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“The 2016 vintage is game-changing. You'll want to buy some, and you can hardly go wrong. To be honest, I didn't go to Barolo with the idea that I was going to taste one of the best vintages in, perhaps, the last 20 years, potentially eclipsing the outstanding 2010. But something hit me quite early on a complete revolution in style. The 2016 has thrown up an enormous number of great wines, all characterised by great transparency, freshness and elegance. In this vintage Nebbiolo shines as never before, both in clarity and vibrancy, heralding a new era for Barolo.”

Walter Speller JancisRobinson.com

“In so many ways, 2016 is all about being in the right place at the right time for Barolo. An ideal growing season with all the prerequisites for a great vintage comes at a time when so many winemakers are in their primes, past the stage of experimentation and settled into their own personal styles. The result is a vintage full of truly spectacular, breathtaking wines that captures all the pedigree that Nebbiolo and Barolo are capable of.”

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2016 <b>Arnaldo Rivera</b> Barolo Castello	\$100.00
2016 <b>Arnaldo Rivera</b> Barolo Monvigliero	\$100.00
2016 <b>Arnaldo Rivera</b> Barolo Ravera	\$100.00
2016 <b>Arnaldo Rivera</b> Barolo Bussia	\$100.00
2016 <b>Arnaldo Rivera</b> Barolo Rocche Di Castiglione	\$130.00
2016 <b>Arnaldo Rivera</b> Barolo Vignarionda	\$130.00
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2016 <b>Azelia</b> Barolo Margheria	\$150.00
2016 <b>Cogno</b> Barolo Cascina Nuova	\$74.99
2016 <b>Cogno</b> Barolo Ravera	\$145.00
2015 <b>Cogno</b> Barolo Ravera 'Bricco Pernice'	\$160.00
2014 <b>Cogno</b> Barolo Ravera 'Vigna Elena'	\$160.00
2016 <b>Conterno Fantino</b> Barolo Ginestra 'Sori Ginestra'	\$140.00
2016 <b>Conterno Fantino</b> Barolo Mosconi 'Vigna Ped'	\$140.00
2016 <b>Conterno Fantino</b> Barolo Ginestra 'Vigna del Gris'	\$120.00
2016 <b>Conterno Fantino</b> Barolo Castelletto 'Vigna Pressenda'	\$120.00
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2016 <b>Francesco Rinaldi</b> Barolo Brunate	\$110.00
2016 <b>Francesco Rinaldi</b> Barolo Cannubi	\$110.00
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2016 <b>Massolino</b> Barolo Margheria	\$135.00
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2017 <b>Vietti</b> Barbera Tres Vigne	\$39.99
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2016 <b>Vietti</b> Barolo Castiglione	\$105.00
2016 <b>Vietti</b> Barolo Lazzarito	\$290.00
2012 <b>Vietti</b> Barolo Villero Riserva	\$575.00

### **2016 Arnaldo Rivera Barolo Undicicommuni - \$69.99**

Lustrous mid ruby. Pretty nose of concentrated, peppery cherry fruit. Crunchy red-fruit palate underpinned with stalky tannins. Elegant medium-bodied feel. Can be approached now. Should be very good value 17 Walter Speller

### **2016 Arnaldo Rivera Barolo Castello - \$100**

Grinzane Cavour. Lustrous ruby. Inviting nose of sweet, red fruit with savoury, malty hints and a hint of pet shop, but much more attractive than it sounds. Supple and plentiful red fruit that is almost a little racy on the attack. Persistent powdery, coating tannins add tactile drama. 17 + Walter Speller

### **2016 Arnaldo Rivera Barolo Monvigliero - \$100**

Verduno. Lustrous mid ruby. Perhaps a little more developed than the Ravera of the same vintage on the nose with an impression of richness and pepperiness. Just the beginning of tar. Supple, concentrated red fruit with a layer of super-animating, powdery tannins. Very long and with a full spread on the finish. A richer style of Monvigliero. 17++ Walter Speller

### **2016 Arnaldo Rivera Barolo Ravera - \$100**

Mid ruby with orange tinges. A little dusty. Real depth of red fruit with just the merest suggestion of oak. Top notes of spice. Plenty of fresh ripe red fruit with a layer of fine grainy tannins. 17++ Walter Speller

### **2016 Arnaldo Rivera Barolo Bussia - \$100**

Monforte d'Alba. Mid ruby with orange tinges. Very pretty red fruit and Campari nose with hints of black pepper and liquorice powder. Just the merest touch of oak. Spiciness and hints of dried fruit mingling with sour cherry. Long, finely grained coating tannins to which the generous succulent fruit clings 17++ Walter Speller

### **2016 Arnaldo Rivera Barolo Rocche Di Castiglione - \$130**

Castiglione Falletto. Mid ruby with narrow orange rim. Savoury, deep cherry nose with a hint of black pepper and a suggestion of oak. Lively acidity cutting through the concentrated cherry palate. Just a touch of sweet oak and with racy, long fruit and long-lasting, finely grained tannins clinging to the palate. 17.5 Walter Speller

### **2016 Arnaldo Rivera Vignarionda - \$130**

Mid ruby. Cherry fruit nose that is just a touch marked by oak and malty, mineral notes. Plenty of ripe red fruit and a hint of gingerbread and tar. Succulent finish with finely grained tannins 16.5 Walter Speller

### **2016 Azelia Barolo - \$64.99**

Azelia's 2016 Barolo is a blend of fruit from two parcels in Castiglione Falletto and five in Serralunga, with the character of Serralunga especially felt in the wine's tannic grip and persistence. Iron, sage, mint, smoke and wild cherry give the Barolo striking aromatic nuance and complexity, all in the mid-weight style that is such a signature at this address. The purity of the fruit is just striking. Stated simply, this is a tremendous wine in its peer group. 93 Vinous

### **2016 Azelia Barolo San Rocco - \$150**

Azelia's 2016 Barolo San Rocco shows terrific density and richness, but it is less aromatically expressive than most of the other 2016s in the range. Readers will have to give this at least a few years in bottle for the tannins to soften. Even in the early going, though, the 2016 is deep, powerful and loaded with pedigree. Now that most of Azelia's wines are aged in cask, the influence of small French oak is especially evident. 94 Vinous

### **2016 Azelia Barolo Margheria - \$150**

The 2016 Barolo Margheria shows the natural weight and gravitas of Serralunga in its dark flavor profile and textural resonance. Black cherry, plum, lavender, spice, mint, chalk and bright saline notes are all laced throughout. Deceptive in its mid-weight structure, the 2016 possesses tremendous persistence and class to burn. Wilder suggestions of sage and lavender add savory top notes, while searing tannins punctuate the finish. 95+ Vinous

### **2016 Cogno Barolo Cascina Nuova - \$74.99**

Novello. Lustrous mid ruby. Signature depth of fruit combined with finesse. Spice and minerals, cherry and raspberry with a suggestion of liquorice. There is a certain leggerezza but at the same time profound and deep but without being heavy. Fine, firm long grainy tannins clinging to the fruit. Composed energy. Easily one of the best-buy wines of the vintage. 17.5 Walter Speller

Cogno's 2016 Barolo Cascina Nuova is absolutely gorgeous. Pliant and expressive on the palate, the 2016 has a touch more mid-palate sweetness and texture than in the past, when the wine has been more nervous in feel. Sweet red cherry, blood orange, mint, wild flowers, cedar, sweet tobacco and anise all open up effortlessly. Silky tannins add to its considerable immediacy and appeal. This is such a pretty wine in its peer group and also a terrific example of how attractive more modestly priced Barolos are in 2016. 92 Vinous

### **2016 Cogno Barolo Ravera - \$145**

Novello. Beautifully lifted, perfumed and concentrated. Almost an explosion of fresh, crushed, sweet, red fruit. Great purity of fruit with firm tannins that never dominate. Vibrant acidity and succulence on a full, tannic, yet endlessly fine palate. 18+ Walter Speller

The 2016 Barolo Ravera shows all of the energy and tension this site is so well-known for. Penetrating acids and veins of tannin give the Ravera its drive and overall feel. Naturally, the 2016 is going to need at least a few years to be at its best, but it has tremendous breeding and character to burn. White pepper, mint, sweet red cherry and citrus add to the wine's high-toned profile. This is another stellar wine from Cogno. 94 Vinous

### **2015 Cogno Barolo Ravera 'Bricco Pernice' - \$160**

The 2015 Barolo Bricco Pernice is a wine of extraordinary finesse and grace. Silky and perfumed, with terrific energy, the 2015 is positively stellar today. Kirsch, raspberry rose petal, blood orange and mint are all laced together in this very pretty, translucent Barolo. All the elements are impeccably balanced throughout. As always, the Bricco Pernice is distinguished by its ethereal personality, although it does gain a bit of weight in the glass. I tasted the 2015 from cask, where it will spend a total of three years. 93-96 Galloni

### **2014 Cagno Barolo Ravera 'Vigna Elena' - \$160**

Cagno's Barolo Riserva Vigna Elena 2014 is just as impressive from bottle as it was from barrel. Lifted, gracious and super-expressive, the 2014 offers that most magical combination that Nebbiolo can deliver - weight without excess power. Dark, sensual and layered, the 2014 will drink beautifully for many years and decades to come. Sweet floral, spice and blood orange overtones complement the striking Nebbiolo fruit nicely. 97 Galloni

### **2016 Conterno Fantino Barolo Ginestra 'Sori Ginestra' - \$140**

The 2016 Barolo Ginestra Vigna Sori Ginestra is rich and ample, with all of the textural resonance that this wine always shows. A rush of black cherry, plum, licorice, lavender, spice and menthol builds in a sumptuous, racy Barolo loaded with personality. Aging in oak accentuates the wine's body and overall richness. 94 Vinous

### **2016 Conterno Fantino Barolo Mosconi 'Vigna Ped' - \$140**

The 2016 Barolo Mosconi Vigna Ped is another gorgeous wine in this range. The natural richness of Mosconi comes through loud and clear, but unlike most wines made from this site, Conterno-Fantino's 2015 is wonderfully polished and refined from start to finish. Ripe red and purplish berry fruit, wild flowers, licorice, mint and lavender build as this super-expressive, inviting Barolo shows off its alluring personality. The 2016 is just so phenomenally delicious. 95 Vinous

### **2016 Conterno Fantino Barolo Ginestra 'Vigna del Gris' - \$120**

The 2016 Barolo Ginestra Vigna del Gris offers a striking balance of density and the more floral, high-toned notes that are so typical of this wine. Dried flowers, rose petal, mint, sweet spice and cedar are all nicely lifted. Beams of incisive tannin give the wine its vibrant, energetic feel. I would drink it first among these four wines. 93 Vinous

### **2016 Conterno Fantino Barolo Castelletto 'Vigna Pressenda' - \$120**

The 2016 Barolo Castelletto Vigna Pressenda is bright, punchy and super expressive, with striking floral and mineral top notes that lend energy and brilliance to this mid-weight Barolo. The purity of the flavors is just striking. Medium in body, gracious and nuanced, the Castelletto has so much to offer. This is a super-classic wine that shows significant tension and austerity; I would give it a few years to soften. 94+ Vinous

### **2016 Francesco Rinaldi Barolo - \$89.99**

The 2016 Barolo is gracious and lifted, with lovely sweet red cherry and floral overtones. Silky tannins give this mid-weight Barolo a good bit of immediacy. Translucent and super-expressive, the 2016 is a model of pure and total class. Vineyard sites are a stellar collection of parcels from Rocche dell'Annunziata, Boiolo, Sarmassa, Vignane, Codana and a touch of Cannubi. In recent years, Rinaldi's straight Barolo has been one of the real under the radar gems in the region. The 2016 has the potential to be an overachiever. 90-92 Vinous

### **2016 Francesco Rinaldi Barolo Brunate - \$110**

Rinaldi's 2016 Barolo Brunate is dark and dense, with terrific mid-palate pliancy and striking inner perfume. In this vintage, the Brunate is remarkably polished, with less of the boisterous explosiveness it can tend to show, and tons of finesse for a young wine that is still in cask. 91-94 Vinous

## 2016 Francesco Rinaldi Barolo Cannubi - \$110

The 2016 Barolo Cannubi brings together all the best elements of the year with the natural pedigree of this site. Fresh and vibrant in the glass, with terrific underlying structure, the Cannubi is a Barolo of captivating aromatic intensity and drive that is shaping up to be a real beauty. In 2016, hail was a factor. The estate opted to use some of the affected fruit in the straight Barolo, which then had the effect of lowering production for the single vineyard wine by about 30%. As for the wine itself, well, it is pretty stellar. 92-95 Vinous

## 2016 Massolino Barolo - \$69.99

Beautiful lustrous ruby. Lifted and concentrated and with a touch of oak, but subtly done and with a hint of cumin. Generous yet fresh and tightly wound with chewy tannins, balanced by integrated, fresh acidity. Can be approached now, but has plenty of potential. 17++ Walter Speller

Massolino's 2016 Barolo is a gorgeous wine that brings together all the best qualities of the year: Bright and pliant, yet with terrific structural intensity, the 2016 is a wonderfully complete, harmonious Barolo that will delight readers for the next 15 to 20 years. Dark cherry, plum, lavender, spice, menthol and licorice add striking shades of nuance. Massolino's straight Barolo is a fabulous wine in its peer group. Vineyard sources include Briccolina, Collareto, Brolio and Le Turne. 92 Vinous

## 2016 Massolino Barolo Margheria - \$135

Serralunga d'Alba. Lustrous mid ruby. Lifted and a little floral. Fresh, sweet raspberry fruit with fine but firm tannins. Great balance between generous red fruit and supple acidity. Great length and generosity and yet poised. 17.5 Walter Speller

The 2016 Barolo Margheria is super-refined and elegant, but it is also classically austere, as so many top wines are in this vintage. Bright red berry fruit, wild flowers, mint, blood orange, rose petal and cinnamon all grace this very pretty, nuanced Barolo. The Margheria is medium in body, and despite its austerity, it is also very pretty, not to mention incredibly inviting. It will be even better in another few years, once the tannins soften. Readers will have to be patient. 95+ Vinous

## 2016 Massolino Barolo Parussi - \$135

Castiglione Falletto. Quite firm and monolithic on the nose but with great depth and minerality. Tightly wound, youthful red fruit with bags of polished tannins. Still very compact. Impressive depth and fine complexity on the finish 17.5 Walter Speller

The 2016 Barolo Parussi is the most overt and fruity of the 2016s. That is not a bad thing at all, as it gives the wine striking immediacy and mid-palate sweetness. Succulent red and purplish berry fruit, spice and mint come together in the glass. Silky, floral and medium in body, the Parussi captures all of the sensuality that is typical of the Barolos of Castiglione Falletto. Best of all, the Parussi will drink well earlier than the wines from Serralunga will. 95 Vinous

## 2014 Massolino Barolo Vigna Rionda - \$220

Lustrous mid ruby. Hints of exotic spice, pet shop and subtle but ripe fruit. Nervy acidity running through supple red fruit. Elegant, long and understated and only after a little while you become aware of its enormous length. 17.5 Walter Speller

The 2014 Barolo Riserva Vigna Rionda is a stunning wine. Sweet, perfumed and deep, the 2014 is off-the-charts great. Dark red and purplish berry fruit, mint, lavender, spice and hard candy infuse the 2014 with striking layers of nuance. But what really impresses about the 2014 is its depth and huge vertical build. All the elements fall into place in a sumptuous, deep Barolo that screams with character: Beams of tannin punctuate the finish. Massolino's 2014 is one of the greatest Vigna Riondas I have ever tasted. 98+ Vinous

### **2017 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco - \$79.99**

The 2017 Barbaresco is the only Barbaresco from Rocca in this vintage, as hail wiped out large portions of Rabajà and Currà (which are normally vineyard designates at this address) along with Fausoni, Marcorino and San Cristoforo (which go into the straight bottling). Bright red cherry fruit, mint, chalk, white pepper and citrus give the 2017 a very distinctive upper register to match its slightly nervous personality. The 2017 is very attractive. I would prefer to drink it over the next 10-15 years, once the tannins soften a touch. 91 Vinous

### **2013 Bruno Rocca Maria Adelaide - \$210**

The 2013 Barbaresco Maria Adelaide is a selection of the best fruit from both Rabajà and Currà. It is also the most overtly ample and creamy of these wines. Here, too, the wine's balance is simply compelling. Moreover, the natural power of Rabajà and the nerve of Currà are hugely complementary. The 2013 spent eighteen months in French oak. So much has changed here over the last few years. The Maria Adelaide remains the Barbaresco that is most closely linked to the wines Bruno Rocca made when he was solely in charge of the estate. 96 Vinous

### **2015 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Riserva Rabaja - \$260**

### **2015 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Riserva Curra - \$260**

### **2019 Vietti Arnies - \$37.99**

### **2018 Vietti Timorasso - \$49.99**

### **2017 Vietti Barbera Tres Vigne - \$39.99**

### **2017 Vietti Nebbiolo Perbacco - \$39.99**

### **2017 Vietti Barbera Scarrone - \$74.99**

### **2017 Vietti Barbera Scarrone VV - \$105**

### **2016 Vietti Barolo Castiglione - \$105**

The 2016 Barolo Castiglione is a dazzling wine that will show readers just how compelling this vintage is, even among entry-level wines from top producers. Rich, ample and explosive, the 2016 possesses tremendous richness and resonance from the very first taste. Bright red cherry and red plum fruit, wild flowers, mint, blood orange and spice build as this sumptuous, dramatic Barolo shows all it's got. As always, the Castiglione is built on a core of fruit from Ravera. In 2016, the Castiglione benefits from the inclusion of several new sites, including Ginestra, Mosconi, Bricco Ravera (in Monforte), Le Coste, Costabelle, Meriame, Briccolina and Codana. All I can say is: What a wine! 94 Vinous

### **2016 Vietti Barolo Lazzarito - \$290**

The 2016 Barolo Lazzarito is another stunning wine in this range. The 2016 is the first vintage of the Lazzarito I can remember tasting in which intensely mineral notes accompany the more savory, earthy notes that are so typical of this site. Graphite, sage, dried flowers, crushed rocks, menthol, dried rose petal, mint, licorice and blood orange race out of the glass in a breathtaking, towering Barolo that hits all the right notes from the start to its chiseled, strikingly detailed finish. The 2016 Lazzarito is one of the most classically austere wines in this range. In a word: Magnificent. 98 Vinous

### **2012 Vietti Barolo Villero Riserva - \$575**

Vietti's 2012 Barolo Riserva Villero is absolutely gorgeous. In 2012, the Villero is especially lifted and aromatic, showing a distinctly floral and red-toned expression of fruit rather than the darker, more balsamic inflections that are typical of this Castiglione Falletto cru. Light on its feet, fresh and graceful to its core, the Villero is another terrific wine from Vietti in 2012. Veins of Villero tannin and bright acids give the wine energy, vibrancy and tons of character. More than anything else, though, the 2012 Villero is a very clear continuation of a stylistic evolution that can be traced to the 2010 Barolo Ravera in which the Barolos are now made in a more traditional style than in the past, which includes malolactic fermentation in cask rather than barrique. In 2012, that approach was not in place for all the Barolos, but it is very much evident here. 95+ Vinous