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We hope you enjoy this year's indent offer on the deliciously approachable 2020 Barolos, and the incredible 2021 Barbaresco's.

This includes wines from some of the greatest producers in Piedmont.  
**Azelia, Bruno Rocca, Conterno Fantino, Elvio Cogno, Massolino, and the legendary Vietti.**

These were vintages produced under the testing circumstances of COVID-19, described by many producers as a unique period in which they could devote all their time to the vineyard, explaining higher-quality wines.

The **Barolo 2020's** are that rare vintage for the region that is immediately appealing and superbly drinkable. These have flesh and succulent fruit, combined with a superb balance of refined soft tannins. These are Barolo that you don't need to keep for a decade plus to enjoy, perfect for short to medium term cellaring.

The reviews are only just starting to come out for the **2021 Barbaresco's**, but all signs point to an all-time great year. These are incredibly exciting wines, with gorgeous aromatics, vibrant complex fruit, exceptional balance, and great definition between the sites. The value proposition in Barbaresco is still exceptional good as well.

Many of these bottlings are only available to New Zealand in very small quantities.  
This year we will only receive 6 bottles of some top wines.

*Place your order as soon as possible, as we will need to allocate these rarest wines.  
These are expected to land Spring 2024. Payment on arrival.*

- John Caro & Regan McCaffery



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## BAROLO 2020 INDENT OFFER

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WINE ORDER FORM	QUANTITY	PRICE* (In mixed 6+)
2020 Azelia Barolo		\$74.99
2020 Azelia Barolo Bricco Fiasco		\$160
2020 Azelia Barolo Margheria		\$160
2020 Azelia Barolo San Rocco		\$160
2020 Azelia Barolo Cerretta		\$190
2014 Azelia Barolo Riserva Bricco Voghera		\$310
2021 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco		\$90
2021 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Curra		\$185
2021 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Rabaja		\$185
2021 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Marcorino		\$185
2019 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Curra Riserva		\$380
2019 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Rabaja Riserva		\$380
2020 Conterno Fantino Barolo Ginestra Vigna Del Gris		\$140
2020 Conterno Fantino Barolo Castelletto Vigna Pressenda		\$140
2020 Conterno Fantino Barolo Mosconi Vigna Ped		\$165
2020 Conterno Fantino Barolo Ginestra Sori Ginestra		\$165
2021 Elvio Cogno Barbaresco Bordini		\$95
2020 Elvio Cogno Barolo Cascina Nuova		\$95
2020 Elvio Cogno Barolo Ravera		\$160
2019 Elvio Cogno Barolo Ravera 'Bricco Pernice'		\$200
2018 Elvio Cogno Barolo Ravera 'Vigna Elena' Riserva		\$235
2020 Massolino Barolo		\$79.99
2021 Massolino Barbaresco		\$79.99
2021 Massolino Barbaresco Albesani		\$160
2020 Massolino Barolo Margheria		\$160
2020 Massolino Barolo Parafada		\$160
2020 Massolino Barolo Parussi		\$160
2020 Vietti Barolo Castiglione		\$115
2020 Vietti Barbaresco Roncaglie Masseria		\$240
2020 Vietti Barolo Lazzarito		\$395
2020 Vietti Barolo Brunate		\$395
2020 Vietti Barolo Cerequio		\$395
2020 Vietti Barolo Monvigliero		\$395
2020 Vietti Barolo Ravera		\$395
2020 Vietti Barolo Rocche Di Castiglione		\$395
2019 Vietti Barbaresco Rabaja Riserva		\$535

## 2020 BAROLO VINTAGE REPORTS

*"The 2020s are immediately appealing, with rich, succulent fruit and rounder tannins as opposed to the youthful austerity and bracing tannins and usually associated with a just released Barolo. The 2020 Barolos are notable for their intense fragrance, boasting floral and spice aromas. They also are defined by smooth, almost glossy tannins that make them accessible right out of the gate. Most are also more lightly colored than usual, but don't let that fool you, they still boast underlying structure and concentration as well as elegance. While they don't show the same longevity as the extraordinary 2019s and the outstanding 2016s, the best will age well up until the fifteen-year mark from the vintage or in some cases a little beyond but most should be enjoyed up until 2030 and 2032."*

**- Kerin O'Keefe**

*"My impression of the 2020 Barolos is extremely favourable and most, if not all, can already be approached. If squaring the circle is possible, then the 2020s just might have good ageing capacity as well as being enjoyable in their youth. From my tastings a picture of elegant, fresh and ready-to-drink wines has emerged. This vintage has both something of 2014's cool-climate character and 2018's easy-to-drink style, with the crucial difference that 2020 generally has more depth and complexity than 2014 and the best wines are generally endowed with greater ageing potential than those of 2018. It hasn't got the stuffing of 2019, but it is transparent and it has incredible balance."*

**- JancisRobinson.com, Walter Speller**

*"Grace, elegance and understatement are some of the qualities readers will find in the 2020 Barolos. The best wines are undeniably striking. Overall, 2020 is a vintage of mid-weight Barolos. These are wines to admire for their balance and seductive appeal more than their power or structure. The best 2020 Barolos offer exquisite balance, tons of class and plenty of up-front appeal. In the previous generation, a forward vintage often meant soft, fruity wines. In 2020, however, those qualities come through in mid-weight wines endowed with gorgeous translucence and plenty of classicism. The 2020s clearly don't have the energy or structure of truly important vintages, but the best wines are nonetheless quite appealing."*

**- Vinous, Antonio Galloni**



## 2021 BARBARESCO VINTAGE REPORTS

*"I was deeply impressed with the wines I tasted on my most recent trip to Barbaresco. 2021 appears to be that rare year in which conditions were close to ideal for all the main red grapes. Best of all, so many wines remain reasonably priced within the context of today's market, something that is increasingly evident as wines from other regions become quite pricey. The 2021s have gorgeous aromatics, beautiful, vibrant fruit and often exceptional balance. The wines I have tasted so far suggest an outstanding to potentially profound vintage in the making. The 2021s are marvellously complete wines that offer a captivating mix of energy, structure, depth and plenty of site character. Consumers would do well to stock up on the best bottles."*

**-Vinous, Antonio Galloni**

*"The 2021 vintage is one that will likely go down as something very memorable in Barbaresco. The colour of the wines is incredible in 2021, with most producers unable to remember a year in which their wines were so deep in hue. Barbaresco is more interesting than ever today. The wines are very drinkable, seamlessly tannic and just plain easier to drink than many Barolos, not to mention Cabernet Sauvignon wines. But the best Barbarescos are easily the equal if not superior to the best of Barolo, and this is the place to come for elegant, refined, nuanced Nebbiolo wines like no others."*

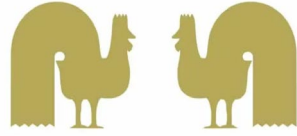
**- Ian d'Agata**

*"In 2021, Barbaresco enjoyed another mild winter with plenty of rain and some snow, which turned out to be essential over the course of the rest of a vintage where rainfall was at its lowest level in recent years, finishing hot and fast with heat continuing into September. Wines from 2021 are incredibly exciting and the vintage looks like one of the greats. These wines continue to offer ridiculous value, so be sure to seek them out."*

**- Kerin O Keefe**



AZELIA



# AZELIA

## LUIGI SCAVINO

*"The transformation at Azelia over the last handful of years has been nothing short of extraordinary. That's not to say the wines weren't compelling before. They were, and they also aged well. But recent vintages have really gone to another level. Since 2014, Luigi Scavino and his son, Lorenzo, have taken these wines into a direction of extreme finesse. The Barolos now see 55-60 days on the skins, with submerged cap fermentation. Two thousand sixteen was the first vintage in which the Bricco Fiasco and San Rocco were aged partly in cask. By 2018 both of those wines saw only large format oak, as is the case with the other Barolos in the range. These wines are spectacular."*

- **Vinous, Antonio Galloni**

### 2020 Azelia Barolo - \$74.99

"A mix of 7 different vineyards across Castiglione Falletto and Serralunga d'Alba including a selection from the 100-year-old vines of Bricco Voghera – from which Luigi and Lorenzo Scavino usually pick the grapes for their Riserva. Average age of the vines 55 years. Aged for two years in large oak and one year in bottle. Lustrous mid ruby with orange tinges. Impressive minerality on the nose and with subtle, concentrated, red-fruit notes and wild strawberry. Great acidity streamlining the red fruit and with a nice bite of tannins on the finish, while the fresh fruit rules. Drink 2024-2032"

17+/20 JancisRobinson.com, Walter Speller

### 2020 Azelia Barolo Bricco Fiasco - \$160

"Lorenzo Scavino: '1978 the first vintage was an experiment by my grandfather [in making single-vineyard wines] and before that [he] only made assemblages. It was a great success, and his wish was to bottle the great vineyard on its own. This was rare at the time because hardly anyone bottled single vineyards (except for Cannubi)! From Castiglione Falletto vines over 85 years old. Lustrous mid ruby with orange tinges. A fantastic concoction of ripe, red fruit and peppery minerality. Compact and almost a little racy and with velvety tannins that grow in stature on the finish, adding tactile fireworks. Still a little backward. Drink 2026-2038"

17.5/20 JancisRobinson.com, Walter Speller

"A sleek and fine Barolo with a pretty nose of watermelon, orange slices, cranberries and crushed stones. Medium- to full-bodied with tightly-knit tannins. Mouthwatering acidity, too. Wonderful brightness. Try from 2028."

94/100 James Suckling

### 2020 Azelia Barolo Margheria - \$160

Serralunga d'Alba. Margheria is the first MGA to be harvested at the Scavino estate. The soil consists of mixed consistency, tending towards limestone, which imparts a unique minerality to the grapes grown here. 60+ year old vines. Lustrous mid ruby with orange tinges. Firm raspberry and stony peppery notes on the nose. Great freshness and cool-climate character with cherry and cranberry lifted by a wave of grainy tannins on the finish. Drink 2024-2036

17+/20 JancisRobinson.com, Walter Speller

"This is a focused and mineral Barolo that shows sandalwood and nutmeg notes alongside orange rind, wet stones and cherry pits. Hints of iron. It's medium- to full-bodied, slightly austere for now, with tight and firm tannins. Try in 2028."

94/100 James Suckling



### **2020 Azelia Barolo San Rocco - \$160**

"Serralunga d'Alba. 75-year-old vines. 24 months in large casks. Lustrous mid ruby with orange tinges. Deep and a little tingling on the nose. Impressive concentration without seeming rich. Great depth on the palate while remaining strikingly elegant. Great balance and with polished tannins that build up on the finish. Drink 2024-2036"

17+/20 JancisRobinson.com, Walter Speller

"This is an open and delicious Barolo that shows nutmeg, dried flower, tar, red plum and cherry fruit aromas. Full-bodied with firm, lightly chalky tannins supporting the fruit, leading into a focused and firm finish. Try from 2028."

94/100 James Suckling

### **2020 Azelia Barolo Cerretta - \$190**

"Serralunga d'Alba. Vineyard bought in 1991, with the first vintage of this vineyard labelled Cerretta in 2016. Lorenzo Scavino: 'The vines were already there, but my father replanted the vineyard with a mass selection from Bricco Fiasco.' Density is 4,700 vines/ha. For the first 10 years fruit from the vines were declassified to Langhe Nebbiolo, after that the grapes were added to the Barolo Classico and now, after 30 years, they are considered fit to be labelled as a cru. Mid ruby. Intense yet poised and gentle on the nose but takes time to reveal itself. The palate opens up to cherry and raspberry, followed by a layer of majestic tannins that strike a stunning balance with the fruit and the acidity. Drink 2026-2038"

17.5/20 JancisRobinson.com, Walter Speller

"What an aromatic nose of blood orange, cocoa nibs, pine, wet earth and wild strawberries. It's medium-bodied, firm yet elegant, with tight and fine-grained tannins. Excellent freshness and finesse, if a little tight on the palate for now. Try after 2027."

95/100 James Suckling



### 2014 Azelia Barolo Riserva Bricco Voghera - \$310

Bricco Voghera in Serralunga d'Alba is the oldest vineyard in Azelia's portfolio, with vines averaging 100 years old! The oldest of them are well in excess of 120 years old, pre-dating phylloxera. Aged in large casks for 5 years, with another 5 years in bottle.

A wine of monumental pedigree. "The 2014 Barolo Riserva Bricco Voghera is one of the most compelling wines I have ever tasted from Azelia. Sweet, aromatic, and inviting, the 2014 possesses striking inner perfume and sweetness as well as silky tannins. Sweet red and purple berry fruit, mint, blood orange and spice infuse the 2014 with magnificent nuance and complexity. In 2014, the Scavinos had the courage to bottle their Riserva. For that, they were rewarded with a truly epic Barolo. The 2014 is flat-out stunning. What a wine! Drink 2022-2044"

97+/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

BRUNO ROCCA



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*Azienda Agricola Rabajà*

"Francesco Rocca is one of the most thoughtful young growers in Barbaresco. That shows in wines that are increasingly nuanced. The 2020 and 2021 vintages are both strong. I find the 2020s a bit more open, while the 2021s show quite a bit of reserve. The wines see 35-40 days on the skins, very much on the long side. Aging is about 16 months in cask, a bit less than in some recent years. The Riservas see one more week on the skins, with submerged cap maceration, and three additional months in cask. In 2021, the Nebbiolo harvest started on October 8 and ended on the 13, which is late by today's standards. Bruno Rocca is without question one of the hottest estates in Barbaresco right now. And my feeling is that Francesco is just getting started."

—Vinous, Antoni Galloni

### **2021 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco - \$90**

"The 2021 Barbaresco is a very pretty wine with lovely forward fruit and fine balance. It shows terrific depth, but still needs time to develop its aromatic presence. I very much admire the textural depth and overall intensity here. A terrific entry-level wine from Bruno Rocca, if that term can even be used here. Drink 2025-2033"

92/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

"Bruno Rocca's Barbaresco has a taste that reflects the typical characteristics of the clayey and tuffaceous soils on which the younger Nebbiolo grapes are grown in the Rabaja, Curra, San Cristoforo, Marcorino and Fausoni Cru. Definitely one of the best quality/price ratios for Barbaresco."

-Decanter, Aldo Fiordelli

### **2021 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Curra - \$185**

"A single vineyard Nebbiolo from the Curra Cru in Barbaresco, bought by the Rocca family in 2001. The soil is limestone-clay with a mix of silicates, carbonates and volcanic ash deposited by the currents. The average age of the vines is 50-60 years. The 2021 Barbaresco Curra offers a striking mix of textural depth and energy. Dark red/purplish fruit, blood orange, mint, cinnamon and cedar fill out the layers. This sensual, resonant Barbaresco is showing quite well, especially for a wine that has been bottled only recently. Drink 2025-2043"

94/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

### **2021 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Rabaja - \$185**

"The Rabajà vineyard is one of the most historic, famous, and sought-out crus of Barbaresco. Their grandparents Rocca Francesco and Bo Maria Adelaide purchased it in 1958, with its farmhouse of the same name. The winery sits above it today. It was planted in 1964. The vineyard is steep and is situated at an altitude of 260-315 metres. The vines are approximately 60 years old. The 2021 Barbaresco Rabajà is a racy, super-classic, austere young wine. Dried herbs, mint, spice, rose petal, dried flowers and a whole range of mineral accents abound. The 2021 is going to require a bit of patience, as it is massively shut down. The 2021 is shaping up to be a jewel of a wine. Drink 2025 – 2043"

94/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni





### **2021 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Marcorino - \$185**

A brand-new wine, this jewel is the latest purchase of the winery. This magnificent Barbaresco vineyard is located right underneath the medieval town of Neive. The wines that come from these vines recall the austerity of the best Barbarescos with strong character and no compromises. The power and structure are the distinctive marks of Marcorino, whose wines stand the test of time. As an example of the quality of this vineyard, their top Barbaresco The Maria Adelaide, was previously a blend of Macorino, Curra, and Rabaja. In 2021 it is 100% made from the old vines in Marcorino. Very limited quantities.

### **2019 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Curra Riserva - \$380**

“The 2019 Barbaresco Riserva Currà is a stunning wine of tremendous energy and vibrancy. All the signatures of this site are amplified in a statuesque Barbaresco that is thrilling right out of the gate. Crushed raspberry, blood orange, cinnamon and new leather all run through the 2019. Bright acids and driving tannins wrap around a deep core of red/purplish fruit. The 2019 is a wild, powerful, structured wine built for aging. Time in the glass brings out the wine’s more refined side to balance things out. The Riserva has a bit more sweetness than the straight bottling, but both wines are marked by their superb textural elegance. The 2019 is every bit as impressive as it was last year. In a word: stellar. Drink 2025-2039”

95/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

### **2019 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Rabaja Riserva - \$380**

“The 2019 Barbaresco Riserva Rabaja is another captivating wine in this range from the Rocca family. Bright and vibrant the 2019 possesses terrific energy from start to finish. This tense, nervy Riserva is going to need a few years to be at its finest. Then again, it is Rabaja. Like the best Rabajà, the 2019 needs time to come together. Bright red fruit, cedar, tobacco, spice and vibrant saline notes race across the palate and onto the nervy, crystalline finish. This is impressive. What a beautiful wine this is. Drink 2025-2039”

96/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

# CONTERNO FANTINO



"Fabio Fantino has done a superb job in shepherding his family's estate into its second generation. In my view, the wines have never been better. Today's Barolos show greater precision and energy than the wines of the past, and I say that as someone who bought these wines heavily in the early 2000s. The 2020 Barolo harvest was relatively compact, from October 7 to 10. The wines still see quite a bit of French oak, including malolactic fermentation in barrel, but the introduction of casks in the second year of aging and an overall emphasis on freshness in the wines have been so beneficial. The 2020s are seriously impressive."

– Vinous, Antonio Galloni

## **2020 Conterno Fantino Barolo Ginestra Vigna Del Gris - \$140**

"A pretty, layered aroma and elegant, vibrant palate add up to greatness in this structured, complex and age-worthy wine. Balsam, rose petals, violets and cinnamon meet snappy sour cherry, raspberry and star anise on the palate. Best from 2028 and onwards."

96/100 James Suckling

"The 2020 Barolo Ginestra Vigna del Gris is ample and resonant in this tasting. As has been the case for a few years now, the Vigna del Gris is marked by finessed tannins, likely a result of older vines and more favorable weather for cooler sites like this one. Dark and ample, with gorgeous textural depth. The Vigna del Gris is so expressive in this tasting. It is another impeccable wine from Conterno-Fantino. Plum, blood orange, chalk and white pepper linger on the persistent finish. Drink 2026-2040"

95/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

## **2020 Conterno Fantino Barolo Castelletto Vigna Pressenda - \$140**

"One of the richer, rounder and more mouth-filling Barolos, this expansive wine fills its nicely firm structure with intricate layers of red cherries, orange peel, raspberry and cedar. While full-bodied and broad in texture, it has the signature fine-grained tannins for improvement with time. Best from 2029 and beyond."

96/100 James Suckling

"The 2020 Barolo Castelletto Vigna Pressenda is a delicate, elegant wine. Crushed rose petal, orange peel, white pepper, mint and crushed rocks all grace this gorgeous, translucent Barolo. All the elements are so nicely balanced. There is a feeling of crystalline purity here that is simply beguiling. It is the most ethereal and perfumed of the Barolos here. The 2020 is all class. Drink 2026-2040"

94/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni



### **2020 Conterno Fantino Barolo Mosconi Vigna Ped - \$165**

"The 2020 Barolo Castelletto Vigna Pressenda is a delicate, elegant wine. Crushed rose petal, orange peel, white pepper, mint and crushed rocks all grace this gorgeous, translucent Barolo. All the elements are so nicely balanced. There is a feeling of crystalline purity here that is simply beguiling. It is the most ethereal and perfumed of the Barolos here. The 2020 is all class. Drink 2026-2040"

96/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

"This exceptional wine is deep and dusky, packed with mineral, floral and savory notes that will blossom with time. It shows iron, iodine and rose petals in the nose, then lithe tannins wrap up cranberries, bitter orange, and sour cherry. Best from 2028."

95/100 James Suckling

### **2020 Conterno Fantino Barolo Ginestra Sori Ginestra - \$165**

"Full southern exposition and on 380 m of elevation. Generous oak spices are in great harmony with the rich fruits and agile structure of this classic, memorable Barolo. Enticing cedar, cinnamon, iodine and sour cherry aromas meld with warm red cherries, cranberries and chalky mineral notes on an appropriately tannic texture. Best from 2030."

97/100 James Suckling

"The 2020 Barolo Ginestra Vigna Sorì Ginestra marries finesse with power, as can happen with the best sites here. Crushed flowers, orange peel, spice, mint, white pepper and tobacco lend notable aromatic presence. The 2020 starts easy, then explodes through the mid-palate and finish, showing notable textural depth and tons of finesse. Drink 2026-2040"

96/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

# ELVIO COGNO



## A Z I E N D A   A G R I C O L A C O G N O<sup>®</sup>

The Cogno family has been making wine for four generations in Piedmont. In 1990, Elvio Cogno left a long and fruitful partnership with the venerable Barolo producer Marcarini at La Morra and bought a splendid, historic 18th-century farmhouse on the top of Bricco Ravera, a hill near Novello in the Langhe area. (One of the 11 communes in which Barolo is produced.) The farm was surrounded by 11 hectares of steeply sloped vineyards. Elvio restored the manor, converted the old granaries to wine cellars and founded his eponymous winery. For the next 20 years he devoted himself to the winemaking traditions handed down to him by his father and grandfather. Elvio, in turn, has now passed the torch to his daughter, Nadia, and her husband, Valter Fissore, who has worked beside Elvio for 25 years. It is mostly due to Elvio Cogno that the Ravera Cru has now gained such international fame, and their Ravera bottling has become one of the most important wines in Novello.

### **2021 Elvio Cogno Barbaresco Bordini - \$95**

"Immediate and delicious, this has enticing aromas of rose petal, forest berry and culinary spice. The elegant, savory palate delivers juicy red cherry, orange zest and grilled herb alongside polished tannins and fresh acidity. A star anise note lingers on the finish. Drink through 2034."

95/100 Kerin O'Keefe

"Attractive raspberries and cherries with hints of roselle and red spices. Some blood orange, too. Medium- to full-bodied, polished and refined with compact tannins and velvety texture. It's ripe but fresh with pure and vivid red fruit character and a lengthy finish. Attractive now, but better after 2025."

94/100 James Suckling

### **2020 Elvio Cogno Barolo Cascina Nuova - \$95**

"Extremely perfumed with strawberry and forest floor with some sandalwood, roses and candied watermelon. It's medium-bodied with ultra-fine tannins that are bold and solid. Very persistent finish. Chewy at the end. Classic Barolo character. Drink after 2029."

96/100 James Suckling

"Novello. Lustrous and just mid ruby. Dusty, minerally and slowly opening up to subtle cherry. With aeration, lift and vitality. Long, elegant cherry streamlined by supple acidity and long tannins that stick to the palate. Signature elegance. Overachiever. Drink 2024-2032"

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson, Water Speller

"The Elvio Cogno 2020 Barolo Cascina Nuova has a hint of smoke and barrel with lots of red fruits, currants and cherries. There is an earthy element that ties in nicely with the oak, and there is a tart or crunchy side to the fruit that concludes with grippy tannins. It ages in large oak casks for 24 months. This is an ample release of 20,000 bottles. Drink 2026-2038"

94/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Lamer



### 2020 Elvio Cogno Barolo Ravera - \$160

“The Ravera cru boasts ideal growing conditions, starting with the altitude. Averaging 380 meters above sea level, vines benefit from constant breezes that keep diseases at bay and also generate marked day and night temperature variations. Once prevalent throughout Barolo and crucial for Nebbiolo to develop complex aromas, these diurnal temperature changes have been diminished in many lower, warmer sites due to climate change. Soils are mostly limestone and clay that retain humidity better than sandier soils, another critical factor in today’s drier growing seasons. Ravera’s vineyards are south facing but the vicinity of the Maritime Alps makes it one of the coolest areas in the denomination. Barolo Ravera is the firm’s calling card. Made with Lampia and Michet, two sub-varieties of Nebbiolo, vines used for Barolo Ravera are 60–70 years old. Aromas of wild strawberry, eucalyptus, new leather and pressed rose come to the forefront on the lovely 2020 Ravera from Elvio Cogno along with a whiff of citrus. Elegantly structured and almost ethereal, the smooth, savory palate features juicy red berry, star anise and juicy tangerine accompanied polished tannins. Drink 2027–2032.

96/100 Kerin O’Keefe

“Novello. Lustrous and just mid ruby. Raspberry and saline, mineral notes and with aeration hints of eucalyptus. Compact and a little closed but with sensual acidity leading the cool fresh fruit. Long, deep, chewy tannins that need a couple of years to settle. Great depth of fruit on the finish. Drink 2026-2038”

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson, Walter Speller

“This wine opens a window on one of the best cru sites in the appellation—the Ravera Vineyard on the Novello side, where steep hills descend down from a castle perched atop a beautiful panorama. From this vantage point, you look up at Novello and the Elvio Cogno winery built midway up the incline. The Elvio Cogno 2020 Barolo Ravera is a plush and fleshed-out expression with dark fruit, dried cherry, plum, sweet iris root, earth, toast and dark spice. The wine is quite firm, and there is a nice sense of richness that covers the palate. This wine sees fruit from across the estate’s 2.5-hectare MGA site, and 15,000 bottles were released. Drink 2026-2042”

95/100 Parker’s Wine Advocate, Monica Larner

“Crushed stones, raspberries, licorice and allspice on the nose. It’s vibrant, tight and mineral with a medium to full body and firm, tight and steely tannins. Let it unravel. Try after 2028.”

95/100 James Suckling



### 2019 Elvio Cagno Barolo Ravera 'Bricco Pernice' - \$200

"Novello. Made entirely from Lampia - a sub-variety of Nebbiolo, grown in a 1 ha section in the most historic part of the Ravera Cru. 100% whole-bunch fermentation and with 40 days on the skins with cappello sommerso (submerged cap). Lustrous mid ruby with orange tinges. A stunning, layered and complex nose loaded with raspberry fruit, saline, mineral notes and a hint of leather. Compact, yet lush, succulent cherry and raspberry fruit that is slow to unfurl and long, grainy tactile tannins. Mouth-filling, and yet not heavy at all. Drink 2026-2040"

18+/20 Jancis Robinson, Walter Speller

"You could spend all day just taking in the multifaceted aromas on the stunning Bricco Pernice from Elvio Cagno that include forest floor, crushed mint, new leather, cake spice and blue flower. Smooth and full-bodied, the delicious palate delivers ripe Morello cherry, raspberry compote, cinnamon, licorice and a dollop of vanilla accompanied by a backbone of velvety, fine-grained tannins. A stunning wine that while already so tempting, will be even better in a few years. Drink 2027-2039.

97/100 Kerin O'Keefe

"The Elvio Cagno 2019 Barolo Ravera Bricco Pernice starts off with earthy notes, with the fruity ones pouring in a little later. You get potting soil, bow resin, a hint of petroleum, blue bells and mountain flowers. Fruit-wise, there is plenty of plum and blackcurrant. There is an almost green tone of rhubarb or cruciferous vegetable. The Bricco Pernice cleans up in the mouth, with super grippy tannins that need more bottle age. Only 5,000 bottles were made. Drink 2026-2045"

95+/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Larne



### 2018 Elvio Cagno Barolo Ravera 'Vigna Elena' Riserva - \$235

Elena is the daughter of co-owners, Valter Fissore and Nadia Cagno. The vineyard for this wine was planted when Elena was born, and is dedicated to her, as is the wine. The label is a drawing of a chick that Elena made for her mother and father when she was just three years old. (She is now the professional designer of all the winery's labels.) This label has been the symbol of the wine ever since its creation many years ago. This Barolo Riserva is produced only in great vintages.

"From a special 1 ha plot in Ravera of 100% Nebbiolo Rosé clone. For lovers of extreme finesse, Elvio Cagno's captivating 2018 Ravera Riserva Vigna Elena is your wine. It opens with compelling scents of red berry, botanical herb, forest floor, camphor and wild rose while the poised, delicious palate delivers juicy red cherry, pomegranate, blood orange, star anise and rosemary before an almost salty mineral finish. Polished tannins provide but a smooth-as-silk texture while fresh acidity keeps it lifted. A mesmerizing wine. Drink 2026–2034!"

98/100 Kerin O'Keefe

"The Elvio Cagno 2018 Barolo Riserva Ravera Vigna Elena (only 4,000 bottles made) reveals light tertiary definition with smoky tar, underbrush, crushed flower, dried cooking herbs, river reed and button mushroom. The pretty evolution of this wine underlines the high tones, and the wine has lost its baby fat. The fine tannins are polished and glossy. Drink 2026-2045"

96/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Larner

# MASSOLINO



"Massolino is another winery that has been on a roll of late. These new releases are stellar. The single-vineyard wines, both Barolo and Barbaresco, are now fermented in wood uprights. Time on the skins is about three weeks, with spontaneous and natural malolactic fermentations. Aging is done entirely in cask. The Massolino wines are notable for a style that blends old-school classicism with contemporary polish. As impressive as the top wines are here, Massolino also excels with a range of entry-level offerings that offer fabulous quality and value. Bravo."

– Vinous, Antonio Galloni

## 2020 Massolino Barolo - \$79.99

"The fragrant 2020 Massolino straight Barolo is smooth, savory and already accessible, featuring flavors of strawberry compote, blood orange and licorice. Lithe, refined tannins and fresh acidity keep it balanced. Drink through 2030."

93/100 Kerin O'Keefe

"Lustrous mid ruby. Richness of fruit on the nose with a hint of gingerbread. With aeration opens up to savoury cherry, if still a little subdued. Supple, suave cherry fruit with superfine, long, chewy tannins. A pretty wine. Drink 2024-2032"

17+/20 Janic Robinson, Walter Speller

"The 2020 Barolo is a terrific wine in its peer group. It offers up scents of pine, cedar, sweet pipe tobacco and crushed herbs. Delicate and elegant, with gorgeous aromatics and tons of presence, the 2020 is impeccably done. This bottling has aged quite well in the past. I imagine that will also be true of the 2020. Drink 2025-2032"

90/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

## 2021 Massolino Barbaresco - \$79.99

"Grapes come from the lower part of Albesani, Staderi and Serraboella. Fermented in 50- to 60-hl tronconic oak casks, and aged for 18 months in large 50- and 60-hl oak casks. Lustrous mid crimson. Inky cherry that becomes minerally and salty with aeration. Lifted and a little balsamic with a hint of liquorice. Fresh cherry and raspberry charged with gripping tannins. Drink 2024-2032"

17+/20 Jancis Robinson, Walter Speller

"The 2021 Barbaresco is a blend from parcels in Albesani, Serraboella and Staderi. Gracious and nuanced, the 2021 offers up hints of crushed flowers, orange peel, mint, sweet red berry fruit and spice. Readers will find a super-classic Barbaresco. Lifted aromatics, mid-weight structure and persistent yet fine tannins give the wine its shape. This is beautifully done. Drink 2024-2032"

93/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni





### **2021 Massolino Barbaresco Albesani - \$160**

"Fermented in tronconic oak cask and aged in 30-hl Schneckleitner Austrian oak cask. Beautiful, lustrous ruby. Perfumed cherry with a brooding intensity and a noble oatmeal note. Supple cherry with a fine tannic grip. Already accessible. Drink 2024-2034"

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson, Walter Speller

"From the village of Neive, the 2021 Barbaresco Albesani is a super-classic wine that is going to need time to come around. It possesses notable structure and the understated depth that is common of Barbaresco. Time in the glass brings out scents of herbs, white pepper, autumn leaves and spice. All this needs is time in bottle. Drink 2024-2036"

94/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

"Made with grapes from the Cru of the same name in Neive, vinified in oak vats and aged in large Slavonian casks, the 2021 Albesani from Massolino has delicate aromas of red berry, sun-warmed hay, exotic dark spice and underbrush. The elegant palate shows ripe Morello cherry, crushed pomegranate, licorice and coconut framed in taut tannins. Drink 2028-2032."

94/100 Kerin O'Keefe

## 2020 Massolino Barolo Margheria - \$160

"Aromas of ripe wild berry, dark spice, camphor and blue flower form the alluring nose on the 2020 Margheria from Massolino. Smooth and concentrated, the delicious palate offers ripe raspberry, Morello cherry and star anise alongside tightly woven, polished tannins. Drink 2028-2035."

95/100 Kerin O'Keefe

"Serralunga d'Alba. Beautiful lustrous mid ruby. Firm, serious minerally nose with cherry laced with oatmeal notes and iodine hints. Complex. Juicy compact cherry with spectacular, chewy tannins. Great tactile fruit finish and fantastically balanced. Drink 2024-2036"

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson, Walter Speller



## 2020 Massolino Barolo Parafada - \$160

"Showing concentration and finesse, the fragrant 2020 Parafada entices with its heady aromas of new leather, forest floor, exotic brown spice and violet. Polished and boasting a weightless density, the enveloping palate features succulent raspberry, strawberry compote, cake spice and anisette set against a backbone of velvety tannins. Drink 2028–2038."

95/100 Kerin O'Keefe

"Serralunga d'Alba. Still a tad closed but with a firm minerally nose over deep, brooding fruit. Polished, tangy cherry fruit with crunchy tannins on the finish. Can be approached now. Drink 2024-2032"

17+/20 Jancis Robinson, Walter Speller



### 2020 Massolino Barolo Parussi - \$160

"From the estate's vineyards in Castiglione Falletto, the 2020 Parussi shows impressive structure, delivering ripe Marasca cherry, wild strawberry, menthol and licorice flavors supported by firm, tightly knit tannins. Fresh acidity keeps balanced. It's also fragrant, with balsamic aromas of camphor that mingle with blue flower, ripe dark-skinned, fruit and new leather. Drink 2030–2038."

96/100 Kerin O'Keefe

"Castiglione Falletto. Bought in 2007; the vineyard now is 55 years old. Lustrous mid ruby. Still quite backward and savoury rather than fruity. The palate is much more open with lush, supple, fresh fruit and gripping tannins on the finish. Quite gorgeous. Drink 2024-2034"

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson, Walter Speller

"The 2020 Barolo Parussi is a classy, nuanced wine, Massolino's sole Barolo from Castiglione Falletto. It shows lovely textural depth and resonance, but in the mid-weight style of the year. Dark red cherry, lavender, rose petal, mint and spice all build nicely, filling out the layers effortlessly. The 2020 is weightless and elegant, with the understated textural depth that is such a signature of this vintage. Drink 2026-2040"

94/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

# VIETTI



"I tasted a wide range of wines on my most recent visit to Vietti. Starting with the 2020 Barolos, I tasted every wine from a just-opened bottle and a bottle that had been double-decanted two hours prior to my arrival. Aeration can be a tricky thing with young, just-bottled wines. Sometimes, air can help young wines open but also shut them down hard. In 2020, the double-decanted bottles showed better. Readers will note several new wines in the range. Vietti's 2019 Barbaresco Riserva Rabajà is stellar. The same is true, incidentally, of the 2020 Barbaresco Roncaglio. I have long admired the Barbarescos here. That is once again the case this year:

– Vinous, Antonio Galloni

## 2020 Vietti Barolo Castiglione - \$115

"Racy and focused. I like the aromas of lavender, violet and white roses alongside strawberry, cranberry and stone. Medium body, with firm and fine tannins that are long and succulent. It's fine and polished. Vegan. Needs three to four years to come together."

94/100 James Suckling

"Always a popular choice, the Vietti 2020 Barolo Castiglione (made with a blend of fruit from multiple MGA sites) has a voluptuous approach with dark fruit, cola, wild berry coulis and smoky tar. The wine wears a hot vintage well, with accessible and powdery tannins for near or medium-term drinking. In terms of texture, the Castiglione has a little more brawn and body compared to your standard Barolo. An ample release of 70,000 bottles. Drink 2025-2038"

93/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Lerner

"This extraordinary estate has access to 15 of the top 20 crus of Barolos. In addition to the six crus he routinely bottles on their own, he vinifies and raises 9 others separately for three years, then does a series of blind tastings to select the best of them for his Castiglione bottling. Most of the rest go into the estate's Nebbiolo Perbacco, which Currado told me is "really our regular Barolo."

Fragrant, polished and vibrant right out of the gate, the 2020 Barolo Castiglione displays beautifully-lifted notes of crushed red berry fruit, rose petal, mint, white pepper and orange peel. This classically built, mid-weight Barolo is classy to the core. Like all the 2020s here, it will benefit from time in bottle or a good decant. Drink 2024-2035"

93/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

## 2020 Vietti Barbaresco Roncaglie Masseria - \$240

"Very perfumed and pretty with sliced strawberries and citrus blossom. Plenty of forest berries, too. Medium to full body. Creamy tannins and a fresh finish. Fine texture and gorgeous. Vegan. Hard not to drink but will be even better in 2027."

96/100 James Suckling

"The 2020 Barbaresco, from vines in Roncaglie, sizzles with tension. Bright, red-toned fruit, orange peel, mint, white pepper and crushed rocks are all beautifully delineated. In many vintages, the Roncaglie is quite showy. That is hardly the case in 2020, a vintage in which the wine is classically austere and in need of time. Super-classic. Drink 2024-2045"

94+/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

"The Vietti 2020 Barbaresco Roncaglie Masseria has bright rose, cherry, redcurrant and angel food cake with strawberries. There are mineral notes as well, and the fruit unfolds over the palate with gentle intensity. There is some oak spice, but it is very well integrated; and the wine shows good balance, especially where the tannins versus acidity is concerned. Only 6,100 bottles were made. Drink 2025-2040"

94/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Lerner



## 2020 Vietti Barolo Lazzarito - \$395

"Lazzarito stands out as one of the strongest wines in this portfolio of new releases from Vietti. With fruit from Serralunga d'Alba, the 2020 Barolo Lazzarito comes in at a very high threshold in terms of complexity, offering dark cherry, crème de cassis, violet macaron, dried herb and lavender. The wine's perfumes remind me of the south of France in summer. It shows elegant tannins, streamlined intensity and good acidity. Production is 10,626 bottles. Drink 2026-2045"

96+/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Lerner

"There is a little more savoriness here, showing contained power. Tar and dark minerality. Plenty of forest berries, dried orange peel, frozen grapefruit and raspberries. Very structured and full-bodied, with firm, chewy tannins rendering the bold austere quality to the wine. But at the end, this is focused and taut, with a crunchy, spicy finish full of length. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Drinkable now if you are willing to embrace austerity, but this should be better from 2027."

96/100 James Suckling

## 2020 Vietti Barolo Brunate - \$395

"Harmonious and seductive with endless counts of aromas in good depth. Strawberries, crushed raspberries, fresh lavender, tile, mineral and mild spices. Medium to full body with chalky, powerful tannins. Bright and tense at the center with extensive development with sour cherries, mineral, white pepper and grapefruit. The lengthy finish is focused, precise and taut. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Try from 2027."

97/100 James Suckling

"The Vietti 2020 Barolo Brunate has a dark and spicy side that is infused throughout the fruit. Dark cherry and blackcurrant are folded into ferrous earth, grilled rosemary, aniseed and a hint of fresh mint. Brunate tends to be quite austere and firm in terms of its aromas, and this vintage shows those qualities well. In fact, the character of the site comes through clearly. The wine has a precise, angular personality, and the fruit feels compact. Only 4,988 bottles were made. Drink 2026-2045"

95/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Lamer

"The 2020 Barolo Brunate is a dark, beguiling wine. Black cherry, dried herbs, leather, game, licorice and incense lend gorgeous sepia-toned nuance. Brooding and inward, the 2020 clearly needs time. It is a super-classic Brunate that is hard to read in the early going, but the weight, substance and power are clearly there. Dense, meaty and dark, the 2020 shows Serralunga-like intensity. Drink 2028-2044"

94/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni



## 2020 Vietti Barolo Cerequio - \$395

"Impressive depth of color and brightness from this Cerequio that comes with so much fruit. So fragrant and complex. Fresh brambly raspberries, red cherries, grapefruit and mineral. Pure, ripe and racy, with fully resolved tannins and a tense, compact finish. Expressive and impressive! Vegan. Already approachable for the depth of fruit, but better from 2027 for additional complexity."

97/100 James Suckling

"The 2020 Barolo Cerequio once again confirms that buying this vineyard is one of the smartest decisions Vietti ever made. A wine of nuance and class, the Cerequio captures all the pedigree of this great site. Crushed red berry fruit, kirsch, blood orange, spice and mint soar out of the glass, all framed by nervy tannins that convey classicism. This is an exotic, racy Barolo. Drink 2028-2045"

95+/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

"The Vietti 2020 Barolo Cerequio (with 3,866 bottles made) has a little more hot-vintage thickness or softness on the mid-palate and shows aromas of dark cherry, dried mint, licorice root and naval orange. The fruit is a little more one-dimensional in 2020, although the acidity is there and the fruit tannins feel velvety and chalky. The wine completes malolactic fermentation in barrique and then goes into large oak casks for two years. Drink 2026-2045."

94/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Lamer

## 2020 Vietti Barolo Monvigliero - \$395

“One of the palest and most perfumed Barolos from Vietti with a transparent, ruby-orange hue. This is a super nuanced, elegant, expressive and ethereal Monvigliero that grows on me, with enchanting notes of grilled grapefruit, thyme, frozen raspberries and mineral. A subtle splash of white pepper and mezcal-like smokiness. Really refined and transparent, with some citrus and mineral tensions that are closely knit with the fine, crumbled tannins. So much finesse and detail here, and its complexity will continue to unwind. Really composed, soulful and mind-blowing! An otherworldly, idiosyncratic Barolo that actually reminded me of the finest Gredo garnacha. A big wow that deserves attention. Vegan. Best with a Burgundy glass. Can drink now or from 2027.”

99/100 James Suckling

“A relatively new departure for Vietti, the 2020 Barolo Monvigliero is soft and delicate with pretty floral aromas, dried iris, powdered spice and a hint of tar or road pavement. The inaugural vintage was 2018. Made with 60% whole-cluster fruit during fermentation, the wine has a moment of tartness, punchy highlights, sweet grenadine and cranberry jelly. It ages in large oak casks for 24 months. Production is 6,754 bottles. Drink 2026-2045”

95/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Lamer



## 2020 Vietti Barolo Ravera - \$395

"Perfumed, composed and agile with notes of cherries, wild strawberries, white pepper, frozen raspberries, dried flowers and some stones. Full-bodied with fine, chalky tannins and crisp acidity. Bright and vertical with controlled power throughout. Textural and subtle. Great tension and energy on the mid-palate and onto the long, focused finish. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Try after 2030."

96/100 James Suckling

"The Vietti 2020 Barolo Ravera offers dark fruit, cherry and blackcurrant enhanced by soft spice. You also get a sun-kissed note of eggplant, tomato leaf and ferrous earth. Ravera displays strong lines with good acidity and firm tannic backbone. It closes dry and ages in large oak botte only. This is one of the most eyeballed MGAs sites. Ravera, with its open mountain skyline and cool temperatures, is seen as one of the best sites in the appellation, especially as the climate changes. This vintage produced exactly 10,026 bottles. Drink 2026-2045"

95/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Lamer



## 2020 Vietti Barolo Rocche Di Castiglione - \$395

"The 2020 Barolo Rocche di Castiglione is a magical wine from a magical site. It marries finesse and volume to a degree that is not found in most of the other wines in this range. Castiglione Falletto is the center of the Barolo production zone, literally and figuratively, the place where many different soil types meet. As a result, the wines often possess mind-blowing balance, which is very much the case here. Drink 2028-2045"

96/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

"The Vietti 2020 Barolo Rocche di Castiglione is a very delineated wine with sharp ferrous notes, cherry cola, redcurrant and chalky mineral. It is extremely precise in terms of its aromas. The effect is direct and layered, showing different sides and increasing complexity as it opens in the glass. Dried floral notes, purple flower and iris also appear delicately. The chalky tannins feel abrupt at this young stage, but this wine is built to last nonetheless. Only 3,512 bottles were created. Drink 2026-2045"

96/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Lamer

"Charming and enticing with aromas of sweet cherries, strawberries, cedar, dried herbs and some baking spices. Sensational concentration with a vivid center-palate on the full to medium body. The fine and firm tannins are harmoniously balanced by the succulent red currants and crisp acidity. From organically grown grapes. Vegan. Try after 2028."

96/100 James Suckling





### 2019 Vietti Barbaresco Rabaja Riserva - \$535

The 2019 Barbaresco Riserva Rabajà knocks it out of the ballpark with its inaugural release. Vietti worked in the Rabajà cru in the 1980s and has now returned to make this first vintage of the latest wine to join the portfolio. And what a stunning wine it is. The 2019 Barbaresco Riserva Rabajà has plush, well-rounded fruit and a generous disposition with wild mountain blueberry, grenadine and watermelon candy. There are additional hints of resin, tar, linseed oil, fern or forest plant. The nose is one thing, but the palate is even more powerful, with very solid tannins, fresh acidity and generous fruit intensity. This Riserva fires on all cylinders. Drink 2026-2043

96/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Monica Lamer

"The 2019 Barbaresco Riserva Rabajà is a new wine from Vietti. It soars out of the glass with a captivating bouquet redolent of crushed flowers, herbs, mint and orange peel. The aromatics alone are beguiling. Nervy and classic in build, with gorgeous inner sweetness, the 2019 is utterly irresistible. Drink 2028-2045"

95/100 Vinous, Antonio Galloni

"Transparent and clear aromas of cherries and berries with some cedar and lavender that follow through to a medium body, with fine and round tannins and a delicious finish. Very approachable now and refined. New wine from Vietti. Try after 2027."

95/100 James Suckling