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“It seems obvious now, but 25 years ago when I started selling wine En Primeur, Barolo was not on the EP scene. A run of very good vintages, a value offering, delicious wines in limited supply that can age beautifully. All the ingredients for En Primeur. This region is unsurprisingly now our third most followed for early releases, and your cellar will be richer for including them.”

James Davy
Fifth Generation Chairman

BAROLO REPORT 2020

The 2019 Barolo en primeur campaign was one of the most exciting set of releases of last year, with an array of stunning wines from a fantastic vintage. Our first dedicated Barolo tasting in March was a great success and so when returning to Piedmont to taste earlier this year, the 2020 vintage had a lot to live up to. Thankfully the wines shone, and we are just as excited with the selection!

Barolo is situated in Piedmont in the North West of Italy and is the source of some of the greatest, most age-worthy red wines in the world. A complex patchwork of vineyards across the hills surrounding a cluster of villages (one of which gives its name to the appellation), Barolo is both well-established as a staple of any serious cellar and one of the most exciting, dynamic wine regions in Italy.

Nebbiolo is the grape of Barolo, with no other variety authorised in the blend. Known for its concentration of tannins, Nebbiolo produces complex, long-lived wines that offer profound expressions of their place. As with all great wine regions, there are distinct differences evident in the glass from commune to commune and vineyard to vineyard. There are few wine producing regions in the world with quite such an array of exposures and topographies within a relatively small area, which goes some way to explaining the profound contrasts that are often evident, even between wines produced from neighbouring sites.

Despite the endless complexity of the landscape, there are some generalisations that can be made. There are essentially two main soil types, with the result that wines from the communes of the north-western sector of the wider region – Verduno, La Morra and Barolo – tend towards a more ethereal, brighter and open style, with those from the south-eastern part - Serralunga and Monforte – fuller and more powerful. Castiglione Falletto has sites across the boundary of both soil types and often produces wines that offer the full range of characteristics that can be found in Barolo.

John Cawood
Fine Wine Account Manager

THE 2020 VINTAGE

2020 was, broadly speaking, a warm year which has produced relatively accessible, fruit-forward wines. The growers that our team tasted with earlier in the year were all pleased with the quality of the vintage, with many happy to have produced wines which are different in style from the more powerful 2019s, but that offer clear expressions of their sites and winemaking style.

“Grace, elegance and understatement are some of the qualities readers will find in the 2020 Barolos.” **Antonio Galloni, Vinous**

The 2020s sit stylistically between the open, relatively light 2018s and the denser 2019s and will likely enter their drinking windows before the latter, but keep for longer and offer a little more depth than the former.

WHY BUY BAROLO EN PRIMEUR?

There is no question that Barolo produces some of the most long-lived wines in the world, with many examples boasting drinking windows that cover several decades. Buying a case of Barolo on release is an investment in the cellar that will offer immense pleasure in years to come. Although many of the top wines will be at their best after some time in the cellar, plenty of the Barolo blends – those without a single vineyard or village on the label – will be accessible within a couple of years of landing and in many cases, the Langhe Nebbiolo wines in this offer will give immediate pleasure on arrival and serve as a delicious introduction to a producer’s style.

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BAROLO

AREA (under vine)

4,447 ac/1,800 ha

GRAPES

Nebbiolo



1. PELASSA



The present winery was created in 1960 by the late Mario Pelassa and is today run by his sons, Davide and Daniele. The wines are now exported globally and the fine balance between traditional and modern winemaking techniques is masterfully managed. These are exciting times at Pelassa – the wines have never been better and have established a strong, growing following. A new state-of-the-art winery has been constructed, cellars in the heart of the village of Barolo have recently been acquired and Daniele has just secured a lease on a new vineyard in the Serralunga d’Alba cru of Sorano.

Davy’s are proud to import Pelassa’s wines exclusively into the UK and we offer a range of the wines beyond Barolo, please see our website for the full offering of whites and reds.

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RED

	Size	Price
1 2020 Barolo San Lorenzo di Verduno	6x75cl	£210

A vibrant, expressive aromatic personality that is utterly charming. It's all about the red fruits on the palate, with cherries and macerated strawberries that are ripe, pure and elegant. The tannins are silky and already seamless making this tempting now, but there is plenty of cellaring potential here too, with a natural concentration alongside the fruit forward style. This bottling is aged for 24 months in 25hl oak botti and offers a stunning expression of this excellent Verduno site. Daniele Pelassa is very happy with the classical fruit profile of the wine in 2020 and we're in full agreement!

2. CASCINA MASSARA (BURLOTTO)



An exciting new addition to the offer this year, Cascina Massara's history dates to the early 1900s by Andrea Burlotto, the great grandson of Verduno's famous Il Commendatore G.B. Burlotto. Winemaking in the Burlotto family was a collective endeavour, but in 2013 Giancarlo Burlotto and his son Gianluca decided to focus their attention on producing their own wine from 10ha of the family vineyards. There is a traditional approach to the winemaking and we were very impressed by our first visit to taste in January.

RED

	Size	Price
2 2022 Langhe Nebbiolo DOC	6x75cl	£80

Fresh and pure style, produced from younger vines, offering a good value introduction to the style of both the estate and the Verduno commune in general. Open, with notes of raspberry alongside red cherry.

3 2020 Barolo Massara	6x75cl	£170
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As might be expected given the name of the estate, this is the flagship wine here. From vines of around 50 years old, this has depth and a mineral character alongside elegant fresh fruit. A peppery note sits with wild strawberries, finishing with precision and purity. The vines here see the morning sun only, so there is no concern with over-ripeness and the minerality is typical of the limestone soils.

4 2020 Barolo Monvigliero	6x75cl	£250
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From Verduno's most famous site, the Monvigliero bottling has a fuller, more generous profile than the Massara, with more up-front fruit and a fuller tannic structure. There is of course the trademark Verduno elegance and this cru sees 36 months in large oak barrels prior to bottling. An excellent example, which showcases a fruit profile that is at once plummy and fresh.

3. ROCCHE COSTAMAGNA



For those in the know, Rocche Costamagna make some of the most expressive and good value wines in Barolo from their winery in La Morra. One of the historic Barolo producers, they have been bottling wine uninterrupted since 1841 and continue to age their wines in large Slavonian oak barrels. They also benefit from having the largest holding of the famous Rocche dell'Annunziata vineyard, one of the best spots in La Morra, with the wines from here increasingly in demand. Plots are vinified separately to give flexibility at the blending stage, allowing for the best expression of each bottling.

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RED

		Size	Price
5	2022 Langhe Nebbiolo ‘Roccardo’	6x75cl	£70

From younger (around fifteen-year-old) vines within La Morra. These grapes could be used to make Barolo La Morra and will be once the vines have a little more age. Despite being a declassified Barolo, this isn't designed to be a 'Baby Barolo', but a bright, fruit-forward expression of the house style and the village and is all the finer for it. A ripe, generous expression that offers orange peel on the nose and mid-weight, textured palate. One year in Slavonian oak. Versatile and excellent value.

6	2020 Barolo	6x75cl	£145
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From 4 different plots around La Morra (from 2021 this will be labelled as a Barolo del Comune di La Morra). A lovely style, with plenty of charm and approachability in this generous vintage. Bright red fruit, with a balancing structure to the finish.

7	2020 Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata	6x75cl	£185
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Typical La Morra elegance, with the natural concentration of one of the greatest vineyards of the region. Deep red cherries, a balsamic note and a long, fresh and textured finish that has a lingering minerality. Incredible value given the pedigree of the site and the quality on offer.

4. ODDERO



Oddero is a family-run estate managed by the seventh generation of Pietro and his sister Isabella, with a wine-making history dating back to the 18th century. As might be expected of such a well-established family, their vineyard holdings cover some of the finest sites of Barolo and their understanding of the potential of their vines is second to none. Viticulture here has long been sustainable and respectful of their environment and the estate has held organic certification since 2008. Winemaking is traditional, with long macerations on the skins, warm fermentations and ageing in large oak botti. There is lots of attention to detail in the cellar and the family have worked with top-tier (and now very fashionable) Austrian coopers Stockinger for their barrels for the past twenty years. The winemaking allows for both an expression of house style across the range and for each individual site to shine. “The Oddero family presented an impressive range of 2020 Barolos... What I admire most about the Oddero Barolos today is how they express contemporary classicism.” **Antonio Galloni, Vinous**

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RED

	Size	Price
8 2020 Barolo	6x75cl	£260

“The 2020 Barolo is a pretty powerful wine in this peer group. Accordingly, it is going to need a few years to come into its own. Macerated cherry, licorice, lavender, cedar and sweet pipe tobacco emerge gradually, but only with great reluctance. Hints of rose petal, mint and cinnamon linger.”

91 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

9 2020 Barolo Villero	6x75cl	£550
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“The 2020 Barolo Villero offers up blue fruit, lavender, spice, mint, new leather and grilled herbs. Brisk acids and veins of tannin confer freshness. It will be interesting to see if the 2020 softens in bottle. Today, it is decidedly nervous. Even so, the Villero has real palate presence and notable explosive energy.”

95 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

10 2020 Barolo Rocche di Castiglione	6x75cl	£675
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“The 2020 Barolo Rocche di Castiglione is a beautifully seductive wine. Effusive, aromatic and light on its feet, the 2020 graces the palate with hints of crushed flowers, spice, mint, pipe tobacco and orange peel. Fine, silky tannins wrap it all together. This, too, needs time.”

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

11 2020 Barolo Brunate	6x75cl	£740
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“The 2020 Barolo Brunate is the most potent and inward of the 2020 Barolos in this tasting. Dark fruit, menthol, licorice, spice, cedar and pipe tobacco struggle to emerge. Brunate is the smallest production Barolo at Oddero and is therefore aged in a smaller cask—this feels a bit constricted by the wood influence.”

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

5. PODERI LUIGI EINAUDI



An estate that has blossomed over recent vintages with a return to a more traditionally styled winemaking approach is Poderi Luigi Einaudi. In the hands of the same family for 125 years, the current generation – led by Matteo Sardagna Einaudi – have raised the bar, with a focus on wonderfully expressive single-cru wines from across some of the finest sites in Barolo. The famed Monvigliero cru of Verduno – known as a site responsible for some of the most ethereal and perfumed wine made in Piemonte – was featured in the range for the first time in 2018 and joins an enviable line up that impresses more with each passing vintage.

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RED

	Size	Price
12 2022 Langhe Nebbiolo	6x75cl	£85

“A wine obtained from Nebbiolo grapes of Dogliani, elegant, with a garnet red colour and a persistent fruity aroma. Full-bodied and extremely pleasant to drink even when young. The perfume presents hints of red fruits such as currant, blueberries, cassis and aromas of spices in the finish.”

Winemaker notes

13 2020 Barolo Ludo	6x75cl	£180
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“The 2020 Barolo Ludo is a tasty entry-level offering from Einaudi. Crushed flowers, tobacco, mint, cedar and dried herbs give the 2020 lovely aromatic presence. This inviting, mid-weight Barolo is all class.”

89 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

14 2020 Barolo Terlo Vigna Costa Grimaldi	6x75cl	£240
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“The 2020 Barolo Terlo Vigna Costa Grimaldi marries fruit depth and structure. It is the most classically austere of these wines in feel, even if it saw a bit more new oak than the other Barolos. Dark blue fruit, spice, leather, licorice, gravel and menthol build in an explosive, deep Barolo that will require some cellaring. Aging took place half in tonneaux and half in cask.”

94+ Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

15 2020 Barolo Monvigliero	6x75cl	£315
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“The 2020 Barolo Monvigliero is a pretty, gracious wine. Dried cherry, mint, spice, crushed rose petal and tobacco lead into a core of bright, red-toned fruit. Medium in body and gracious, the 2020 impresses with its finessed personality and understated persistence. This is very open and nicely done.”

93 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

	Size	Price
16 2020 Barolo Bussia	6x75cl	£315

“The 2020 Barolo Bussia is one of the most impressive wines in this range from Einaudi. Ample and explosive on the palate, with striking depth, the Bussia has a level of complexity that is not found in the other wines. Strong spice and balsamic inflections weave through a core of fruit in this resonant, wonderfully expressive Barolo.”

95 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

17 2020 Barolo Cannubi	6x75cl	£315
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“The 2020 Barolo Cannubi is a young, promising wine. It shows terrific depth in the understated style of the year. Crushed flowers, cedar, tobacco, licorice and dried herbs fill out the layers effortlessly. Pliant and expressive, the Cannubi is super-classy, not to mention a pleasure to taste.”

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

6. ENZO BOGLIETTI



A relatively young estate, Enzo Boglietti only began producing wines under his own label in 1991, until then the grapes from the estate vineyards were sold to the local cantine sociali, with the Boglietti family's focus on dairy farming. Unable to compete on the prices of milk imported from Germany, the Italian dairy industry's loss was Barolo's gain – Enzo Boglietti is now a star winemaker, ably assisted by his daughter Linda and son Matteo. Boiolo, Fossati, Case Nere and Brunate are all crus from around the village of La Morra, with the communal bottling being a blend of sites. The range is completed by Arione, one of Serralunga's greatest vineyards. Boglietti is generally considered a 'modern' producer, but over the past decade there has been a reduction in the use of smaller new oak, with larger barrels used to help preserve the fruit profile, as well as a move to reduced temperatures during fermentation and less vigorous extraction. Our tasting visit here was one of the most exciting of the trip, with super-expressive fruit and seriously impressive depth and harmony.

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RED

	Size	Price
18 2022 Langhe Nebbiolo	6x75cl	£75

Bright floral aromas, a touch of orange peel and very fine tannins make this a delicious, up-front bottling that showcases the Boglietti style perfectly. Outstanding quality for a Langhe Nebbiolo. A blend from sites in La Morra and Roddino (just to the south of Serralunga).

19 2020 Barolo del Comune di La Morra	6x75cl	£160
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Generous and open initially, wild strawberries and a floral note to the aromas. Closes up slightly on the finish, with a pleasant mineral grip. Very pure and impressive.

20 2020 Barolo Boiolo	6x75cl	£190
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From a south/south-east facing section of the vineyard at 350m, the Barolo Boiolo is fermented and macerated in cement before seeing 20 months in barrel. A very focussed and driven style on the palate, with black pepper and plenty of texture and length. The fruit leans towards a darker profile, without losing freshness.

21 2020 Barolo Fossati	6x75cl	£265
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Stunning aromatics, with opulent red fruits and a touch of exotic spice. 70% of the vines are 60 years old, which give a natural concentration and sweetness to the mid-palate. Tannins are ripe and rounded, but present enough to mean that the wine will be more giving with some time in the cellar.

	Size	Price
22 2020 Barolo Brunate	6x75cl	£305

Powerful, opulent and dense, with masses of ripe tannins wrapping up the plummy dark fruits. The intensity and depth on show is counterbalanced by the generous translucence of the vintage. Excellent.

23 2020 Barolo Case Nere	6x75cl	£305
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Very spicy, with pungent freshly cracked black pepper aromas and both red and black fruits on the palate. Lifted on the long finish, there is a bright acidity and a dark, deep profile.

24 2020 Barolo Arione	6x75cl	£305
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One of the great crus of Serralunga, with only Boglietti and the legendary Giacomo Conterno producing wine from here. Stylistically, the Arione has a different shape from the La Morra cru wines in the range, with a deep tannic profile. In 2020 this cru is complete, singing in its youth and yet somehow coming over as understated. The definition of balance – outstanding.

7. ETTORE GERMANO



We couldn't agree more with Antonio Galloni's assessment that Sergio Ettore at Ettore Germano is "one of Piedmont's emerging artisan growers. Each year the wines get better and better". We tasted the stunning Nebbiolos at the estate with Sergio Ettore, and his team, who have looked after this fourth-generation Cerretta based winery since 1985, along with his wife Elena. The hill of Cerretta is one of Serralunga d'Alba's most important Crus, and along with holdings here, the Germano family own vines in some of Barolo's best vineyards, with plots in Lazzarito, one of Barolo's true 'Grand Crus', Cerretta, Prapò and now, thanks to an inheritance, even the legendary Vigna Rionda. Sergio and Elena have overseen an evolution in the vineyards transitioning to biodynamic viticulture, as well as in the cellar, where every step of the production is carefully and delicately managed to ensure the vineyards can express themselves truthfully. The approach in the cellar is traditional, with long macerations of 30-50 days, depending on the vintage conditions and site, and 24 months in oak before bottling for all the Barolo wines.

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RED

		Size	Price
25	2020 Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba	6x75cl	£205

Full and powerful on the nose, this is very Serralunga with an impressive structure to match the density of fruit. Excellent once again and although we've yet to see any notes from the critics for Ettore Germano's 2020s, it's worth highlighting that Walter Speller's verdict (for jancisrobinson.com) on the 2019 release was that the Serralunga bottling was "classy stuff and could be this vintage's best buy". We were certainly impressed and this blend from Cerratta, Prapò and Lazzarito looks a very smart buy indeed.

26	2020 Barolo Prapò	6x75cl	£300
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A touch of exotic spice and tobacco on the nose. Tannins are firm and full, but well integrated. Menthol notes, with fruit that is dark and dense but retains a snappy freshness. Excellent potential.

27	2020 Barolo Cerretta	6x75cl	£300
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Some whole bunches used in the vinification to give lift. All dark fruits and an extremely long finish. Cool, restrained and still very coiled, with a mineral note running through. Spicy and very impressive.

8. PARUSSO



The wines of Parusso are renowned for their unique expressions, resulting from an exciting balance between traditional and modern winemaking techniques. Gaspare Parusso began making wine in 1901, with further parcels of vines acquired in the 1920s and later by his grandson Armando following his takeover of the management of the company in the 1970s. Today the estate is managed by brother and sister Marco and Tiziana Parusso, with the siblings establishing a reputation for supple and expressive styles of Barolo over the past twenty-five years. The oak ageing regime here is resolutely in the modernist camp, with wines spending time in mostly new French oak barriques before bottling, rather than the more traditional large oak botti. The most distinct part of the winemaking process takes place prior to fermentation, with whole bunches of hand-picked grapes rested in ventilated, temperature-controlled conditions to allow for the ripening of the stems and absorption of oxygen – an ancient Roman technique that leads to a significant softening of the tannins. The effect of this oxygen absorption is also to create optimal conditions for indigenous yeasts to begin the fermentation process, allowing for minimal intervention in the cellar during the fermentation and maceration period. The resulting wines are exuberant and expressive, with a real sense of balance. The fruit is ripe (harvests tend to be relatively late here) and in youth the wines can show quite apparent toasty notes from the use of small new barrels, but there is always a harmonious feel, and the wines have a track record of ageing very well in bottle.

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RED

	Size	Price
28 2020 Barolo Perarmando	6x75cl	£230

“The 2020 Barolo Perarmando is a classic Parusso wine. Rose petal, sage, mint and cedar soar out of the glass as this translucent, nuanced Barolo shows off its personality. The stem component is quite high, and that very much comes through, especially in the wine's aromatic profile. As always, the Perarmando is a blend taken from a collection of estate vineyards, mostly in Bussia.”

90 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

29 2020 Barolo Mariondino	6x75cl	£350
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“The 2020 Barolo Mariondino is bright, punchy and also a bit nervous. Bright acids and firm tannins give the Mariondino its taut personality. Sandy soils in a cool micro-climate confer aromatic lift. This medium-bodied Barolo is idiosyncratic but also quite pretty.”

92 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

30 2020 Barolo Mosconi	6x75cl	£490
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“The 2020 Barolo Mosconi marries the natural intensity and breadth of this site with the savory whole-cluster drive that is such a signature here. Black cherry, plum, mocha, incense, lavender and dried flowers fill out the layers. I would give this a few years to settle down.”

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

31 2020 Barolo Bussia	6x75cl	£480
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“The 2020 Barolo Bussia marries elegance and power. Dark, spiced and super-expressive, the Bussia is striking in its beauty. Rose petal, mint, orange peel, lavender and blue fruits open first, followed by a whole range of balsamic inflections that develop in the glass.”

95 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

9. FRANCESCO RINALDI



This traditional estate was established in 1870 when Francesco Rinaldi inherited a vineyard and house in Barolo. With holdings in some of Barolo's most prized Crus, including Cannubi and Brunate, Francesco Rinaldi has become one of the most famous names in the region. Brunate (which lies on the border between La Morra and Barolo) and Cannubi are, without a doubt two of Barolo's greatest vineyards. Wines from the Brunate vineyard are prized for their depth, fragrance and brilliant balance, while those of Cannubi are magically light and perfumed. Located in the town of Barolo itself, the winery uses traditional techniques (avoiding new oak, preferring long macerations, and ageing in large Slavonian oak prior to bottling) to produce some of Barolo's greatest wines. The estate is now run by Luciano Rinaldi's niece, Paola Rinaldi, with help from her sister Piera Rinaldi and the wines are better than ever. Antonio Galloni rightly states that "*Rinaldi remains a terrific source for reasonably priced, classically built Barolos steeped in tradition.*"

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RED

	Size	Price
32 2020 Barolo	6x75cl	£270

From three hectares of holdings across La Morra, Barolo and Castiglione Falletto, the Francesco Rinaldi Barolo shows such a brilliant expression of the various aspects of the region. Elegant style with distinct minerality and a satisfying saltiness to the lingering finish. Fresh, light and pure.

33 2020 Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata	6x75cl	£350
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The grapes from Rinaldi's holdings in Rocche dell'Annunziata had previously gone into their Barolo Classico, however, from the 2018 vintage they have decided to bottle a single Cru expression. As elegant and fresh as the Barolo blend, but with a tighter profile that suggests more to come with some time in the cellar. Bright red cherries and very fine tannins.

34 2020 Barolo Brunate	6x75cl	£350
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From a 2ha holding in La Morra's Brunate, this has layers of enticing red and black fruits – cherries and wild strawberry – as well as displaying all the depth that this great site is known for. As with the 2019, this complex and shows a spicy character with time in the glass, but is generous and rounded.

35 2020 Barolo Cannubi	6x75cl	£395
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Ultra fine and alluring on the nose, with fennel, redcurrants, plums and a captivating herbal note. So very long and with fine, layered tannins this is another stunning Cannubi from Francesco Rinaldi.

10. LUIGI PIRA



Luigi Pira was established in the 1950s, with holdings covering the most prestigious sites in Serralunga, namely Margheria, Marenca and Vigna Rionda. The reputation of the estate was established in the early 1990s when Luigi's son Gianpaolo became involved in the family business and the focus shifted to bottling and releasing under the Luigi Pira name, rather than selling grapes. Over the past 30 years, the Pira name has become hugely respected and still offers some of Serralunga's greatest expressions at fair prices.

"Gianpaolo Pira makes some of the most gorgeous Barolos in Serralunga" - **Antonio Galloni**

"One of Piedmont's superstars... these are wines of extraordinary complexity and breathtaking richness. The spectacular offerings from Pira's vineyards in and around Serralunga d'Alba are among the more riveting examples." **Robert Parker**

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RED

	Size	Price
36 2022 Langhe Nebbiolo	6x75cl	£110

“Vinification takes place in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks for about 18-20 days. Ageing is traditional, in 25 hl Slavonian oak casks for 9 months. Fruity, spicy and light notes of leather are prominent among the aromas. Soft and enveloping with sweet, fine tannins and good persistence.”

Winemaker notes

37 2020 Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d’Alba	6x75cl	£195
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“The vinification and ageing regime follows that of the Langhe Nebbiolo, but with 24 months in casks. The nose is very complex with hints of leather, hay, earth and spices. It is well balanced on the palate with acidity and tannins, making it soft and persistent.”

Winemaker notes

38 2020 Barolo Margheria	6x75cl	£250
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“The Margheria cru covers 1.5 hectares on a gentle, south-facing hillside. Its calcareous-clayey soil accommodates almost 70-year-old vines. Vinification and ageing is the same as with the Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d’Alba. The nose is intense and complex, featuring fruity, floral scents and nuances of leather and fresh hay.”

Winemaker notes

	Size	Price
39 2020 Barolo Marenc	6x75cl	£295

“The vinification of Barolo Marenc takes place in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature for about 18/20 days. The ageing process lasts 24 months, with the first year in 500-litre French oak tonneaux and the second year in large 25 hl Slavonian oak casks. The nose is striking because of its freshness and the great complexity of the aromas, ranging from wild berries, vanilla and chocolate, to aromatic herbs. It is vigorous on the palate, rich in extracts, with energetic but pleasant tannins, softened by the wise use of wood for the ageing process. It is a powerful and intriguing Barolo with a long life.”

Winemaker notes

40 2020 Barolo Vigna Rionda	6x75cl	£425
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“Vignarionda is the Serralunga cru par excellence, undoubtedly among the most well-known and appreciated appellations. Vinification and ageing matches that of the Marenc cru. The nose is striking for its great complexity, elegance and nuances ranging from wild berries to sweet tobacco and deep, intriguing balsamic hints. On the palate it is a rich, harmonious wine, with a remarkable persistence.”

Winemaker notes

11. PIO CESARE



One of the greatest names of Barolo, Pio Cesare has been producing wines in their historic Alba cellars since 1881. Today Pio Cesare is run by the fifth generation of the family – the late Pio Boffa’s daughter Federica heads the estate, ably supported by her cousin Cesare Benvenuto. The ‘Pio’ Barolo blend is arguably the definitive example of what is possible in a blend from across the great sites of the main winemaking villages and the single-vineyard expressions are some of the most keenly collected across the world. With a wealth of winemaking experience, Federica and her team have some of the best plots in Barolo and a Midas touch in the cellar, where traditional methods and modern technology go hand-in-hand, Pio Cesare are genuine standard bearers in this iconic region.

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RED

	Size	Price
41 2020 Barolo 'Pio'	6x75cl	£272

“Very primary fruit with beautiful aromas of peaches, strawberries, berries and flowers. It’s medium- to full-bodied, with bitter citrus, cedar, chocolate and coffee bean character. Tight at the end. From five villages, primarily Serralunga, Monforte, La Morra, Grinzane Cavour and Novello. Needs two or three years to open and will age for a very long time.”

97 Points, James Suckling

42 2020 Barolo Ornato	6x75cl	£495
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“This is very focused with lots of ripe tannins in the centre palate. Very velvety and fine-textured with a pointed character. Medium to full body. Aromas of plums and spices such as cinnamon and nutmeg to the fruit. Bitter citrus. Chewy at the end. Taut muscles. Sophisticated. Needs four or five years to come around. Best after 2030.”

98 Points, James Suckling

43 2020 Barolo Mosconi	3x75cl	£285
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“Enchanting aromas of flowers like violets and lemon blossom, with raspberries and cranberries. Full-bodied yet focused and framed with a structure that builds on your palate and grows and grows, yet it remains fresh and vivid. The tannins are energetic and so, so long. A contemporary jewel. Fascinating. Thoughtful wine. Only the oldest vines are used in this from the 1940s and 1960s.”

99 Points, James Suckling

12. CAVALLOTTO



Giacomo Cavallotto acquired the property and vines around the now famous Bracco Boschis vineyard in 1928, with his grandchildren Olivio and Gildo beginning to vinify and bottle wine from estate grown grapes in 1946. Today Cavallotto is one of the leading names of Castiglione Falletto and the wider Barolo region, with their wines increasingly coveted. Working organically, Alfio Cavallotto's enthusiasm and attention to detail is remarkable and the wines are spectacularly good. We jumped at the chance to visit early this year, and to take up a small allocation of their stunning wines. We have also have availability of the 2022 releases of Dolcetto, Barbera and Pinner (a white Pinot Noir) – please enquire if interested in these wines.

RED

	Size	Price
44 2020 Barolo Bricco Boschis	6x75cl	£385

“Mid to deep ruby. Shy and a little brooding and minerally rather than fruity right now. Earthy raspberry slowly emerging from the glass. Juicy and velvety raspberry fruit that is still a little embryonic, but perfectly balanced with ripe, chewy tannins. Elegant and long and in need of a couple of years once this has been bottled.”

17++ Points, Walter Speller, jancisrobinson.com

13. GUIDO PORRO



Serralunga's Guido Porro is an estate which may fly slightly under the radar, but that produces wines which are everything one could hope for in traditionally made Barolo. They are expressive of their vineyard sites, the balance of the wines is serene and the modest charm and hard work of Guido and his family is reflected in the glass. When chatting with other producers across Barolo about our tasting schedule, the mention of Guido Porro elicited nods of approval and knowing smiles on the faces of winemakers, and it is difficult to see the wines not becoming more and more popular as they are better known. Vinification is traditional, with 36 months in large oak botti, yet the fruit is generous and expressive even when the wines are young.

RED

		Size	Price
45	2020 Barolo Gianetto	6x75cl	£175

Open knit and inviting with pepper and a saline-tinged long finish. Incredible charm in its youth for a traditionally made Serralunga! Generous, yet light on its feet.

46	2020 Barolo Lazzarito Vigna Santa Caterina	6x75cl	£190
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A textbook combination of power and elegance, with rose and violet floral aromas and a dense mouthfeel, that is reassuringly smooth. Exotic spices also emerge on the nose with a little coaxing and with time in the glass the fruit broadens out and becomes ever more alluring. Wonderful.

47	2020 Barolo Lazzarito Vigna Lazzairasco	6x75cl	£200
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A little fuller and harder to read than the Santa Caterina, but certainly very impressive nonetheless. Blackcurrant notes and a dark, peppery finish. Give this a few years in the cellar.

48	2020 Barolo Vigna Rionda	6x75cl	£510
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Production is very limited here and there is just one large barrel and one mid-sized tonneaux each vintage. A high-toned, bright nose with herbal and fennel notes along with potent sweet red fruits, cinnamon and cardamon. A fine example of one of the great sites in all of Barolo.

14. VOERZIO MARTINI



Voerzio Martini is a young estate, which represents the continuation of the work of Gianni Voerzio, one of the pioneering modernists of the 1980s and 90s. Twins Mirko and Federica Martini purchased the winery from their cousin in 2015 and are producing head-turning wines which are fresh, fruit forward and modern. They employ a mix of modern and traditional approaches in the cellar, with 30 months ageing for the Barolo wines in a mix of traditional oak botti and some smaller barriques. The approach in the vineyard is very modern, with three green harvests across the growing season ensuring that the grapes picked at harvest have great concentration. The modern methods do not obscure the expression of place – these are wines that speak of their sites and show great drive and freshness on the finish.

RED

	Size	Price
49 2020 Barolo	6x75cl	£150

A newly acquired site in Serralunga has now been added to the blend, joining three others from La Morra and bringing an extra dimension. A polished nose with some oak influence evident that is nicely weighed up with the ripe, bright red fruits. Pure and impressive, this will drink well young and has the capacity to cellar too.

50 2020 Barolo La Serra	6x75cl	£225
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Reticent and a little backward now, there are pepper notes that emerge and dense, rounded tannins on the palate. A touch of tapenade and with ripe fruit that will emerge to a fuller expression with longer in the bottle. A punchy, mineral finish.

51 2020 Barolo Cerequio	6x75cl	£310
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Masses of tightly wound tannins on the palate and there is also the polished style that the estate is known for and the generosity of the vintage in evidence. Very impressive and one to tuck away for a decade or so before enjoying.

15. ASCHERI



The Ascheri family is one of the most significant names in Piemontese winemaking, with a history dating back to 1880, when they founded the family winery in the town of Bra (which benefitted from a newly opened rail link at the time). The family continue to produce highly regarded Barolo, both a blend and single vineyard bottlings released in the best years. Matteo Ascheri is currently President of the Barolo & Barbaresco growers consortium and approaches winemaking with the intention to make “a distinctive wine which expresses its vineyard site”.

RED

	Size	Price
52 2020 Barolo	6x75cl	£165

A blend of La Morra (60%), Verduno (20%) and Serralunga (20%), showing the best of the wider region and skill of successful blending. Intended for drinking a little earlier than the single cru wines produced here, the Barolo classico has an opulence, with intense, deep fruit. Seamless and expressive, this is hard to resist now. The bottle is adorned with an *etichetta storica* – an eye-catching historic label style.

53 2020 Barolo Sorano	6x75cl	£240
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A cru wine from Serralunga, the Barolo Sorano offers a very different profile of Barolo from the classico blend. This is altogether more serious, showing distinctive iron notes with a mineral infused, peppery finish.

16. VIETTI



One of the most well-known and keenly followed estates in Barolo, some eyebrows were raised when this previously family-owned property was sold to American billionaire businessman Kyle Krause in 2016. Any scepticism over the direction the winery might go in has thankfully been dispelled by the quality of the wines, which have only got better over recent years. Naming Vietti the Vinous Winery of the Year in 2022 (not just in Italy, but worldwide), Antonio Galloni remarked: *“To me, Vietti has always been a reference point. All these years later, well, the wines have frankly never been better.”*

RED

	Size	Price
54 2020 Barolo Castiglione	6x75cl	£235

“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.”

93 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

55 2020 Barolo Brunate	3x75cl	£425
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“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.”

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

56 2020 Barolo Cerequio	3x75cl	£425
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“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.”

95+ Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

57 2020 Barolo Lazzarito	3x75cl	£425
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“The 2020 Barolo Lazzarito is a blend of fruit picked before and after the early October rains. It marries power and finesse to a notable degree. Dark red fruit, menthol, licorice, crushed rocks and dried herbs open nicely in the glass. This is a bit light for a Serralunga Barolo, although the tannic structure is there. This is missing a bit of personality.”

93 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

Size Price

58 2020 Barolo Monvigliero 3x75cl £425

“The 2020 Barolo Monvigliero is a very pretty, ethereal wine. Crushed flowers, mint, bright, red-toned fruit, dried herbs and spice are nicely lifted. This pretty, nuanced Barolo is very classy, but also on the lighter side. The 2020 is beguiling, but also a bit ethereal—this fruit may have been picked too early.”

92 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

59 2020 Barolo Ravera 3x75cl £425

“Picked on October 9 and 10, the 2020 Barolo Ravera has plenty of Ravera classicism and tension, but also feels a bit light in the mid-palate. Ravera is never a huge wine in body, but the depth is often there, even if expressed in an understated and more linear manner. The 2020 lacks that depth. Red-toned fruit, blood orange, mint, spice and white pepper lend brilliance throughout.”

94 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

60 2020 Barolo Rocche di Castiglione 3x75cl £425

“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.”

96 Points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous



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