

BAROLO

2011

Barolo DOCG



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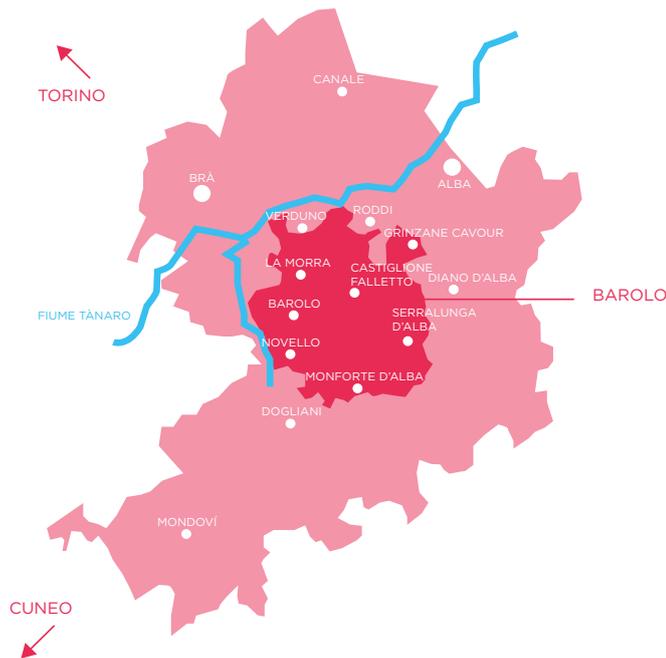
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Great wines are produced from the Nebbiolo grape in the Langhe, a recently declared Unesco World Heritage site located in the Southeastern part of the Piedmont, near Liguria.

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.



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Barolo DOCG Brunate 2011

GIUSEPPE RINALDI

Character and elegance are fused together in a label with a bouquet of strawberry, raspberry, and Damask rose. An articulated, complex, and salty taste, but above all, richly drinkable. Delicately spiced finish. Lively, but integrated tannins. Already enjoyable today.



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Barolo DOCG Parafada 2011

PALLADINO

At the nose, notes of blackcurrant, yellow peach and cinnamon. While on the palate, a hint of a slightly wild cru, faithfully translated, thanks to the impressions of berries, ginger, and red pepper. Rounded out with refreshing touches of oak. Salty tannins.



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Barolo DOCG Falletto 2011

AZ. AGR. FALLETTO DI BRUNO GIACOSA

Vineyards exposed to the west allow the grapes to enjoy, even in a hot year such as this, the lowest of temperatures. A bouquet dedicated to rose and wild strawberry. The taste is already complex due to its quantity and quality of impressions. The finish evokes tobacco. Salty tannins. Already rather enjoyable.



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Barolo DOCG Monprivato 2011

GIUSEPPE MASCARELLO E FIGLIO

Explosive bouquet for both the quantity and quality of its sensations. acidity, completed by a good body, a variety of spices and a balsamic of rare elegance. Rich taste of fruity. Flavorful tannins. Delightful now and mind-blowing after four years of finishing in the bottle.



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Barolo DOCG Ravera 2011

ELVIO COGNO

Historic cru of the Novello exposed to the south and characterized by calcareous soil. The mark of the terroir's influence on the wine increasing its finesse, but above all, its sapidity. Aromas of rose, melon, and wild strawberries. A taste of red fruit, red pepper and salt. Elegantly flavorful tannins.



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 **Barolo DOCG Parussi 2011**
 MASSOLINO

Dense and full-bodied, very faithful to the imprint of the Castiglione Falletto area. At the nose rich in berries, aromatic herbs, and leather. The taste, beyond translating anew the olfactory impressions, adds an intense final note of sandalwood. Flavorful tannins.



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 **Barolo DOCG Rocche di Castiglione 2011**
 VIETTI

Strong aromas that are also a bit somber (dried rose and mature blackberry), probably ascribable to the hot vintage. In the mouth, the wine demonstrates more elegance, with notes of strawberry and melon. Full finish of oriental spices with earthy touches of black truffle. Velvety tannins.



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 **Barolo DOCG Cannubi Boschis 2011**
 SANDRONE

If, at the nose, the floral sensations have a dry and dark stamp, the fruity ones are sweet and juicy. Taste characterized by the fruited duo, as much strawberry as cherry, and cardamom spiced. Flavorful and slightly woody finish. Flavorful tannins.



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 **Barolo DOCG Monvigliero 2011**
 COMM. G.B. BURLOTTO

Aromas and flavors reveal in a timely manner the characteristic floral stamp of Monvigliero. Bulgarian rose, geranium, and peony, which add to the fruited characteristic of sour cherry, spiced with cinnamon and nutmeg. Sweet earthy finish of rhubarb. Aristocratic tannins.



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 **Barolo DOCG Ginestra 2011**
 DIEGO CONTERNO

Strong yet at the same greatly drinkable. On the nose ample rose, strawberry, and watermelon. In the mouth red fruit, both fresh and alcohol infused, accompanied by earthy notes of humus and black truffle. The finish recalls the tobacco of a cigar. Eager tannins.



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 **Barolo DOCG Villero 2011**
 GIUSEPPE MASCARELLO E FIGLIO

Elegant aromas of flowers and red fruit, even in this hot vintage. These sensations reappear again on the palate. Particularly evident are dog rose and geranium, as well as watermelon and cherry, found in this young phase of the wine. Flavorful finish. Well-blended tannins.



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**Barolo DOCG Ginestra Casa Matè 2011**

ELIO GRASSO

The nose delights upon a fruity range of warmer touches that recall the maraschino cherry. The mouth controls the alcohol by virtue of the piquant nuances of red pepper and cinnamon, but above all thanks to the spicy and balsamic touches of oak. Strong tannins extracted with care.



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**Barolo DOCG Prapò 2011**

SCHIAVENZA

An aroma rich in floral notes of violet and rose, followed by a fruity verve that evokes mixed berries and watermelon, in the mouth. Savory finish most likely brought about by the quality of the calcareous soil. Strong and typically powdery tannins, as are often found in the Serralunga wines.



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**Barolo DOCG Ornato 2011**

PALLADINO

Smell and taste are rather coherent, indeed like the rest of the producer's hand in translating this cru. Aromas of cherries, whether fresh or maraschinos, spices, and mint. In the mouth, a predominant fruity character is accompanied by a balsamic characteristic. Powdery tannins.



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**Barolo DOCG 2011**

BORGOGNO

The wine is composed of grapes from five crus, all "at home" in the Barolo area. Richly fruited aroma with abundant strawberry and sour cherry. An equally fruity taste, even if on the finish prevail non-obtrusive notes of cloves and mint. Salty tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG Paiagallo 2011**

CASA E. DI MIRAFIORE

As deduced by the intensely fruity nose that recalls cherry, sour black cherry, and prunes, we are in the Barolo area. The taste, once again proposes a fruited stamp made all the richer thanks to suggestions of red peppercorns, anise, and cacao. Sweet tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG Ornato 2011**

PIO CESARE

Here Serralunga, perhaps thanks to a complex cross-exposition, demonstrates a strength that is also gentle in certain ways. Ample rose, geranium, and red fruit at the nose. In the mouth, again floral, fruity (cranberry and raspberry), and minty. Explosive tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG Bricco Fiasco 2011**

AZELIA

The warm vintage softens without distorting the earthy character of the Castiglione Falletto area. The nose plays upon tones of rose, currant, and cinchona. The cherry returns in the mouth, whether fresh or maraschino, accompanied by nuances of red pepper and some excess of oak. Mature tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG Sottocastello di Novello 2011**

CA' VIOLA

A young vineyard expressed in the aroma thanks to the immediacy of fruit and sweet spices. Taut in the mouth by virtue of its rich combination of mixed berries, both sour and juicy, accompanied by an evident balsamic quality. Flavorful tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG Arione 2011**

GIGI ROSSO

Aroma rich in nuances of dried flowers, blackberry, currant, and sweet-savory spices. The austerity of Serralunga is felt on the palate, as the sensation of the fruit diminishes, in favor of a more intensely spiced characteristic. The finish recalls cinchona. Strong tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG Ca' Mia 2011**

BROVIA

Aroma of citron and mixed berry. On the palate, a fruity aspect, characteristic of the juvenile phase of this wine. Difficult to keep at bay, is the concentrated character of the area from which this label is obtained. Strong tannins with the typical powdery texture of Serralunga.

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**Barolo DOCG Monvigliero 2011**

PAOLO SCAVINO

From the "grand cru" of the Verduno area, a wine with a strong floral stamp, characterized not only by soft notes of rose and peony, but also by darker tones of licorice. Finish of peppery spices. Almost overbearing tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG Cascina Nuova 2011**

ELVIO COGNO

A very immediate Barolo and therefore truly enjoyable with notes of geranium, blackberry, wild strawberry, and spices. The finish in the mouth emphasizes a spicy side, as well as, a balsamic that recalls candied ginger and cloves. Flavorful tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG Cannubi 2011**

BARALE FRATELLI

A Barolo that plays upon fruit but does not remain too anchored on this characteristic. Bouquet of a nuanced pureness of violet. In the mouth, other than mixed berries and cherry, a refreshing note of star anise comes to the forefront. Pronounced tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG Brunate 2011**

CERETTO

The aromatic power of the Morra arrogantly emerges from the glass. Notwithstanding their abundance, the aromas are well articulated. Geranium, raspberry, strawberry, yellow peach and cinnamon. On the palate, the fruity side once again dominates accompanied by candied ginger and cinchona. Silky tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG Cerequio 2011**

MICHELE CHIARLO

The typical fruity taste of the Morra in this cru is emphasized in the bouquet by notes of cherry, raspberry and currant. In the mouth a dynamic flavor profile, elegantly fruity and refreshing from suggestions of eucalyptus on the finish. Tannins present but extracted with care.

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**Barolo DOCG Brunate 2011**

MARCARINI

Very expressive, but not to say explosive bouquet with notes of orange zest, strawberry, and prune. In the mouth, the fruit gives way to a slightly dry, spiced austerity, without ever disappearing. The finish reminds one of Kentucky tobacco. Monolithic tannins.

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**Barolo DOCG 2011**

BOROLI

On the nose, red apple, currant, peach, and cinchona. Lively taste, rendered enjoyable by complex impressions of fruit and spices, the merit of vineyards situated in three different zones. Slightly acidic tannins. Very outgoing. So why wait?

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**Barolo DOCG Vigna Cappella di Santo Stefano 2011**

PODERE ROCHE DEI MANZONI

At the nose this Barolo gives us a pleasant mix of wild strawberry, even fresh and in alcohol, and menthol notes that follow the red fruits. The tannins are powdery and the finish is agreeable balsamic. This wine has got a good structure and it's wisely balanced.

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**Barolo DOCG Serralunga d'Alba 2011**

FONTANAFREDDA

Pleasing and immediate aroma of red fruits and flowers. On the palate, the fruit always returns juicy, accompanied by sweet citrusy impressions that recall mandarin. The minty finish is complemented by strong tannins.

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