

Italian Wine Report

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Produttori del Barbaresco

Langhe Nebbiolo 2019

Beautiful young garnet; lovely aromas of fresh morel cherry, strawberry and rosemary. Medium-full with very good concentration, lively acidity, very subtle wood notes and impressive persistence; the finish offers notes of ripe morel cherry and tar. This is a beautifully made wine with superb varietal purity and outstanding harmony. Delicious and approachable now, this is about finesse and adaptability with food. While Nebbiolo lovers will appreciate the character of this wine, beginners will enjoy this for its sheer pleasure over the next 5-7 years. Outstanding value! (93)

Barbaresco 2017

Bright garnet of medium intensity; aromas of dried morel cherry, tar and thyme. Medium-full with ripe black fruit, medium-full tannins that are a bit sharp now, balanced acidity, nicely integrated wood notes. Give this another 2-3 years to settle down; peak in 5-8 years. (89)

Barbaresco Riserva Montestefano 2016

Bright young garnet, medium intensity; aromas of dried strawberry, morel cherry and a hint of tobacco. Medium-full with a rich mid-palate, there are notes of berry fruit on the palate. Very good acidity, excellent persistence and a complex, fruit-driven finish with compact tannins. Lovely complexity and harmony, with notable sense of place and typicity. Outstanding harmony and typicity. Give this time to offer more of its charms; start drinking in another 4 or 5 years, with peak in 12-18 years. (95)

Barbaresco Riserva Montefico 2016

Bright garnet of medium intensity; aromas of morel cherry, cedar and hints of tobacco and balsamic. Medium-full with excellent concentration, very good acidity, mediumfull, compact tannins, subdued wood notes and excellent persistence; the finish offers notes of tobacco, cumin and tar. Beautiful typicity, with impressive structure; this producer and wine offer a great track record, so combined with an outstanding vintage, this should drink well for at least 12-15 years, with peak in 16-18 years. (95)