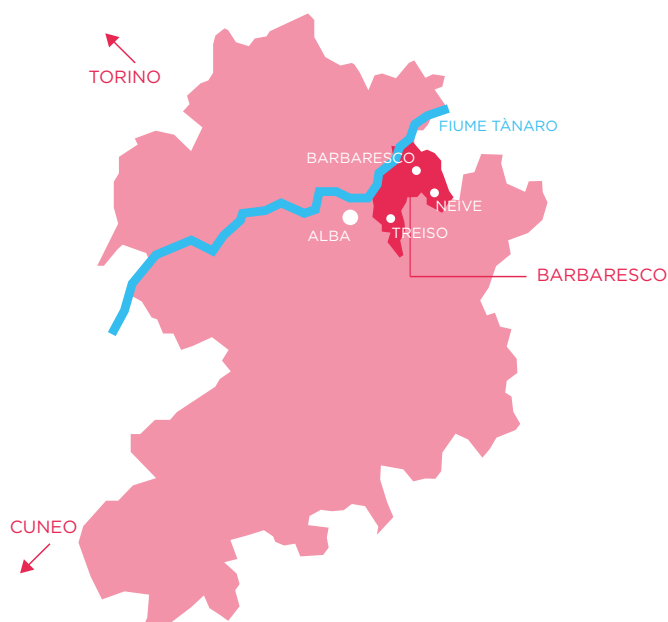


BARBA RESCO

2012

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.

Barbaresco 2012

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.



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Barbaresco DOCG Pajorè 2012

SOTTIMANO

From the 50-year old vineyards of Treiso, a Barbaresco that demonstrates an almost eastern profile. Small red fruits dominate the taste, even if this sensorial stage is emphasized by a complexity of spices, myrrh, and incense. Strong tannins. Excellent drinkability.



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Barbaresco DOCG Asili 2012

AZ.AGR. FALLETTO DI BRUNO GIACOSA

The problems relative to the phenolic maturation of the vintage are brilliantly overcome by this wine, as evidenced in the taste dominated by the evident ripe cherries, whether fresh or maraschino, and veiled in soft touches of cinnamon and violet earthiness. Flavorful tannins.



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Barbaresco DOCG Martinenga 2012

TENUTE CISA ASINARI DEI MARCHESI DI GRESY

Soft on the nose with notes of small, red, mature fruits accompanied by a delicateness of sweet spices. In the mouth, this elegance continues thanks to wild strawberry and raspberry preserves. On the finish, the wine turns toward the more masculine sensations of earth, oak and tobacco. Strong tannins.



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Barbaresco DOCG Ronchi 2012

ALBINO ROCCA

From the glass, blossom violets, rendered fervent by a totality of fruited aromas that evoke little red berries, accompanied by an earthiness of black truffle. The taste is ample, refined and classy. Powdery tannins.



WINE RANKING

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 **Barbaresco DOCG 2012**
SOCRÉ

Rose floralness, but above all a rich bouquet of fruit that ranges from orange to raspberry and wild strawberry. Coherent taste, in which appear flavors of rhubarb, mint, and cinnamon. Flavorful tannins.



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 **Barbaresco DOCG Cottà 2012**
SOTTIMANO

The vineyard is on the border between Neive and Barbaresco. This location renders characteristics in the wine particular to both territories, giving life to a wine until today a bit austere. The resulting taste is made up of a muscular body (Neive) and textures of strawberry and currant. Strong tannins (Barbaresco).



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 **Barbaresco DOCG Ovello Vigna Loreto 2012**
ALBINO ROCCA

An elegant profile with notes of dog rose, raspberry and red pepper is the result of a sand-rich soil. On the palate, initially smooth, recovers its rigor thanks to the balsamic notes of cinchona and anise. Sweet tannins.



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 **Barbaresco DOCG Pora 2012**
MUSSO

Intense aromas of rose translated either into the strong Bulgarian variety or into that more delicate Damask. In the mouth the floral sensations remain the protagonists, enriched by notes of cherry, either fresh or maraschino, and hints of cinnamon. Flavorful tannin.



93

 **Barbaresco DOCG Canova 2012**
RESSIA

Wine of great immediacy, which however does not lessen the gustative depth from this cru, distinguished by its taste rich in mixed berries whether fresh or in preserves and by a finish dominated by powdery cinnamon in addition to refreshing notes of juniper and oak. Flavorful tannins.



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 **Barbaresco DOCG Bordini 2012**
ELVIO COGNO

Fruity aromas, in particular, those of the woods. A spiced touch of nutmeg and red peppercorns give vivacity to the bouquet. On the palate, fruity, spicy, and slightly alcoholic. The tannins, though biting are however, properly extracted.



WINE RANKING

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**Barbaresco DOCG Santo Stefano Albesani 2012**

CASTELLO DI NEIVE

In the mouth many red, juicy fruits in addition to singed and spicy (carnation) flowers. However, that which dominates is a trait typically balsamic and flavorful of star anise and Sichuan pepper that often characterizes the grapes from this cru. Powdery tannins.

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**Barbaresco DOCG Rizzi 2012**

RIZZI

From the Treiso area a wine that plays, in this, its evolutionary phase, on a variety of fruit with much blackberry and some spice. In the mouth sensations of dark fruit from undergrowth, appear again, wrapped in the obviousness, however elegant, of cloves and black pepper. Salty tannins.

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**Barbaresco DOCG Valeirano 2012**

LA SPINETTA

Obtained from among the highest vineyards in the Treiso area. Perhaps, because of this, the label in question seems less concentrated with respect to others by the same producer. Fresh aroma of small red fruits. The taste adds more mature notes of black currant preserves, cacao, and tobacco. Explosive tannins.

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**Barbaresco DOCG San Cristoforo 2012**

SASSI SAN CRISTOFORO

Initially, a bit uncomplicated at the nose, translating into a clean impression of wild strawberries adorned with spice. In the taste, a more ample sensual legacy is evident, accompanied by a streamlined and dynamic drinkability. Finish of licorice and earth. Slightly bitter tannins.

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**Barbaresco DOCG Asili 2012**

MICHELE CHIARLO

Ruby red color. From the glass rises the scent of fresh strawberry, making it all the denser, almost as if it were preserves. Enjoyable taste, but not as much as the nose, the tone of cherry, black cherry and once again, strawberry. Bittersweet finish of licorice. Properly extracted tannins.

91

**Barbaresco DOCG Coparossa 2012**

BRUNO ROCCA AZIENDA AGRICOLA RABAJÀ

Born from the marriage of two crus: one in Neive and one in Treiso. At the nose, prevails a soft, if not directly eager quality of red apple, strawberry preserves, and maraschino cherry. In the mouth it recalls what was perceived on the nose, save for a final note of licorice root. Explosive tannins.

WINE RANKING

91

**Barbaresco DOCG Asili 2012**

CERETTO

Bouquet of violet, blackberry, and mulberry. On the palate, the fruit holds the upper hand over the flowers, making it juicier. Finish of a great exotic appeal with nutmeg, cinchona, cardamom, and sandalwood. Slightly bitter finish. Abundant tannins, but a bit plant-like.

90

**Barbaresco DOCG Ovello 2012**

GIGI BIANCO

It unfolds with impressions of blueberry, currant, and spice. In the mouth, begins anew an always fruity, but softer register that recalls white-fleshed peach and strawberry. On the finish persist darker notes of cinchona, licorice, and ink. Abundant tannins.

90

**Barbaresco DOCG 2012**

PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO

From the get go, this wine shows immediate and great enjoyableness. Cherry, black cherry, strawberry and raspberry jams are the aromas that recur with the most frequency. In the mouth, the always-prevalent fruity side is enhanced by sweet spices and licorice. Flavorful tannins.

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**Barbaresco DOCG Asili 2012**

CA' DEL BAIO

The nose is dominated by a duo of marasca cherry and curative herbs. The taste gently encircles tones of ripe dark fruits such as blueberry and blackberry and the piquant spice of cloves. It is probably missing some acidity. Savory tannins.

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