness of the raw material, in combination with the very delicate texture of the tannins, make us assume that this is a vintage with great drinkability and remarkable aging potential.



# 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)

## Municipality of Verduno

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### Barolo D.O.C.G. Monvigliero 2018

COMM. G. B. BURLOTTO

Undoubtedly the most desirable cru of Verduno, in the westernmost area of the D.O.C.G., soils composed of the renowned Marne di Sant'Agata fossils. The aroma has a great richness, red blueberry, then balsamic nuances and licorice. The mouthfeel is crisp and taut, with brackish tannins and incredible persistence.



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### Barolo D.O.C.G. Monvigliero 2018

F.LLI ALESSANDRIA

Almost a hectare and a half of vineyards, in the most prestigious cru of Verduno, 45 year-old plants, located between 250 and 310 meters above sea level. Nose of red mulberry, touches of incense, laurel, a beautiful floral trace of gardenia. The mouthfeel has iodine tannins and a finish of persistence and magnetic balance.



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### Barolo D.O.C.G. San Lorenzo 2018

F.LLI ALESSANDRIA

One of the most enlightened interpretations of Verduno cru, 30 year-old vineyards, facing south, a Barolo with very dark characteristics. Wild plum on the nose, hints of chinotto, lashes of peony. Nose with savory-salty tannins, fruity return and finish of persistence.



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### Barolo D.O.C.G. Aclivi 2018

COMM. G. B. BURLOTTO

A Barolo-compendium of the Verduno area, from vineyards in Neirane, Rocche dell'Olmo and Boscatto, along with grapes from the Monvigliero cru. Goji nose, with touches of turmeric, nuances of juniper. The mouthfeel has iodine-brackish tannins and the palate is juicy, elegant, refined and persistent.



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### Barolo D.O.C.G. Monvigliero 2018

VIETTI

The main cru of Verduno, with calcareous-clayey soils and presence of Marne di Sant'Agata, 320 meters above sea level and about 50 year-old plants. Whole bunch vinification for most of the mass, nose of red currant, with touches of rose hips and incense. The mouthfeel has saline-iodine tannins, with a floral-fruity return.



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**Barolo DOCG 2018**

**COMM. G. B. BURLOTTO**

*Again, from the Verduno area, an assemblage of all the vineyards of the company, with soils divided between laminated Marne di Sant'Agata fossils and the Cassano Spinola Formation. Strawberry tree on the nose, with nuances of star anise and rhubarb. The mouthfeel is crisp, dense, with salty tannins and a fruity finish.*



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**Barolo DOCG del Comune di Verduno 2018**

**F.LLI ALESSANDRIA**

*(Verduno, Monforte d'Alba)*

*Assembly of different vineyards located in Verduno (Pisapola, Riva Rocca, Campasso, Rocche dell'Olmo, Boscatto). A Barolo of tension, density and subtlety at the same time. The nose is of pomegranate, with touches of peony and lime, the mouthfeel has dusty tannins, is crunchy, with a remarkable persistence and a fruity-floral return.*



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**Barolo DOCG 2018**

**CASTELLO DI VERDUNO**

*The Burlotto and Bianco families, a passion for Nebbiolo that has written memorable wine pages. Here's the Castle in its classic: Barolo from a well-balanced selection of different parcels; refined nose, raspberry jam, then undergrowth and licorice. The mouthfeel has savory tannins, a return of fruit and notes of licorice.*



# Municipality of Castiglione Falletto

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## Barolo DOCG Brunella 2018

**BOROLI**

*A relatively young winery that is making its way through memorable bottles, like this. From Castiglione Falletto, western part of the cru Villero, a juicy Barolo that shows great freshness. Raspberry, blood orange, gardenia, then cloves. Mouthfeel of density and tension, savory tannins, finish of persistence.*



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## Barolo DOCG Briceo Boscis 2018

**CAVALLOTTO**

*From one of the main locations in Castiglione Falletto, a peculiar wine from a winery equally fundamental for the appellation. Bouquet of strawberry tree, with touches of juniper, laurel and blood orange peel. Mouth with savory tannins, finish with citrus-officinal return.*



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## Barolo DOCG Rocche di Castiglione 2018

**VIETTI**

*From Rocche di Castiglione Falletto, another mythological location, plants even over 80 years old, soil with bluish yellow pouches. The nose has fresh notes, clementine peel, then red cherries and chamomile. Salty-sapid tannins, nice persistence and juiciness, with citrus return.*



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## Barolo DOCG Mariondino 2018

**PARUSSO**

*Municipality of Castiglione Falletto, locality Mariondino, 290 meters above sea level, marly-sandstone soil, nose with notes of red cherry, then gardenia, ginseng, zest of blood orange, mouth with brackish-sapid tannins, beautiful texture and precision. Finish with fruity and officinal return.*



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## Barolo DOCG Villero 2018

**BOROLI**

*One of the most historic MGA of the municipality, with clay-limestone soils and south-southwest exposure. The bouquet has a beautiful complexity, given by notes of wild strawberry, with touches of nutmeg and geranium. The mouthfeel is juicy and crunchy, with savory-salty tannins and a fruity-spicy finish.*



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## Barolo DOCG Briceo Fiasco 2018

**AZELIA**

*The first winery cru vinified separately, since 1978, plants of 85 years, a wine experience of great elegance and refinement. Notes of cloudberry, nuances of carnation, then touches of cinnamon. Juicy, balanced, with crunchy-iodine tannins and floral-fruity return.*



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**Barolo DOCG Briceo Boschis 2018****ROCCEVIBERTI**

*One of the most rightly celebrated MGA of Castiglione Falletto, in a version of balance and cleanliness. Dogwood nose, with touches of gardenia, licorice and chinotto. The mouthfeel has brackish-sapid tannins, a finish with a return of fruit and licorice.*





# Municipality of Serralunga d'Alba

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## Barolo DOCG San Rocco 2018

**AZELIA**

*From plants of 65 years, a wine of great power but also juiciness and varietal typicality, a true monument to the terroir of Serralunga. Black currant on the nose, hints of eucalyptus, then nuances of rhubarb. The mouthfeel has density and tension, with savory tannins, a balsamic return and a very long persistence.*



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## Barolo DOCG Ester Canale Particella 25IP dell'Antica Vigna Rionda 2018

**GIOVANNI ROSSO**

*A Barolo-embodiement of the terroir of Serralunga, a portion of plants over 70 years old capable of telling a unique story. Raspberries in jam on the nose, touches of gardenia, nice balsamic touch on the finish. The mouthfeel has brackish-salty tannins, a fruity-balsamic return and a very long persistence.*



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## Barolo DOCG Arione 2018

**ENZO BOGLIETTI**

*A winery that despite the young history, but the long attendance in the wine business, is now a very pleasant discovery. A magnificent wine, from Arione cru in the southern part of Serralunga d'Alba. Nose of black raspberry, with hints of mint and chinotto. The mouthfeel is juicy, dense, enhanced by great crunchiness and very long persistence.*



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## Barolo DOCG Ornato 2018

**PIO CESARE**

*From cascina Ornato, the first cru of Pio Cesare, produced for the first time in 1985, a Barolo of power and structure. Black currant on the nose, notes of licorice and peony. The mouthfeel has brackish-salty tannins and a finish with hints of licorice and small black fruits. Persistence.*



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## Barolo DOCG Cerretta 2018

**GIOVANNI ROSSO**

*A vineyard historically owned by the family, with southeast exposure, amphitheater shape, calcareous soil. Nose of sour cherries, with touches of Valdostan mint and wild rose. The palate is dense and thick, with iodine-brackish tannins and a fruity-mentholated return.*



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## Barolo DOCG Parafada 2018

**PALLADINO**

*South West quadrant of Serralunga, between 260 and 270 meters high, calcareous-clay soil, an amphitheater cuddled by temperate air currents. The nose is multifaceted, red currant, a note of Valdostan mint, a saline-sapid nuance on the finish, a juicy mouth, with iodine tannins, closed with a mentholated return.*



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**Barolo DOCG 2018****MASSOLINO**

A tribute to the history of Barolo, here expressed in all its facets. From a blend of the different parcels, a wine with a nose of wild strawberry, with notes of juniper and laurel and touches of gardenia. The mouthfeel has brackish tannins and a fruity-floral aftertaste.



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**Barolo DOCG Brea Vigna Ca' Mia 2018****BROVIA**

Winery of great tradition, founded in 1863, in the reading of one of the historical parcel of Serralunga, from clay-limestone soils. Notes of red cherry on the nose, with nuances of lime and rhubarb. Mouth density, with salty tannins and finish with fruity-officinal return.



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**Barolo DOCG Serra 2018****GIOVANNI ROSSO**

From the highest part of Serralunga, about one hectare of vineyard with south-eastern exposure and very calcareous soils. A monumental and important Barolo, a nose of durone cherry, hints of eucalyptus and licorice, with undergrowth touches. The mouthfeel has sapid tannins and a balsamic aftertaste.



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**Barolo DOCG Cerretta 2018****AZELIA**

The 'new' cru of Azelia, from 30-years-old plants scrupulously reproduced by mass selection from cru Bricco Fiasco. Hints of sour cherry on the nose, with scents of Roman mint, notes of juniper and undergrowth. Mouth with salty-sapid tannins. The finish is fruity and persistent.



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**Barolo DOCG Broglio 2018****SCHIAVENZA**

From the sub-area of the municipality of Serralunga d'Alba, the usual, huge, neatness of a winery for years at the top quality. Marly-clayey soils, a wine with a nose of black cherry from Piedmont, with touches of wild rose and eucalyptus. The mouthfeel has iodine-brackish tannins, a finish with balsamic-officinal notes.



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**Barolo DOCG Margheria 2018****AZELIA**

Perhaps the most 'extreme' reading of Luigi Scavino's company, from a cru located in the center of the area of Serralunga d'Alba. Blueberry on the nose, with hints of rhubarb and pepper leaf. The mouthfeel has salty tannins, a fruity-officinal return and sensations of rhubarb, with a long persistence.



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**Barolo DOCG del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba  
Aeroplanservaj 2018**  
**DOMENICO CLERICO**

*From the vineyard of the same name (Aeroplanservaj) in the Baudana Cru. A beautiful family history, the first experience in Serralunga for the historic winery of Monforte, bottled for the first time in 2006. Notes of wild blueberry on the nose, with nuances of gardenia and eucalyptus. The mouthfeel has savory-salty tannins, with a fruity return and officinal sensations.*



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**Barolo DOCG del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba 2018**  
**GIOVANNI ROSSO**

*From various locations within the Serralunga area, vines less than 40 years old, a great classic of Giovanni Rosso winery. Nose with touches of black raspberry, peppercorns and juniper. Juicy palate, with savory tannins, finish with officinal and fruity return, with excellent persistence.*



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**Barolo DOCG Cerretta 2018**  
**SCHIAVENZA**

*All the mastership of the Schiavenza winery in one of the great classics of the winery of Serralunga. Clay-silty soils, slightly calcareous. Nose with notes of raspberry, cervinia mint and licorice root. The mouthfeel has savory-salty tannins, persistence and density, with a fruity-mentholated return.*



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**Barolo DOCG Prapò 2018**  
**SCHIAVENZA**

*Again from the area of Serralunga, a Barolo of perfect balance. The nose has notes of cranberries, with hints of mint and officinal tones of star anise. The mouthfeel is taut-crunchy, with savory tannins. Balsamic and fruity notes in the aftertaste. Long sip.*



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**Barolo DOCG Badarina 2018**  
**BRUNA GRIMALDI**

*From MGA Badarina, embodiment of family passion, land characterized by the Lequio Formation, white marls with beautiful presence of clay and sandstone, a Barolo of excellent complexity. Red currant on the nose, hints of bergamot mint, balsamic finish. The mouthfeel is taut and crunchy, with salty tannins. Nice persistence.*



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**Barolo DOCG Lazzarito 2018**  
**VIETTI**

*Serralunga d'Alba, a splendid location amphitheater shaped, with calcareous-clay soil. A Barolo of excellent muscularity, nose with notes of wild mint, then raspberry and white pepper. The mouthfeel has salty-saline tannins, deepness, with great persistence and fruity return.*



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### Barolo DOCG del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba 2018

**SCHIAVENZA**

*From an assembly of farm vineyards, a sapid and traditional Barolo. Red mulberry on the nose, touches of wild violet and hints of carob. The mouthfeel is dense-juicy, with salty tannins, a nice persistence and a fruity-floral return.*



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### Barolo DOCG Lazzarito 2018

**CASA E. DI MIRAFIORE**

*One of the first great brands of Barolo, 'responsible' of its international affirmation even at the end of the 19th century. We are in Serralunga, medium hill terrain, nose of cloudberry, hints of mint, touches of carob. The mouth is tense, with saline tannins and a long-lasting finish.*



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### Barolo DOCG Fontanafredda Vigna La Rosa 2018

**FONTANAFREDDA**

*The great classic of a winery in the territory of Serralunga since 1858. From the vineyard of the same name, soils of limestone marl and clay with quartz sand. Nose of red mulberry, with floral profile of wild mallow and minty finish. Sip with brackish tannins and fruity-floral return.*



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### Barolo DOCG del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba 2018

**PAOLO MANZONE**

*Selection of young vines from the same cru of Barolo Meriame, with all the characteristics of Serralunga's wines. Hints of red plum at the nose, then wild mint and licorice root. The mouthfeel has juicy and saline tannins, with a return of officinal sensations.*



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### Barolo DOCG Meriame 2018

**PAOLO MANZONE**

*Paolo Manzone's project in Cascina Meriame, cru of the same name in Serralunga d'Alba. South-east oriented, clay calcareous soils, nose of red plum, with touches of wild mint, juicy mouth, with salty-sapid tannins, fruity finish.*



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### Barolo DOCG Fontanafredda 2018

**FONTANAFREDDA**

*Barolo from vineyards located in Fontanafredda sub-area. Olfactory profile of blueberries, with touches of laurel and juniper. The mouthfeel has iodine-brackish tannins, a long persistence and a floral fruity return.*



# Municipality of La Morra

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## Barolo DOCG Brunate 2018

VIETTI

Municipality of La Morra, the south side of another prestigious cru, with calcareous-clay soil and the classic *Marne* of Sant'Agata. Plants of about 55 years that originate a wine with the nose of wild plum, then violet, ginger, pink grapefruit and licorice root. Sip with iodine tannins, with a return of the sensations of licorice.



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## Barolo DOCG Brunate 2018

ENZO BOGLIETTI

From loamy-clay soil, a small cru between 300 and 350 meters above sea level, plants of 17 years. The aroma is fresh and multifaceted, with notes of dogwood, undergrowth and marjoram. The mouthfeel has an opening of undergrowth, then red fruits and savory tannins. The finish has a very long persistence and a fruity return, with a nice tension.



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## Barolo DOCG Fossati 2018

ENZO BOGLIETTI

Another crucial cru in the label line of Boglietti, vineyards between 370 and 420 meters, exposed mainly to the east. Nose of finesse, notes of cranberry, then wild mint and nuances of nutmeg. The mouthfeel has brackish tannins, density and finesse. It closes with a return of fruit and sweet spices.



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## Barolo DOCG La Serra 2018

ROBERTO VOERZIO

The proverbial craftsmanship of Roberto Voerzio in the interpretation of a great classic of the winery. La Morra area, pomegranate on the nose, with touches of undergrowth, juniper and rhubarb. The palate is very elegant and crunchy, with brackish tannins, enhanced by notes of undergrowth and sensations of small red fruits.



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## Barolo DOCG Cerequio 2018

ROBERTO VOERZIO

One of the bottles that embody the winery and in general the Langhe territory, a monument to the area of La Morra from a mythological cru. Great cleanliness in a wine that shows a nose of red currant, with touches of peony, laurel and star anise. The mouthfeel has density, elegance and tension, with brackish tannins and great persistence.



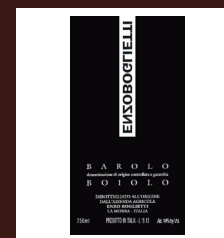
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## Barolo DOCG Boiolo 2018

ENZO BOGLIETTI

Vineyard with twenty-year-old plants, another Barolo of great personality. South/south-eastern exposure, between 300 and 350 meters above sea level. On the nose notes of black cherry, then cinnamon and hints of wild mint. Mouth of density and tension, with iodine-brackish tannins. Finish of persistence, with fruity return.



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⊕ **Barolo DOCG Case Nere 2018**  
**ENZO BOGLIETTI**

A vineyard composed in part of sixty-year-old vines, facing south-east, perhaps the most 'dark' among the wines of Boglietti. Nice notes of sour cherry on the nose, with touches of carob and juniper. The mouthfeel has savory-salty tannins, enhanced by a return of black fruit and a very persistent balsamic ending.



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⊕ **Barolo DOCG Brunate 2018**  
**ODDERO**

Another historic winery in the area of La Morra, in biological condition since 2010, in the interpretation of a great classic. Wild plum on the nose, notes of undergrowth and cinnamon. Iodine tannins on the mouth, with a return of fruit and sweet spices.



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⊕ **Barolo DOCG "Marcenasco" 2018**  
**RATTI**

From a single cru in the municipality of La Morra, a Barolo of finesse and elegance. Nose of red cherry, with touches of nutmeg and undergrowth, then balsamic ending. The sip shows salty-sapid tannins and fruity-balsamic finish.



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⊕ **Barolo DOCG Boiolo 2018**  
**CARLO REVELLO & FIGLI**

The other cru of Revello family, Boiolo subzone in La Morra. Nice freshness on the nose, with notes of pomegranate, eucalyptus and closure on iodine hints. The mouthfeel is dense and crunchy, with iodine-sapid tannins, a fruity-officinal return and a nice persistence.



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⊕ **Barolo DOCG Gattera 2018**  
**BOVIO**

Bovio's other cru, with well-structured features and of clean workmanship. Bouquet of pomegranate, then notes of rhubarb and laurel, beautiful iodine finish. The mouthfeel is juicy and thick, with saline tannins and a return of fruit and rhubarb.



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⊕ **Barolo DOCG La Morra 2018**  
**ROBERTO VOERZIO**

From vineyards located in the municipality of La Morra, characterized by the Marne of Sant'Agata, all the elegance of Voerzio winery. Refined nose, notes of red cherry in jam, then wild mint and rosehip. The sip is taut, with iodine-brackish tannins, very refined, great persistence with a fruity-mentholated return.



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### Barolo DOCG Giachini 2018

**CARLO REVELLO & FIGLI**

*From vineyards in La Morra, Giachini subzone, a Barolo of levity and formal completeness. Nose with notes of red cherry, then gardenia and a nice balsamic nuance at the end. The mouthfeel has brackish tannins, a nice juiciness and crunchiness and a fruity-balsamic aftertaste.*



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### Barolo DOCG Arborina 2018

**BOVIO**

*From the vineyard of the same name in the La Morra area, a Barolo of good balance, which combines characteristics of freshness with beautiful density. The nose has notes of small red fruits, currant then juniper, touches of undergrowth and a finish with notes of citron thyme. The mouthfeel is juicy and crunchy, with savory tannins and a lingering finish.*



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### Barolo DOCG Conca 2018

**RATTI**

*From a very small vineyard in one of the historic MGA of the area of La Morra, with characteristic bluish soils, a Barolo of structure and finesse. Blueberries on the nose, with touches of licorice and balsamic, from eucalyptus. Savory-salty tannins on the palate, nice persistence with balsamic return.*



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### Barolo DOCG del Comune di La Morra 2018

**GIANNI GAGLIARDO**

*The classic Barolo of the municipality of La Morra by Gagliardo, multi-faceted bouquet, with hints of sour cherry, then eucalyptus and juniper. Refined and iodine-brackish tannins on the palate, with a return of undergrowth and fruity notes.*



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### Barolo DOCG La Serra 2018

**MAURO MOLINO**

*From the cru of the same name of La Morra, a wine of freshness and great drinkability. Hints of Vignola cherry on the nose, with scents of rhubarb and undergrowth. Sip with salty-sapid tannins, nice persistence and a fruity finish.*



# Municipality of Barolo

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## Barolo DOCG Cannubi 2018

COMM. G. B. BURLOTTO

From 0.7 ha of land characterized by the Marne di Sant'Agata fossils, in jargon known as Toû, purely sandy soil, yet another masterpiece of Burlotto. Red cherry on the nose, with touches of lime and undergrowth. The mouthfeel has juicy and brackish tannins, is taut and crunchy, the persistence long-lasting.



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## Barolo DOCG Cerequio 2018

BOROLI

From the small microclimate of Cerequio, 300 meters above sea level, south/southeast exposure, blue marl soil and medium sandy limestone. Notes of strawberry tree, then nuances of rhubarb and floral, chamomile. The mouthfeel has brackish-sapid tannins, a compact and persistent finish, with a fruity-floral return.



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## Barolo DOCG Brunate 2018

RINALDI

A Barolo of great recognizability, from the Brunate cru, Barolo territory. The nose has hints of red cherry, with touches of turmeric, mint and hints of pepper leaf. The mouthfeel is juicy and spicy, with salty tannins. Finish with officinal-fruity return. Very long persistence.



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## Barolo DOCG Aleste 2018

SANDRONE

South-eastern side of the Cannubi hill, a great classic of Sandrone in its classic version of finesse and persistence. Black cherry on the nose, with hints of cinnamon and eucalyptus. The mouthfeel is juicy and dense, with a return of fruit and sweet spices, rightly tannic, with a nice balsamic tension.



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## Barolo DOCG Tre Tine 2018

RINALDI

One of the essential products of the Langhe. From vineyards in Cannubi, San Lorenzo and Ravera, nose of red currant, touches of blood orange and peony. The mouthfeel is juicy, with brackish tannins and a citrus and floral finish.



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## Barolo DOCG Castellero 2018

GIACOMO FENOCCHIO

From Castellero cru, western exposition, soils of the Tortonian era, characterized by marl, tuff and sands. Nose of sour cherry, with hints of rhubarb and whipped star anise. The palate is dense and crunchy, with beautiful tannins of tension and flavor. The finish has a return of sweet spices and sensations of roots.





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**Barolo DOCG Cannubi 2018**

**DAMILANO**

*The famous hill of Cannubi in the interpretation of Damilano, more sandy soils than normal, on the classic texture of white-gray clay marl. Nose with notes of wild plum, then ginger and balsamic sensations. Tannins of great finesse, persistence and length, with fruity return.*



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**Barolo DOCG Cerequio 2018**

**VIETTI**

*From a small parcel in the classic cru of the municipality of Barolo, plants around 35 years of age. The aroma has beautiful intensity, notes of red cherry, then undergrowth, eucalyptus and a beautiful finish. On the palate balsamic and juniper notes, brackish tannins and great persistence.*



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**Barolo DOCG Castellero 2018**

**BARALE F.LLI**

*Castellero MGA, in the municipality of Barolo. A wine of excellent taste, on the nose notes of orange peel, then red plum and finally whipped of carnation. The mouthfeel has crispness and density, saline-sapid tannins and a finish with a citrus-floral return and a nice persistence.*



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**Barolo DOCG Cannubi 2018**

**MICHELE CHIARLO**

*A vineyard in the historic heart of the oldest cru in Italy, rearranged with great agronomic skill, nose with notes of strawberry tree, then licorice, notes of humus and lightly smoking finish. The mouthfeel has pungent tannins, crispness and a return of fruit and earthy notes.*



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**Barolo DOCG Cannubi 2018**

**MARCHESI DI BAROLO**

*One of the historic bottles of the appellation, in a version of compactness and richness. Multifaceted nose, red currant, then juniper, balsamic lash and notes of incense on the finish. The mouthfeel has salty tannins, a return of fruit and juniper, with a slightly smoked nuance. Nice persistence.*



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**Barolo DOCG Cannubi 2018**

**PICO MACCARIO**

*The most famous cru of Barolo, where the peculiar characteristics of the soil of the Langhe, Helvetian and Tortonian, are combined. A Barolo of freshness, this of Maccario, notes of cloudberry on the nose, then butcher's broom and laurel. The palate is refined, with iodine tannins and long persistence.*



92+



### Barolo DOCG Paialgallo 2018

**CASA E. DI MIRAFIORE**

*Still the consolidated craftsmanship of Mirafiore winery in this Barolo from Vigna La Villa, Barolo municipality, nose with hints of wild plum, then rhubarb and cloves. The mouthfeel has a iodine-brackish tannic tension, a fruity return and sensations of sweet spices.*



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### Barolo DOCG Cannubi 2018

**RÉVA**

*Cannubi hill again, Barolo municipality, the usual terroir very rich in marl of Sant'Agata, fresh nose, with nuances of black currant, juniper and hints of undergrowth. The palate is saline-salty, with a fruity-officinal finish.*



# Municipality of Novello

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## Barolo DOCG Ravera 2018

**ELVIO COGNO**

*From the renowned cru of Novello, with southern exposure, an amazing Barolo from one of the historical wine-producer families of this typology. The nose has notes of yellow peach and persimmon, then laurel, closed by nuances of white pepper. Palate with sensations of red orange and pomegranate, very saline and clean, with a return of yellow fruit.*



96+



## Barolo DOCG Cascina Nuova 2018

**ELVIO COGNO**

*The immediacy and cleanliness of Elvio Cogno for a Barolo of freshness, from the new vineyards. Strawberry tree on the nose, with notes of rosehip and chinotto, closed by hints of wild mint. Sip with iodine-brackish tannins, fruity and mentholated return.*



92+



## Barolo DOCG Valente 2018

**PIAZZO COMM. ARMANDO**

*From several vineyards located in the municipality of Novello, a classic bottle of Piazza house. On the nose notes of cherries under spirits, hints of cinnamon and undergrowth. Sip with iodine-brackish tannins, nice persistence and fruity-spicy return.*



# Municipality of Monforte d'Alba

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## Barolo DOCG Gavarini Chiniera 2018

**ELIO GRASSO**

Monforte d'Alba, soils of medium calcareous texture tending to sandy, a historic winery, which has marked, in the last 10 years, a dizzying growth in quality. The aroma is fresh, watermelon then citron thyme and blood orange, with hints of wild rose and ginger. The mouthfeel is equally fresh, with brackish tannins and a officinal-fruity return.



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## Barolo DOCG Castelletto 2018

**COMM. G. B. BURLOTTO**

From the area of Monforte d'Alba, to be precise the top part of the cru, characterized by the characteristic formation of Lequio, alternation of clay marl and sandy formations. Nose of red currant, gladiolus, tarocco orange peel. Mouth crisp and density, salty-sapid tannins, very long persistence.



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## Barolo DOCG Ginestra Casa Maté 2018

**ELIO GRASSO**

The great cleanliness of Elio Grasso also in this wine from the area of Monforte, from Ginestra MGA, soils rich in limestone and clay between 300 and 350 meters above sea level. Nose with notes of red fruits, wild strawberry and raspberry, then chamomile and violet, with hints of rosemary and licorice root. Sip savory-brackish, elegant and deep.



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## Barolo DOCG Gramolere 2018

**F.LLI ALESSANDRIA**

400 meters above sea level, a plot with vineyards of 40 years located between Gavarini and Bussia. A wine of great finesse, with attack to the nose of raspberry in jam, then touches of dill, nuances of incense and balsamic touch. The mouthfeel is juicy, full of tension and fragrance. The finish is officinal fruity. Great persistence.



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## Barolo DOCG Mosconi 2018

**PARUSSO**

From the marly-tuffaceous soils of Mosconi di Monforte d'Alba, land between 370 and 400 meters above sea level, nose with notes of black currant, carnation, then rhubarb and red orange peel. The mouthfeel has brackish tannins, a nice juiciness and tension, and a very long persistence.



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## Barolo DOCG Mosconi 2018

**PIO CESARE**

From soils with combination of silt, clay and, in small part, sandstone, a perfect photograph of the terroir of Monforte. Cornel on the nose, with notes of pink grapefruit and carnation, mouth with iodine-brackish tannins, crispness and tension, beautiful persistence.



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### Barolo DOCG Ravera di Monforte 2018

**BENEVELLI PIERO**

Ravera di Monforte area, vines of 40 years, a small parcel for a Barolo of great elegance and cleanliness of workmanship. Nose with notes of black raspberry and peony, with a iodine and balsamic finish. The mouthfeel opens on the same balsamic sensations, with brackish tannins and a return of small fruits. Long persistence.



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### Barolo DOCG Castelletto 2018

**RAINERI**

From the cru of the same name in Castelletto di Monforte, plants of about 20 years, multifaceted nose and great pleasure, goji, tarot orange hints and lashes of wild violets, mouth with iodine tannins, return fruity-citrus, crispness and density. Very persistent finish.



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### Barolo DOCG Bussia 2018

**PODERI LUIGI EINAUDI**

A historical winery between Barolo and Dogliani. The interpretation of one of the classic cru of Monforte d'Alba, one of the latest company acquisitions in the Dardi sub-area. Nose of raspberry jam, then blood orange peel and geranium. Mouth with savory tannins, fruity-citrus finish.



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### Barolo DOCG Castelletto 2018

**PODERI GIANNI GAGLIARDO**

Municipality of Monforte d'Alba, sandstone slopes for a wine of freshness and intensity. Nose with notes of red blueberry, touches of Tarocco orange peel, then violets, palate of sapidity and tension, with salty-savory tannins and finish with citrus-floral return.



94+



### Barolo DOCG Bricco San Pietro 2018

**ANNA MARIA ABBONA**

From a very young vineyard, located in the municipality of Monforte, characterized by the beautiful altitude and the correct exposure to the south-east, a beautiful label of drinkability and taste tension. The nose is red mulberry, with hints of peppermint and ginger, a juicy mouth, saline-salty tannins, a finish with a fruity return and officinal sensations.



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### Barolo DOCG Perno 2018

**RAINERI**

From the cru of the same name in Monforte d'Alba, with soils dominated by sand and limestone marl, a brilliant Barolo of juiciness and pleasantness. Nose of raspberry in jam, touches of carnation and blood orange. Mouth with iodine tannins, fruity-citrus return.



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**Barolo DOCG 2018****GIANFRANCO ALESSANDRIA**

*San Giovanni, municipality of Monforte d'Alba, sandstone side of the DOCG, wines of freshness and subtlety. Like this Barolo, notes of strawberry tree on the nose, then wild mallow and nuances of orange peel. Iodine tannins on the palate, finish with floral-fruity return.*



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**Barolo DOCG Bussia 2018****MARRONE**

*Monforte d'Alba, 300 meters above sea level, south-east exposure, clay marl soils, the ideal characteristics for a Barolo of finesse and elegance. Bouquet of pomegranate, with touches of undergrowth and mentholated, of Roman mint. The mouthfeel has iodine-brackish tannins, a pleasant density and a fruity-mentholated return.*



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**Barolo DOCG Ginestra 2018****PAOLO CONTERNO**

*From Ginestra cru, in Monforte area, land between 300 and 350 meters above sea level, mostly clay-limestone. On the nose notes of cloudberry, then touches of clementine peel and wild violets. The mouthfeel has brackish-sapid tannins, a nice persistence with a citrus-fruity return.*



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**Barolo DOCG del Comune di Monforte d'Alba 2018****DOMENICO CLERICO**

*A stunning picture of Monforte d'Alba Barolo by Cantina Clerico. The nose has great impact and freshness, notes of black currant, blood orange, mistletoe and nutmeg. The mouthfeel has great sapidity and tension, with excellent drinkability. Nice persistence.*



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**Barolo DOCG 2018****RAINERI**

*Perno vineyard in Monforte d'Alba, another beautiful interpretation of finesse and balance. Nose of raspberry, touches of clementine peel, geranium and white pepper. The sip shows iodine-brackish tannins, finish with fruity return.*



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**Barolo DOCG San Giovanni 2018****BROCCARDO**

*From the MGA of San Giovanni, a Barolo of good balance from Monforte d'Alba. Nose of dogwood, with touches of lunaria, and undergrowth. The sip has salty-sapid tannins, a nice balance and a floral-fruity return.*



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### Barolo DOCG Le Coste di Monforte 2018

**DIEGO PRESSEDA LA TORRICELLA**

*A pleasant surprise this Barolo of great balance and excellent cleanliness, from Coste vineyard, to San Giuseppe di Monforte. The nose has distinct notes of red currant, with touches of underbrush and wild rose. On the palate salty tannins, nice persistence, with fruity return and undergrowth.*



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### Barolo DOCG Mosconi 2018

**FAMIGLIA ANSELMA**

*From a beautiful wine project, in this case in the interpretation of a renowned cru of Monforte d'Alba. A lot of freshness to the nose, notes of barberry, then orange peel and star anise. The mouthfeel has iodine-brackish tannins, with a fruity finish and sweet spices.*



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### Barolo DOCG Riva del Bric 2018

**PAOLO CONTERNO**

*An ancient wine tradition, dating back to 1886, now continued by Giorgio, in Monforte d'Alba area, where this delicate and captivating Barolo comes from. Red currant on the nose, touches of wild rose and rhubarb. The mouthfeel has iodine-brackish tannins, with a floral-fruity return.*



# From different municipalities

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## Barolo DOCG Le Vigne 2018

**SANDRONE**

(Serralunga d'Alba, Castiglione Falletto, Barolo, Novello)

An extra-ordinary Barolo, which recalls the old custom of blending from different areas: vineyards in Serralunga d'Alba, Castiglione Falletto, Barolo and Novello with a mix of soils. A wine of freshness, nose of red currant, hints of chinotto and eucalyptus, with licorice root finish. The mouth is dense and tense, with salty-sapid tannins and a balsamic finish.



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## Barolo DOCG Le Cinque Vigne 2018

**DAMILANO**

(Barolo, Grinzane Cavour, Monforte d'Alba, Novello)

Another successful great classic by Damilano, multi-faceted bouquet, notes of cranberry, then peony and linden. The mouthfeel has salty tannins, a return to the nuances of small red and floral fruits. Long-lasting persistence.



95+



## Barolo DOCG Perarmando 2018

**PARUSSO**

(Monforte d'Alba, Castiglione Falletto)

The wine dedicated to the founder, from a well-balanced blend of grapes from Bussia, Mosconi and Mariondino vineyards. Red raspberry on the nose, then notes of licorice and lashing of pink grapefruit. The mouthfeel is dense, with brackish tannins, nice persistence and a finish with a return of small red fruits.



94+



## Barolo DOCG 2018

**AZELIA**

(Castiglione Falletto, Serralunga d'Alba)

A successful mix of grapes from 7 single vineyards, located between Castiglione Falletto and Serralunga, which is joined, by tradition, a part of the grapes of the cru dedicated to the Reserve, Bricco Voghera. Plants of 50 years, beautiful nuances of black raspberry on the nose, with touches of Valdostan mint and undergrowth. The taste is crisp, with savory-salty tannins.



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## Barolo DOCG 2018

**BOROLI**

(Castiglione Falletto, Barolo)

A blend of the estate's vineyards between Castiglione Falletto and Barolo, a Barolo of great balance and freshness, nose with notes of red currant, touches of gladiolus, beautiful nuances of iodine at the end. The mouthfeel has density, iodine-brackish tannins. The finish is persistent and balanced.



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## Barolo DOCG Castiglione 2018

**VIETTI**

(Different municipalities)

The classic Barolo by Vietti, from a selection of grapes chosen amongst different vineyards in Barolo area, mainly from Villero and Ravera crus (Castiglione Falletto and Novello municipalities), specifically for 2018 vintage. Calcareous-clay soils. Sour cherry on the nose, notes of star anise and wild rose, with a finish to the notes of undergrowth. Sip with fine and iodine tannins, nice persistence and fruity-floral return.







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