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### **2015 AZELIA BAROLO - \$59.99**

Azelia's 2015 Barolo is a very pretty, delicate wine built on aromatic lift and a light to medium-bodied sense of structure. Dried cherry, orange peel, mint and dried flowers all grace this expressive, nuanced Barolo. Azelia's straight Barolo is all about understatement, but it has enough depth to drink well for another decade or so. Vineyard sites are Solanotto, Altenaso, Broglio, Cerrati, Bricco Voghera and Cerretta. 89/100 Vinous

### **2015 AZELIA BAROLO SAN ROCCO - \$130**

The 2015 Barolo San Rocco is the most potent and structured of the Azelia Barolos. Swaths of tannin enshroud this tightly wound, classically austere Barolo. Readers should plan on cellaring the 2015 for at least a few years. This is one of the more reticent young Barolos I have tasted at Azelia. 93+/100 Vinous

### **2015 AZELIA BAROLO MARGHERIA - \$130**

The 2015 Barolo Margheria shows the textural breadth of Serralunga in its compelling interplay of succulent, layered fruit and bright, soil-driven tones, with mineral inflections that add layers of complexity. Sage, tobacco, cedar, rose petal, menthol, anise and dried flowers fill out the wine's frame effortlessly. All the elements are nicely balanced. In 2015 the Margheria is all class. 94/100 Vinous

### **2015 AZELIA BAROLO BRICCO FIASCO - \$130**

The 2015 Barolo Bricco Fiasco is another attractive, perfumed wine in this range. Iron, smoke, blood orange, kirsch and orange peel are all nicely delineated throughout. Deceptive in its mid-weight structure, the 2015 has enough drive, depth and sinewy tannin to support two decades of very fine drinking. Time in the glass allows the fruit to emerge, but the 2015 remains reticent and in need of time to be at its very best. 92+/100 Vinous

### **2015 COGNO BAROLO CASINA NUOVA - \$69.99**

The 2015 Barolo Cascina Nuova is a very pretty entry-level offering from Elvio Cogno. Bright red berry and lifted floral notes pair nicely with the wine's gracious, mid-weight feel. Silky tannins match the wine's finely sculpted, saline-infused personality. The Cascina Nuova is a terrific example of the bright, taut Barolos made here in 2015. I would prefer to drink this gracious, lithe Barolo over the next decade or so. 91/100 Vinous

Beautiful, lustrous ruby. Fantastic, exotically savoury spice nose with notes of pure cherry and cranberry fruit. With aeration increasingly lifted and perfumed. There is concentration of fruit on the palate as well as fine integrated acidity that peaks at the finish together with fine crunchy tannins. Elegant. (WS) 14.5% Drink 2019-2026 17/20 Walter Speller

### **2015 COGNO BAROLO RAVERA - \$130**

Soaring aromatics make a strong opening statement in the 2015 Barolo Ravera. Bright, precise and finely sculpted, the Ravera captures all the best the 2015 vintage has to offer: Kirsch, sweet mint, hard candy and expressive floral notes are given an extra kick of inner sweetness from the natural energy of Ravera. There is so much to look forward to as the 2015 develops in bottle. This is a stellar showing. 93/100 Vinous

Lustrous mid ruby. Like the 2015 Cascina Nuova, but amplified. Great lift and focus of ripe red fruit. Ripe palate with zippy, crunchy red fruit and polished tannins. Very long, satisfying and mouth-filling without being heavy, and with intense, perfumed red fruit building up on the finish. (WS) 14.5% Drink 2020-2030 17.5/20 Walter Speller

### **2014 COGNO BAROLO BRICCO PERNICE - \$155**

The 2014 Barolo Bricco Pernice is vivid, precise and flat-out stunning. Like the best wines of the year, the Bricco Pernice is going to need a bit of time to be at its very best. I find the wine's inner perfume and sweetness to be utterly beguiling. At the same time, the Bricco Pernice remains taut, classically austere and in need of cellaring. 96/100 Vinous

Lustrous mid ruby. Beautifully perfumed red fruit with quite a bit of concentration underneath. Savoury, mineral hints. Complex. Precision is key here. Cool red fruit on the palate with lots of powdery tannins and subtly balanced by fresh acidity that integrates on the finish. Something any Pinot lover would love to try. Elegant and with great focus and plenty of substance. 17+/20 Walter Speller

### **2013 COGNO BAROLO VIGNA ELENA - \$155**

The 2013 Barolo Riserva Vigna Elena shows all of the classic austerity that is such a signature of the year. Bright red cherry, pomegranate, mint, chalk and blood orange fill out the wine's frame effortlessly. Readers will have to give the 2013 a number of years to soften, but it is seriously impressive today. 96+/100 Vinous

Lustrous mid ruby with orange tinges. Enormous concentration of perfumed fruit with real depth. Perfumed raspberry with a chalky mineral note, ethereal with hints of cardamom. Flowery lift. Changes all the time in the glass. Supple and elegant yet full and with loads of finely chiselled tannins. Sensational balance and length. 18.5/20 Walter Speller

### **2015 CONTERNO FANTINO BAROLO GINESTRA SORI GINESTRA - \$125**

The 2015 Barolo Sorì Ginestra shows why this site is so highly regarded. Soaring aromatics make a strong opening statement. Spice, menthol, licorice, macerated cherry, blood orange, leather and pine all fill out the wine's ample frame. Powerful, deep and layered, the Sorì Ginestra is a super-classic Conterno-Fantino Barolo. In this vintage, the tannins are especially polished, something that has not always been the case with young Soris. 94/100 Vinous

### **2015 CONTERNO FANTINO BAROLO MOSCONI - \$125**

The 2015 Barolo Mosconi is deep, succulent and richly-textured on the palate. The intensity, power and gravitas of Mosconi comes through in a wine of dark, brooding intensity. Smoke, leather, scorched earth, tar and licorice add to the wine's distinctly virile personality. I would prefer to drink it on the earlier side. 93/100 Vinous

### **2015 CONTERNO FANTINO BAROLO GINESTRA VIGNA GRIS - \$110**

The 2015 Barolo Vigna del Gris is a wine of brightness, tension and energy. As is often the case, the Gris is a bit nervous and less generous, especially on the mid-palate, than the other wines in the range. I would give it a few years in bottle to open up, but I imagine the Gris will always be a bit compact in feel. Pine, menthol, spice, licorice and black cherry lead in the somewhat nervous finish. Think of the Vigna del Gris as a Piedmontese version of a Volnay. 91/100 Vinous

### **2015 CONTERNO FANTINO BAROLO CASTELLETTO PRESSEDA - \$110**

The 2015 Barolo Castelletto Vigna Pressenda is absolutely gorgeous. Floral, savory and intensely mineral, the 2015 captures all the signatures that make wines from this sector in Monforte so distinctive. Medium in body, focused and chiseled, the 2015 retains terrific energy, the warm, dry summer notwithstanding. There is so much to admire. The 2015 Barolo Castelletto Vigna Pressenda is a wine of real class and pedigree. 94/100 Vinous

### **2016 CONTERNO FANTINO LANGHE ROSSO MONPRIA - \$64.99**

### **2018 CONTERNO FANTINO DOLCETTO - \$26.99**

### **2015 FRANCESCO RINALDI BAROLO CANNUBI - \$100**

### **2015 FRANCESCO RINALDI BAROLO BRUNATE - \$100**

### **2013 FRANCESCO RINALDI BAROLO CANNUBI RISERVA - \$145**

### **2017 MASSOLINO LANGHE NEBBIOLO (SCREWCAP) - \$39.99**

### **2015 MASSOLINO BAROLO - \$66.99**

The 2015 Barolo is bright and beautifully focused, with lovely red berry, orange peel and floral character. Medium in body, translucent and gracious, Massolino's straight Barolo is fabulous in 2015. This is a very pretty, classy wine that readers will be able to enjoy with minimal cellaring. Even so, the straight Barolo has a track record of aging gracefully. Vineyard sites are Briccolina, Collaretto, Broglio, Le Turne, all in Serralunga, plus a bit of fruit from Parussi, which is in Castiglione Falletto. 91/100 Vinous

A blend of five crus: Briccolina, Collaretto, Broglio, Le Turne and Parussi. Maceration on the skins for between 15 and 18 days and aged for 24 months in large oak cask. Bottled in August 2018. Fresh, savoury-spicy nose that is a little peppery as well as voluminous. Succulent fruit matched by fine, tannic grip. Elegant as well as gripping on the finish. (WS) 14% Drink 2019-2026 17/20 Walter Speller

### **2015 MASSOLINO BAROLO MARGHERIA - \$125**

Massolino's 2015 Barolo Margheria is a powerful, driven wine that shows the sinewy muscles of Serralunga off to great effect. Dark red cherry, plum, iron, sage, smoke, white pepper and rose petal open up in the glass, but the Margheria is a wine of structure, power and depth, its mid-weight feel notwithstanding. As is often the case, the Margheria is a beguiling wine that shows the flavor and textural complexity Nebbiolo can reach in Piedmont's top sites. 93+/100 Vinous

Beautiful lustrous mid ruby. Savoury, deep, complex nose that is still a little closed. Gorgeous freshness and crunchy red fruit with lots of firm chewy tannins on the palate. The fruit is long, concentrated and elegant 17+/20 Walter Speller

### **2015 MASSOLINO BAROLO PARAFADA - \$125**

The 2015 Barolo Parafada is another gorgeous wine in this lineup. As always, the Parafada is defined by its huge center of fruit and ample, broad-shouldered feel. Whereas Margheria and Vigna Rionda - the other two Serralunga Barolos in this range - are more aromatically expressive, the Parafada is a wine of density and mid-palate resonance. These vines, planted in 1960 (the estate's oldest) confer weight and gravitas. In this vintage, the Parafada is particularly beautiful. 94/100 Vinous

Lustrous mid ruby and youthful. Distinct, mineral nose with sweet, brooding fruit. Beautiful, perfumed sweet red-fruit nose with a hint of earth and liquorice. Lots of long-lasting sandy/chewy tannins and sappy youthful cherry fruit that needs more time to open up and show its depth. Very long and almost linear, yet with plenty of youthful fruit 17.5/20 Walter Speller

### **2015 MASSOLINO BAROLO PARUSSI - \$125**

The 2015 Barolo Parussi is the most powerful and immediate of the Massolino 2015 Barolos. Dark cherry, plum, lavender, menthol, spice, tar and licorice fill out the wine's ample frame effortlessly. In this range, the Parussi is also the Barolo that most clearly shows the natural richness of the year, and it does so to great effect. Plush, sensual and inviting, the 2015 will drink well with minimal cellaring, although time in bottle will only help. 93+/100 Vinous

Youthful mid ruby. Savoury, almost rich fruit nose. Juicy acidity and supple fruit and gritty, long tannins on the palate. Very different from their Serralunga Barolos. (WS) Drink 2020-2030 17+/20 Walter Speller

### **2013 MASSOLINO VIGNA RIONDA RISERVA - \$210**

The 2013 Barolo Riserva Vigna Rionda is a powerhouse. Not surprisingly, Massolino gave the 2013 an extra year in cask to soften the fierce tannins, but that may not have been enough. The 2013 remains potent and explosive in the glass, with searing tannins and tons of intensity. From time to time, Rionda aromatics emerge, but only with great reluctance. Readers will have to be patient with the 2013. I don't see it being ready to deliver pleasure any time soon. The 2013 was stunning from barrel, and will likely be equally compelling from bottle...one day. 95+/100 Vinous

Brooding intensity and bags of minerals on the nose. Minerals and tightly wound cherry fruit on the palate with finely chiselled tannins in perfect harmony with the fruit. Stunning balance and precision. Elegant and persistent and should age for much longer, but hard to resist. 18/20 Walter Speller

### **2018 VIETTI ARNIES - \$35.99**

### **2016 VIETTI BARBERA TRES VIGNE - \$35.99**

### **2016 VIETTI NEBBIOLO PERBACCO - \$39.99**

### **2015 VIETTI BARBARESCO MASSERIA - \$125**

Vietti's 2015 Barbaresco Masseria is a dense, powerful wine that is going to need at least a few years to fully come together. In 2015, the Masseria is a decidedly potent, masculine Barbaresco, with huge tannins and tremendous fruit density. Macerated dark cherry, scorched earth, new leather, tobacco and licorice add to an impression of virile intensity. 92+/100 Vinous

### **2015 VIETTI BAROLO CASTIGLIONE - \$90**

Vietti's 2015 Barolo Castiglione is soft, silky and pliant, all qualities that make it a good choice for drinking now and over the next decade or so. Floral and nicely lifted, the 2015 is very pretty, if not quite the overachiever it can be. I expect the 2015 will be even more expressive once the tannins soften a bit further. In this tasting, the Castiglione stands out for its freshness and energy. Time in the glass brings out an extra layer of textural breadth and resonance that is not immediately apparent. 91/100 Vinous

### **2015 VIETTI BAROLO LAZZARITO - \$260**

The 2015 Barolo Lazzarito is one of the highlights in this range from Vietti. The power and gravitas of Serralunga come through loud and clear in a deep, beautifully resonant Barolo loaded with character. Iron, smoke, sage, menthol, licorice and rose petal give the Lazzarito its beguiling aromatic complexity. The massive tannins need time to soften, but there is a lot to look forward to once that happens. 94/100 Vinous

### **2015 VIETTI BAROLO RAVERA - \$260**

The 2015 Barolo Ravera is once again the head of the class at Vietti. Bright, sculpted and wonderfully nuanced, the Ravera is very pretty. Floral aromatics and the pointed, brilliant fruit that is such a Ravera signature are very much in evidence. Hints of blood orange, mint, crushed rocks and flowers add shades of complexity as the 2015 gradually opens up in the glass. This is one of the finer wines of the year. Don't miss it! 95/100 Vinous

### **2012 VIETTI BAROLO VILLERO RISERVA - \$575**