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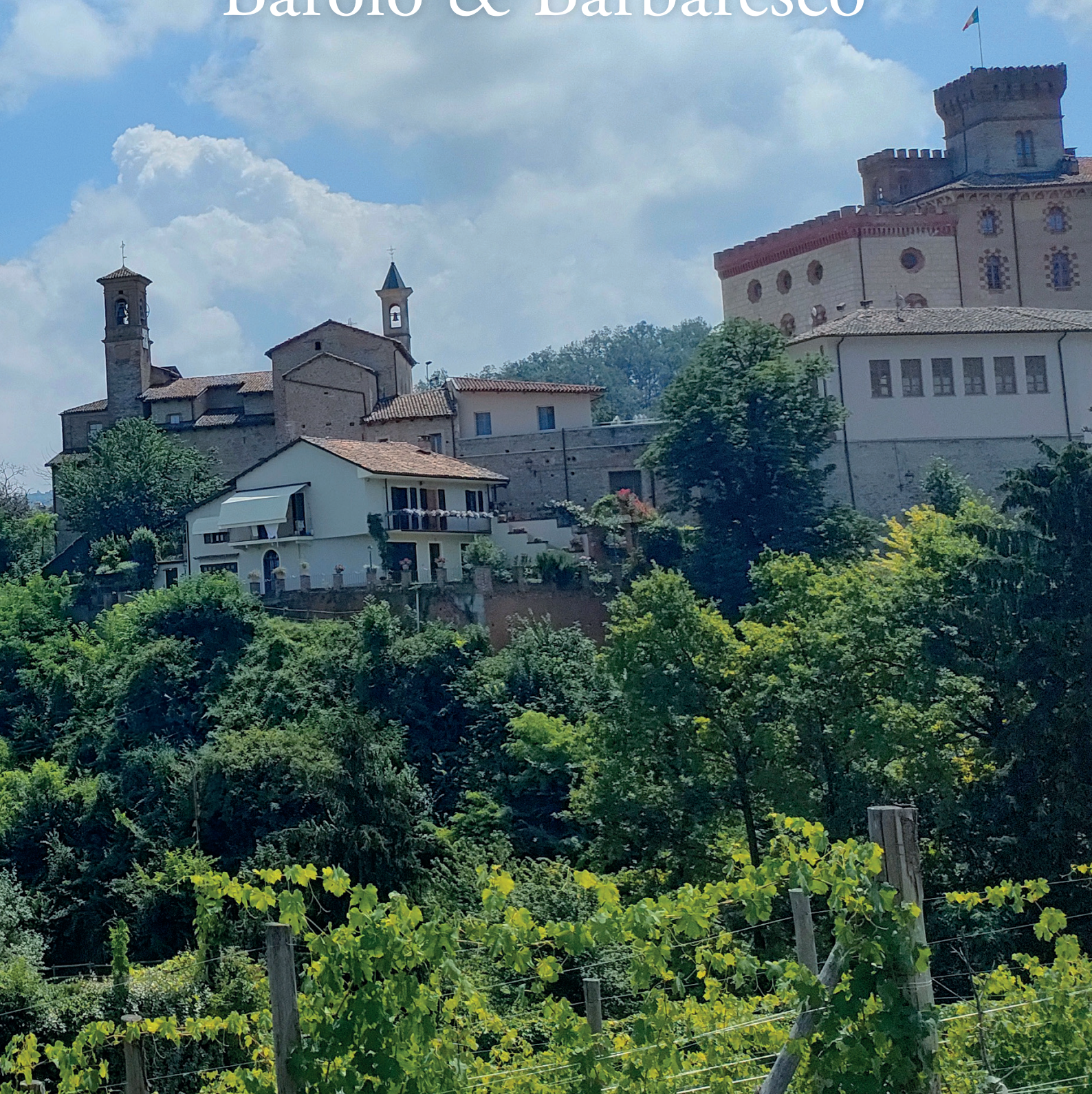


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Piedmont 2020

Barolo & Barbaresco



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“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.” **Antonio Galloni**, [vinous.com/articles/2020-barolo-selective-excellence-jan-2024](https://www.vinous.com/articles/2020-barolo-selective-excellence-jan-2024)

En Primeur:

What does it mean?

All the wines in this offer are offered ‘En Primeur Lying Abroad’. This means that you pay for the wine itself when you place your order and the duty and VAT at the prevailing rates on the whole at the time of shipment and any other applicable tariffs.

Storage Wines

Storage Wines purchased from Tanners by the case can be stored in bond.

Duty

Under current legislation, as of February 2025 duty will be dependent on the abv %, as a guide a 13.5% wine will be £2.88 ex vat per bottle. For further information see www.gov.uk/government/collections/alcohol-duty-detailed-information. Please note that this is potentially subject to change. We anticipate shipping these wines in 2025.

More Information

For advice, please ring the Fine Wine Team: Graham, Robin or Aiden on 01743 234455.

Barolo & Barbaresco 2020

Whilst the world was locked down, mother nature delivered a relatively trouble-free growing season, compared with 2019. This slightly cooler ‘classic’ vintage has produced wines that have immediate appeal, charm and generosity.



THE BIG PICTURE

Making wine is never an easy undertaking so making it during a global pandemic only adds to the challenge. With travel and social distancing restrictions in place at the winery and vineyard, 2020 was always going to be memorable for more than just the wine. But, whereas the human world was in turmoil, mother nature delivered a comparatively trouble-free growing season, notable for its ample water and warmth. Lacking the excess heat spikes of 2019, many producers summarised the 2020 vintage as a ‘classic’, in line with the more customary cooler vintages of the past. These so called ‘classic’ vintages are becoming rarer as the impact of climate change begins to take effect. Extreme weather conditions are more commonplace, forcing producers to adjust and re-think their traditional winemaking practices. Whilst uncertainty remains over the long-term effects of climate change on viticulture, one thing is for certain, the Piedmont estates of Fratelli Alessandria, Fratelli Serio e Battista Borgogno, Crissante Alessandria and Renato Fenocchio are facing the challenge and continue to make terrific wines.

THE WINES

The very best 2020 Barolos and Barbarescos have an immediacy of appeal, with a charm and generosity which places them perfectly between the tannic, fruit-dominant 2019s and the more opulent, grippier 2021s. Elegant, fresh and possessing a lightness of touch that makes them delightfully accessible, for us they resemble the 2018s in style. Well balanced with tannins that are juicy rather than austere, the 2020s are also lower in acidity than the 2019s giving rise to a shorter than traditional projected cellaring time. Demonstrating the joyful side of Nebbiolo, the vintage delivers energetic wines, possibly best expressed by the delicious Langhes. Fruit forward and exuberant they are the perfect stepping stone towards the more structured age worthy Barolos and Barbarescos.

THE WEATHER

2019 finished with a deluge of wet weather, a useful prelude to what was to be the warmest beginning of the year for two decades. With re-hydrated soils and unseasonably warm temperatures, the growing season got off to a swift start. Bud-break started in late March with April frosts mercifully causing minimal damage. The unseasonably warm, humid weather continued into April and May, where prolonged

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showers, interspersed with heavy storms encouraged the threat of downy mildew. Flowering started and continued into June in comparatively mild conditions, but isolated mid-June hailstorms damaged La Morra and Verduno vineyards. Lacking the extreme heat spikes experienced in 2019, the summer of 2020 was warm with temperatures consistently creeping over 30°C in June, July and August. A narrow diurnal temperature range gave the vines little respite from the heat of the day and combined with the effects of rains earlier in the year, sped up the maturation process. Late August into September saw the temperatures finally drop, allowing the juvenile bunches to ripen and reach phenolic maturation. Moving into late September, the conundrum facing every grower was to pick or not to pick? For those with earlier ripening vineyards who chose to crack on and pick in late-September, the harvest was short, with minimal passes. For those who waited till October, early heavy rains and hail, worst felt in Barolo, made harvesting a more challenging, drawn-out affair, forcing multiple passes and a greater analysis of the relative physiological ripeness. As for the quality of the bunches making their way to the wineries, there was a lot to like. Good quantities of large, thin-skinned grapes provided an abundance of juicy, plush fruit, fresh acidity and alluring aromatics.

“My initial impression of the 2020 Barolos is extremely favourable but most if not all can already be approached.” Walter Speller, *jancisrobinson.com*



Alberto Alessandria of Crissante



Vittore and Ale Alessandria



Cannubi Vineyard at Borgogno



Tanners' private sales manager, Graham Mason at Borgogno

Fratelli Alessandria

Verduno

Dating back to the early 1800s, the Fratelli Alessandria estate is one of the oldest Barolo producers in the region with family-owned land in the communes of Verduno and Monforte, the jewel-in-the-crown being the prestigious

Monvigliero vineyard. Vittore Alessandria is at the helm of this 12 ha estate and is largely responsible for making this one of the 'must buy' properties of Barolo.

Barbera d'Alba Superiore, Priora 2021

DIR22221

6bts



£114

This is a beauty of a Barbera, of which 30% is sourced from the Gramolere vineyard, the rest from Verduno. Plummy, creamy and full bodied, with dark and juicy forest fruit, it spends 15 months in wood in a mixture of tonneaux 500L and *botti grandi* (6-7yrs old). 3-9 years.

Nebbiolo Langhe, Prinsiot 2022

DIR19022

6bts



£120

Sourced from Pisapola, Neirane, Boscato vineyards this is bright and crystalline, with raspberry, rose, and floral notes, very pretty. This was a great vintage for fruity wines, warm, dry, healthy, no 'shock' or scorching, giving lovely ripeness of fruit. 7-8 days maceration with very gentle extraction (*bagnatura*), 5-6 months in *botti grandi* then into stainless steel before bottling. Very juicy and elegant, with good acidity, spine, and poise. 0-5 years.

Barolo, del comune di Verduno 2020

DIR19120

6bts



£228

The estate's flagship Barolo is a blend of five vineyards, Rocche dell'Olmo, Boscato, Riva Rocca, Campasso and Pisapola, which spends over thirty months in *botti grandi*. With enticing aromas of bright violet, rosehip and blood orange and hints of cold tea and camphor, this a focused, bright and well balanced Verduno. The palate is alive with *fragolino* (wild strawberry), well-proportioned and a little rounder than the 2019. This another excellent effort. 5-15 years.

Barolo San Lorenzo di Verduno 2020

DIR23220

6bts



£312

From a wonderfully situated plot just below Monvigliero this has an open and approachable style. It is a fine, elegant expression showing plenty of minerality, a fine silky palate with floral notes and citrus amongst the fruit but all supported by fine grained tannins and with an elegant finish. 5-15 years.

Barolo, Gramolere 2020

DIR19220

6bts



£336

The Gramolere vineyard is made up of fine stone soil, located at a higher altitude than the Verduno and harvested a week later. The 2020 is more concentrated than 2019, displaying signature expressive burnt orange-skin fruit character. Translucent, notably racy and detailed with wild herbs, orange peel, rose, that sense of elevation and freshness, skeletal with classic fruit tannins and structure. Very good. 5-15 years.

Barolo, Monvigliero 2020

DIR19320

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£70

Profound in both colour and nose, with enticing perfume, glistening transparency, briary, rose water, tonic, menthol, balsamic and rosehip notes. Full yet taut, bright with talcum powder, captivating and multifaceted, luminous, like a cut diamond. Wonderfully integrated structure and fruit, with a distinct rose petal feel, this is graceful to the core. 5-15 years.



Fratelli Serio e Battista Borgogno

Cannubi

Delivering consistent, classical style Barolo, this family-run estate is perched on the top of the prestigious Cannubi vineyard. Led by cousins, Federica Boffa and Emanuella


Bolla, their infectious commitment and energy in the winery and vineyards shines through with the 2020s. Elegant, fresh and full of life – these are wines to savour.

Barolo 2020 DIR18920 6bts  £144

A beautiful bright ruby appearance with a touch of orange to the rim. Ripe but understated nose, a pretty mix of cherry fruits, coal, and soft woody spices. On the light side of medium bodied, supple, elegant and juicy, with a light chew and attractive flavours of red summer fruits, cooked plum, orange rind, and tea. Shows lovely balance and offers a moreish savoury streak, this will drink well over the short to medium term. 5-15 years.

Barolo, Cannubi 2020 DIR17920M 3mags  £240
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The estate owns 3 ha of differing aspects on this prized hill with each vineyard bringing its own unique characteristics to the blend. Generous and well structured, there's a wealth of aromatics, including strawberry and blueberry. Complex with juicy acidity, fine tannins and lingering long finish, it's another excellent Cannubi. 5-15 years.

Barolo, Albarella 2020 DIR23020 4bts  £172

Bright red fruits are the star here with plenty of red cherry and rich currants. Silky to taste which is ideal for pure drinking enjoyment over the next five years. 5-15 years.

Crissante Alessandria

La Morra

Alberto Alessandria is one of a new generation of producers making their mark on the Barolo wine scene. Family-owned, with vineyards in La Morra, including single plots of Galina and Capalot, the wines have a signature style. Always keen

to allow his wines to express themselves, Alberto prefers a method of 'infusion' rather 'maceration'. Whole berries remain on the skins during fermentation to highlight the richness and complexity of the La Morra soils.

Langhe Nebbiolo 2022 DIR17522 6bts  £99

Alberto is justifiably proud of his Langhe. All the Nebbiolo is sourced from his family's vineyard in La Morra. Fine and exuberant, this is well balanced with notes of strawberry, raspberry and watermelon. Bright with a hint of orange rind and violets, it finishes with an unmistakable note of liquorice. 0-5 years.

Barolo del Comune di La Morra 2020 DIR17620 6bts  £186

Sourced almost entirely from the Contrada Roggeri vineyard with the remaining from Bettolotti and San Biagio, the Crissante Comune is the estate's flagship wine. Red fruits abound! Cherries, strawberry, even raspberry are followed by mint, dried apricot and cinnamon. Elegant with an excellent core of ripe fruit and chalky tannins, this is a seductive, expressive Barolo. 5-15 years.

Renato Fenocchio

Nieve

Husband and wife team, Renato and Milva Fenocchio farm 13 ha entirely in Barbaresco, consisting of 11 small vineyards with a multitude of soil types, elevations and aspects. There's a strong work ethic at this small family estate with Renato frequently rising early, avoiding the punishing midday heat,

to tend to the vineyards. Honouring traditional winemaking methods, they age their Barbaresco for less time in oak than Barolo, which in addition with other factors, results in more elegant and refined style of wine than the neighbouring Barolo properties.

Barbaresco, Rombone 2020

DIR02220

6bts



£171

Hints of spice, wild strawberry and rose petal on the nose are followed by intense notes of black cherry and black olive. Elegant and sleek with fine tannins, this is a joyful, charming wine for mid-term drinking. 3-9 years.

Barbaresco, Starderì 2020

DIR18320

6bts



£201

More structured than the Rombone, the Starderì has a little more Nebbiolo grip, delivering a fleshier, more serious wine. Quite earthy with dried fruit, truffle and wild strawberry notes, this is more classical in style and will appreciate a little more time in bottle. 3-9 years.



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