

## GERMANY

### Riesling Spätlese / Mosel

**93 Selbach-Oster Riesling Spätlese\* Mosel Zeltinger Sonnenuhr 2010 \$33** Powerful and pure-tasting, with concentrated nectarine, red peach and ripe apple flavors that are accented by plenty of creamy notes. Lively minerality fills the finish, with baked pineapple and spice. Drink now through 2040. 500 cases made.—K.M.

**92 Reuscher-Haart Riesling Spätlese Mosel Piesporter Goldtröpfchen 2010 \$24** Redolent of apricot tart, with plush accents of peach and ripe pear, which feature plenty of ginger snap and allspice. A glazed citrus note lingers on the rich finish. Very expressive. Drink now through 2040. 222 cases made.—K.M.

**92 Selbach-Oster Riesling Spätlese Mosel 2010 \$27** Tight, with layers of mineral and slate that are closely packed and accented by notes of ripe peach, white cherry and Golden Delicious apple. Very spicy on the finish. Drink now through 2040.—K.M.

**91 Heribert Kerpen Riesling Spätlese\* Mosel Wehlener Sonnenuhr 2010 \$30** Ripe and rich, with notes of honey cream to the baked peach and ripe apple flavors. Long and lush on the spicy finish, which features notes of candied ginger and nutmeg. Drink now through 2040. 225 cases made.—K.M.

**91 Alfred Merkelbach Riesling Spätlese Mosel Ürziger Würzgarten #7 2010 \$26** Very juicy, with crystalline flavors of red peach, apricot and Fuji apple that are lush and plush. Long and spicy on the taut finish. Drink now through 2040.—K.M.

**91 Meulenhof Riesling Spätlese Mosel Erdener Treppchen 2010 \$24** Rich-tasting and loaded with flavors of ripe red grapefruit, peach preserves and glazed apricot that are well-spiced. This is juicy on the finish, with ripe melon and chamomile notes. Drink now through 2040. 113 cases made.—K.M.



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### Riesling Spätlese / Other

**92 Spreitzer Riesling Spätlese Rheingau Oestricher Lenchen 303 2010 \$50** Ripe and lush, with plenty of creaminess to the peach, apple crisp and pear tart flavors that feature rich, spicy overtones. The finish features vanilla bean and spice. Drink now through 2040.—K.M.

**91 Paul Anheuser Riesling Spätlese Nahe Kreuznacher Kahlenberg 2010 \$19** This ripe, rich white has a vibrant, mineral core, boasting flavors of Golden Delicious apple, white cherry and glazed citrus, with a long, spicy finish that features touches of creaminess. Drink now through 2035. 400 cases made.—K.M.

**91 Schlossgut Diel Riesling Spätlese Nahe Goldloch 2010 \$57** Snappy, with plenty of mineral and chamomile behind the fresh-cut apple and dried apricot flavors. The fresh finish is pure and juicy. Drink now through 2038. 331 cases made.—K.M.

**91 Emrich-Schönleber Riesling Spätlese Nahe Monzinger Halenberg 2010 \$50** This presents a spicy front, with lots of glazed citrus, chamomile, and savory herb accents to the ripe peach and apricot flavors. Smoky and rich on the finish. Drink now through 2035. 160 cases made.—K.M.

**91 Gunderloch Riesling Spätlese Rheinhessen Diva 2010 \$27** A light, refreshing style, with stone and slate notes to the sculpted flavors of pear tart and

baked apple. Apricot and cream accents chime in on the ripe finish, joined by a hint of orange zest. Drink now through 2035. 1,500 cases imported.—K.M.

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### Riesling / Other

**92 Gunderloch Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Rheinhessen Nackenheim Rothenberg 2010 \$500/375ml** Chamomile and rooibos tea notes grace this savory, amber-hued sweetie, with ripe white fruit and glazed citrus flavors. White chocolate accents the thick finish. Drink now through 2045. 300 cases made.—K.M.

**91 Willi Schaefer Riesling Kabinett Mosel Graacher Himmelreich 2010 \$27** Intense aromas and flavors of slate give this plenty of punch, with notes of fresh-cut apple, glazed citrus and peach pie. Long and lush on the rich, spicy finish. Drink now through 2026. 223 cases made.—K.M.

**90 Heribert Kerpen Riesling Kabinett Mosel Wehlener Sonnenuhr 2010 \$25** Redolent of apricot tart, with lively notes of spiced apple and ginger in the mix. The refreshing finish is crisp and pure-tasting. Drink now through 2024. 500 cases made.—K.M.

**90 J. & H.A. Strub Riesling Kabinett Rheinhessen Soil to Soul 2010 \$18** Very rich, with concentrated flavors of red peach, glazed apricot and lemon meringue. The long finish features ripe spiced apple notes. Drink now through 2025. 1,000 cases made.—K.M.

## ITALY

### Piedmont / Barbaresco

**95 Cantina del Pino Barbaresco Albesani 2007 \$65** This delivers a seductive combination of flowers, fruit and spice, allied to a supple texture and firm structure. Rose and cherry aromas lead off, followed by cherry, tar and tobacco flavors. Though balanced, solid tannins control the finish now, but everything is in the right proportion. Best from 2014 through 2028. 250 cases made.—B.S.

**95 Punset Barbaresco 2007 \$40** See Highly Recommended, page 113.

**94 Moccagatta Barbaresco Basarin 2008 \$60** The emphasis is on the fruit in this round, smooth red, featuring cherry, plum, eucalyptus and mineral flavors. The structure is there, with the refined tannins covered by fruit and flesh now. A hint of oak graces the finish. Best from 2014 through 2027. 833 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Montefico Riserva 2007 \$66** Cherry and strawberry flavors are augmented by mineral and tobacco notes in this intense, harmonious red, which is almost chewy in texture and leaves a mouthcoating essence of sweet fruit on the finish. Combines finesse and power. Best from 2014 through 2026. 1,083 cases made.—B.S.

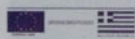
**93 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Muncagota Riserva 2007 \$66** A whiff of tomato and vegetal aromas leads off, with notes of rose and plum. This is a big red, broad and rangy, settling into plum and cherry flavors that linger on the long, spicy finish. There's a fine core of sweet fruit, and this changes a lot with air. Best from 2015 through 2028. 1,083 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Paitin Barbaresco Sorì Paitin Vecchie Vigne Riserva 2007 \$91** Starts out rich and round, boasting cherry and currant flavors, then firms up as more spice and eucalyptus notes show. The tannins offer grip as this cruises to a long finish. Balances power and elegance. Best from 2014 through 2028. 333 cases made.—B.S.

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**93 Pasquale Pelissero Barbaresco Bricco San Giuliano 2008 \$30** A sweet cherry note on the nose and palate is framed by vanilla and tobacco in this supple, elegant red. The bright acidity enhances its pure fruit character as this glides to the long finish. Best from 2014 through 2027. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 224 cases imported.—B.S.

**93 Albino Rocca Barbaresco Duemilaotto 2008 \$40** Bright cherry and raspberry aromas and flavors highlight this elegant and supple red, which stays pure and vibrant, with moderately firm tannins that are well-integrated. The intrinsic balance bodes well for a long evolution. Best from 2014 through 2028. 833 cases made.—B.S.

**93 La Spinetta Barbaresco Vigneto Staderi 2007 \$165** A big-boned Barbaresco, this is a bit gangly at first, settling into raspberry, cherry, floral and a hint of tar flavors. Muscular and tannic, contradicting the notion that Barbaresco is lighter than Barolo. Fine length and ripe tannins. Best from 2013 through 2026. 580 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Asili Riserva 2007 \$66** Though fleshy, this red shows elegance and austerity at its core, courtesy of the firm, dry tannins and spicy underbrush flavors. The dried cherry fruit shows hints of rose and licorice, and this ends with a long, if tannic, finish, with fine potential. Best from 2015 through 2026. 1,083 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Montestefano Riserva 2007 \$66** Round and fruity, this red offers cherry, plum and tea aromas and flavors, with the sweet fruit offset by firm tannins on the back end. An old-school version, from the light color and complex, spice elements to the firm structure. Best from 2014 through 2025. 1,083 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Ovello Riserva 2007 \$66** An austere, sinewy style, exhibiting strawberry, tea, white pepper, eucalyptus and iron flavors. It's all underscored by dense, dusty tannins, with plenty of grip on the tightly wound finish. Best from 2015 through 2027. 1,166 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Rio Sordo Riserva 2007 \$66** Cherry, rose and tea notes permeate this rich red, yet its plush texture belies the assertive tannins underneath. The sweet fruit matches the structure in the end, leaving rose and spice accents on the lingering aftertaste. Best from 2014 through 2025. 1,083 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Marchesi di Barolo Barbaresco 2007 \$45** This is pretty, with oak spice rounding the profile and adding chocolate and spice accents to the cherry and raspberry flavors. There's a floral element, too, and though elegant, this is firm, vibrant and long. Drink now through 2023. 5,000 cases made.—B.S.

**92 La Ca' Növa Barbaresco Montestefano 2007 \$34** This tastes more advanced than its peers from the vintage, with ripe, macerated cherry, spice, soy and black tea flavors. Though supple, there's a firm base of tannins underneath. Balanced overall, with a lingering finish. Best from 2014 through 2025. 50 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Marchesi di Grézy Barbaresco Camp Gros Martinenga 2007 \$85** Ripe and lush, draped in raw silk, this red evokes cherry, strawberry and spice flavors. Tannins are present, but they're ripe and tempered by sweet fruit on the finish. Best from 2013 through 2024. 660 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Moccagatta Barbaresco 2008 \$40** New oak lends a sweet spiciness to this red, whose cherry and plum flavors permeate the rich texture. There's a light grain to the tannins on the finish, and the spice notes echo on the aftertaste. Best from 2014 through 2026. 375 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Paitin Barbaresco Sori Paitin 2008 \$48** A juicy red, bursting with cherry, raspberry, underbrush and spice flavors. The balance is there, but this needs time to integrate more fully. A woody eucalyptus element emerges on the finish, with echoes of sweet fruit. Best from 2014 through 2025. 1,250 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Pajé Riserva 2007 \$66** This rich red shows a glycerinlike texture, a setting for the cherry, menthol and spice flavors. There's a solid tannic underpinning, with a cherry note echoing on the firm, dry finish. Best from 2015 through 2027. 1,083 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Cigliuti Barbaresco Serraboella 2008 \$70** Ripe and sleek, yet backed by a steely structure, this red displays fresh cherry, raspberry, floral and oak spice flavors. Though the tannins from the oak are apparent on the finish now, this has fine length and energy. Best from 2014 through 2026.—B.S.

**91 Moccagatta Barbaresco Bric Balin 2008 \$60** Shows fresh, juicy cherry, chamomile, oak spice and tobacco flavors, with a firm profile. Turns a bit lean and astringent on the finish, but this is long, and the sweet fruit and mineral component return in the end. Best from 2014 through 2025. 2,000 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Pertinace Barbaresco Marcarini 2007 \$50** Cherry, raspberry, tar and underbrush notes mingle in this supple yet intense red, whose firm structure is offset by sweet fruit, while the finish lingers with an aftertaste of spice and smoke. Best from 2014 through 2026. 1,300 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Prinsi Barbaresco Gaia Principe 2007 \$48** High-class oak adds toasty, smoky notes to the cherry and plum flavors in this stylish red, which is a bit made up,

though successfully, with a long, spicy finish. Drink now through 2022. 2,500 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco Maria Adelaide 2007 \$128** The cherry and strawberry flavors get a lift from the sweet oak in this elegant, spicy red. Licorice and underbrush notes lurk in the background and this finishes long. Gains complexity with air. Best from 2014 through 2023. 210 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Pora Riserva 2007 \$66** There's an iodine and sea-shore element on the nose, with a note of mint. Cherry and raspberry flavors enter the fray, and the steely tannins lend their taciturn support. Savory, though cool and aloof in character, with moderate length. Best from 2015 through 2025. 1,416 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Produttori del Barbaresco Barbaresco Rabajà Riserva 2007 \$66** A fleshy style, whose cherry and raspberry fruit is accented by tobacco and tea flavors. The tannins are rustic, flexing their muscle on the firm finish. Best from 2014 through 2025. 1,166 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Ceretto Barbaresco Asij 2008 \$43** A pretty red, sporting rose, cherry, tobacco and spice aromas and flavors. Bright, well-proportioned and elegant in profile. Lingering, spicy finish. Best from 2013 through 2025. 4,500 cases imported.—B.S.

**90 Falletto di Bruno Giacosa Barbaresco Asili 2008 \$300** A sweet sawdust aroma turns to cherry and licorice notes in this fleshy red. The tannins add a chewy texture on the finish, as this stays sweet and long. Best from 2013 through 2024. 250 cases made.—B.S.

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**90 Gaja Barbaresco 2008 \$225** Chewy in texture, offering flavors of cherry, tar, licorice, coffee and white pepper. Though tannic and dusty, there's richness and sweet fruit for balance in the end. Best from 2014 through 2025. 500 cases imported.—B.S.

**90 Pertinace Barbaresco 2007 \$35** This powerful red is less about the cherry fruit and more about the sage, menthol and soy flavors. Balanced on the alcohol side, but concentrated, too, so this should settle in with age. Fine, if lacking great length. Best from 2014 through 2025. 4,750 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Prunotto Barbaresco Bric Turot 2008 \$65** This is aromatic, with cherry and white pepper aromas, followed by raspberry, leather and tobacco flavors. Elegant and firmly structured, ending with black tea and eucalyptus accents. A traditional style. Best from 2014 through 2026. 1,500 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Bruno Rocca Barbaresco 2008 \$53** Starts out rich and fleshy, with cherry, tobacco and earth notes, before turning slightly rustic on the finish, the tannins reigning. Shows better integration after aeration, so decant this if you try now. Best from 2013 through 2022. 1,120 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Sottimano Barbaresco Cottá 2008 \$60** Rose and cherry aromas lead off, followed by licorice and tobacco flavors. This is dense and grainy, with a firm, long finish. Best from 2014 through 2025. 750 cases made.—B.S.

## ITALY

### Piedmont / Barbera

**92 Coppo Barbera d'Asti Superiore Nizza Riserva della Famiglia 2004 \$170** A full-throttle, in-your-face style, with a core of sweet boysenberry, cherry and raspberry flavors accented by oak spice and mineral. Bright, fresh and intense, with a lightness to the wine and a long, lingering aftertaste of fruit and spice. Demonstrates Barbera's capacity to age and develop. Drink now through 2015. 216 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Giuseppe Mascarello & Figlio Barbera d'Alba Superiore Santo Stefano di Perno 2007 \$43** Exotic, with hints of toast and Asian spices complementing the blackberry fruit flavors. Rich and concentrated, with terrific harmony and a long, fresh finish. Drink now through 2018. 330 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Giuseppe Mascarello & Figlio Barbera d'Alba Superiore Scudetto 2007 \$35** Brilliant now, this blueberry-, raspberry- and violet-tinged red delivers succulent fruit and a vibrant structure, all harmonious and smooth. Lingers on the juicy fruit finish. Drink now through 2014. 950 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Cigliuti Barbera d'Alba Campass 2009 \$27** Rich and fleshy, this red exhibits blackberry, violet and sweet spice aromas and flavors. Ends with a juicy dark berry flourish. Drink now through 2015.—B.S.

**90 Cigliuti Barbera d'Alba Serraboella 2009 \$27** A polished red, brimming with black cherry and plum flavors, with hints of vanilla and chocolate. There's a slight dusty texture on the finish, with lingering fruit. Drink now through 2015.—B.S.

**90 Coppo Barbera d'Asti Pomorosso 2008 \$70** A beefy style, laced with spicy, bacon-scented oak that frames sweet black cherry and plum flavors. This is a flamboyant wine, with pure fruit and fine texture and harmony. Everything converges on the long, fruit- and spice-filled finish. Impressive. Drink now through 2016. 1,165 cases made.—B.S.

### 90 Fratelli Oddero Barbera d'Asti Vinchio d'Asti 2008 \$23

Smells terrific, with the flavors of violet, wild berry and black currant taking on a gamy quality. This is firm and intense on the palate, but also vibrant and long on the finish. A traditional style. Drink now through 2016. 800 cases made.—B.S.



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**89 Cascina Bongiovanni Barbera d'Alba 2008 \$32** Aromas of black olive, blackberry and plum, with flavors to match, highlight this firm, muscular red. The tannins are gritty, yet this is frank and intense. Drink now through 2014. 500 cases made.—B.S.

**89 Massolino Barbera d'Alba 2010 \$25** Supple and plush, this polished, sleek version offers blackberry and violet flavors that show a hint of bitter greens like mizuna or shiso. Moderate length. Drink now through 2015. 700 cases imported.—B.S.

**89 Paitin Barbera d'Alba Superiore Campoliva 2009 \$28** A meaty, animal-scented version, this bilberry- and blackberry-laced red needs air to reveal its multifaceted character. Dense, with a long finish. Drink now through 2015. 500 cases made.—B.S.

**89 Palladino Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2008 \$18** On the lean side, showing pure cherry and raspberry flavors. Firm and lively, as a licorice tinge chimes in on the finish. Drink now through 2013. 800 cases made.—B.S.

**88 Marchesi di Barolo Barbera d'Alba Ruvei 2008 \$18** A candied cherry aroma marks this Barbera, along with a veneer of oak. Lean and racy, with a mineral streak on the aftertaste. Needs food. Drink now through 2014. 16,000 cases made.—B.S.

**88 Beni di Batasiolo Barbera d'Alba Sovrana 2008 \$22** Rich and succulent, courtesy of the bright acidity, this red boasts cherry and raspberry flavors. Moderate tannins take over on the finish, where spice accents linger. Drink now through 2014. 18,000 cases made.—B.S.

**88 Coppo Barbera d'Asti Camp du Rouss 2008 \$20** A hint of herbs augments tart cherry and bitter chocolate in this vibrant red, which is firm on the finish, with moderate tannins and a mouthwatering impression. Drink now through 2014. 11,000 cases made.—B.S.

**88 Cordero di Montezemolo Barbera d'Alba 2009 \$19** Black pepper and blackberry flavors mark this muscular Barbera. On the earthy side, with a firm finish. Drink now through 2015. 2,500 cases made.—B.S.

**88 Marcarini Barbera d'Alba Ciabot Camerano 2008 \$18** This solid red delivers an attractive combination of cherry and raspberry flavors, joined by hints of chocolate and dense tannins. Remains persistent and shows grip on the finish. Drink now through 2014. 1,250 cases made.—B.S.

## ITALY

### Piedmont / Barolo

**97 Pianpolvere Soprano Barolo Bussia Riserva 2004 \$143** The aromas start out oaky, showing cedar, vanilla and clove elements, before turning to raspberry and flowers on the palate. Licorice, tar and tobacco flavors reign, allied to a firm texture of gripping tannins. The long, smoky finish heralds its potential. Best from 2014 through 2032. 415 cases made.—B.S.

**96 Giuseppe Mascarello & Figlio Barolo Monprivato 2007 \$125** A pure, ethereal Barolo, boasting rose, cherry and strawberry aromas and flavors, with a touch of tar. Very harmonious and elegant, with firm yet

well-delineated tannins supporting the whole. Old-school and refined. Best from 2016 through 2035. 1,830 cases made.—B.S.

**96 Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo Brunate-Le Coste 2007 \$130** See Collectibles, page 113.

**96 Vietti Barolo Villero Riserva 2004 \$300** See Collectibles, page 113.

**96 Roberto Voezio Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata Torriglione 2007 \$350** Pure, round and packed with sweet cherry and raspberry aromas and flavors, this Barolo is elegant and vibrant, featuring an almost seamless texture until dusty tannins show up on the finish. Nonetheless, the wine is integrated, picking up spice and tobacco nuances on the finish. Best from 2014 through 2028. 416 cases made.—B.S.



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**95 Gianfranco Alessandria Barolo 2006 \$45** See Highly Recommended, page 113.

**95 Cascina Chicco Barolo Rocche di Castelletto 2007 \$75** Aromatic, with a floral component to the raspberry and cherry notes. Though elegant, this has intensity and builds to the long finish. Tobacco, licorice and mineral accents add depth and dimension. Enticing from start to finish. Best from 2015 through 2032. 850 cases made.—B.S.

**95 Elvio Cogno Barolo Cascina Nuova 2007 \$53** See Highly Recommended, page 113.

**95 Aldo Conterno Barolo Bussia Cicala 2007 \$140** See Collectibles, page 114.

**95 Aldo Conterno Barolo Granbussia Riserva 2005 \$399** Cherry, eucalyptus, coconut, Bourbon and tobacco aromas and flavors herald this international-style red, which is fresh and complex, with concentration and power. There are still some tannins to shed, but overall this is balanced and long, with a mineral aftertaste. Best from 2015 through 2030. 250 cases imported.—B.S.

**95 Corino Barolo 2007 \$45** See Highly Recommended, page 113.

**95 Giuseppe Mascarello & Figlio Barolo Villero 2007 \$100** Fragrant, with light flourishes of flowers, cherry and red berry, picking up soy and tobacco flavors on the palate, with fine length. The texture is supple, with a light, airy profile, yet no shortage of tannic structure. Very Burgundian in style. Best from 2015 through 2033. 330 cases made.—B.S.

**95 Pira Barolo Cannubi 2007 \$115** A new-oak sheen surrounds this supple, delicate red, whose cherry and raspberry flavors take on a leafy tobacco edge. Ripe, yet ethereal in this category, playing out well on the fresh, crisp finish. Best from 2014 through 2025. 168 cases imported.—B.S.

**95 Fratelli Revello Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata 2007 \$108** A layer of raspberry and cherry flavors covers the firm structure in this deceptively muscular red, which shows a linear profile, with fine intertwining of fruit, spice and mineral flavors, along with precise balance. The aftertaste lingers, echoing sweet fruit and mineral notes. Best from 2015 through 2030. 85 cases made.—B.S.

**95 Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo Cannubi S. Lorenzo-Ravera 2007 \$130** The wood initially lends a dill and sawdust quality to the cherry fruit. With air, this reveals greater purity to its strawberry and raspberry flavors. Very elegant, resonating on the long, red berry and mineral aftertaste. Ethereal and old-school. Best from 2013 through 2029. 450 cases made.—B.S.



**95 Giovanni Rosso Barolo Cerretta 2007 \$100**

Simply compelling from start to finish, exhibiting raspberry, cherry and floral aromas and flavors that are pure and focused, with support from the solid yet ripe tannins. This shows fruit and a silky texture up front, with structure on the back end, coming together on the long, fruit- and spice-tinged aftertaste. Best from 2015 through 2032. 666 cases made.—B.S.

**95 Vietti Barolo Brunate 2007 \$130** This enticing red kicks off with sweet cherry, berry, spice and pepper aromas and flavors, picking up wild underbrush and smoky, mineral elements. The sinewy tannins keep this all together, leading to a fresh, lively finish. Best from 2015 through 2032. 255 cases made.—B.S.

**95 Roberto Voerzio Barolo Cerequio 2007 \$375** Fresh, elegant and airy, despite its firm structure, this red offers black cherry and licorice flavors, with a hint of tar. Juicy and lively, with fine balance and a licorice-accented aftertaste. Quintessential La Morra, showing fine harmony. Best from 2015 through 2033. 340 cases made.—B.S.

**94 Giacomo Borgogno & Figli Barolo Le Categorie Umane 2006 \$94** Not much in the way of aroma, with a core of cherry and strawberry peeking through before the stern tannins clamp down on the finish. Very classic, with dense tannins and freshness, remaining balanced through the long finish. Best from 2016 through 2035. 500 cases made.—B.S.

**94 Cascina Bruciata Barolo Cannubi Muscatel 2007 \$52** An element of pure cherry plays off of the eucalyptus and tobacco flavors in this elegant, structured red. The tannins are on the astringent side, yet the wine ends sweet and long, with an expression of mineral on the aftertaste. Best from 2014 through 2029. 100 cases made.—B.S.

**94 Aldo Conterno Barolo Bussia Colonnello 2007 \$140** A blast of sweet cherry and plum marks this ripe, round Barolo, which displays a firm structure, evidenced by the wall of tannins on the finish. A bit heavy-handed now, yet long and with enough fruit to stand up to the tannins. Be patient. Best from 2015 through 2032. 300 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Paolo Conterno Barolo Riva del Bric 2007 \$61** Cherry and raspberry fruit are augmented by licorice and tobacco notes in this supple, yet firmly structured, red. This is balanced and lingers with floral and mineral accents. Very long and stretched taut. Best from 2014 through 2028. 800 cases made.—B.S.

**94 Bartolo Mascarello Barolo 2006 \$90** A distinctive orange pekoe tea aroma settles into cherry, licorice and eucalyptus flavors as this rich red unfolds on the palate. It's firm and closes down, but the sweet fruit lingers and this shows fine potential. Best from 2015 through 2032.—B.S.

**94 Massolino Barolo Vigna Rionda Riserva 2005 \$140** Licorice, tar and spice are the flavor themes in this red, along with sanguine and iron notes. A lean wine, with dense, chewy tannins and a tight finish. This gets juicier with aeration, just needs time. Best from 2015 through 2028. 200 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Miraflore Barolo Lazzarito 2007 \$119** Pure raspberry flavors mark this supple Barolo, whose detail and texture are beguiling. Don't be fooled; this has plenty of structure, just impeccable balance that makes it seem weightless, allowing the fruit, spice and mineral elements to shine. Best from 2014 through 2030. 1,500 cases made.—B.S.

**94 Mauro Molino Barolo Vigna Conca 2007 \$90** This licorice-scented red is chewy and fresh, exhibiting cherry, plum and sweet tobacco flavors. This shows some muscle, but is well-toned rather than big. The long licorice- and cherry-accented finish completes the profile. Best from 2015 through 2030. 112 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Fratelli Oddero Barolo Brunate 2007 \$129**

Combines the ripe fruit and refined tannins of 2007 with the density and muscularity of 2006. Fluid but firm, delivering cherry, tobacco and savory flavors that stretch out on the grip-filled finish. Best from 2015 through 2029. 150 cases made.—B.S.

**94 Armando Parusso Barolo Bussia 2007 \$112** Oversized and opulent, with a core of cherry, raspberry and tea flavors accented by tobacco and spice notes. There are wood tannins, too, making this a little rigid at this stage. The fruit is there, so be patient. Long aftertaste. Best from 2015 through 2032. 700 cases made.—B.S.

**94 Pecchenino Barolo San Giuseppe 2007 \$55** An intense, ripe raspberry core provides the foundation for floral, licorice, tobacco and mineral elements. This is pure and racy, yet also lean and sinewy—a real thoroughbred. Shows terrific balance and harmony. Best from 2015 through 2029. 100 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Pietro Rinaldi Barolo Monvigliero 2006 \$61** Fresh-smelling, featuring floral, cherry, strawberry, eucalyptus and black tea aromas and flavors, with a dense carpet of tannins lending support. Balanced and assertive, in a quietly confident way, with fine length. Best from 2014 through 2030. 500 cases made.—B.S.

**94 Luciano Sandrone Barolo Cannubi Boschis 2007 \$165** Aromatic, with floral, red berry and spice notes, joined by a hint of tar and tobacco as this plays out on the finish. Elegant overall, as chewy tannins provide support. The finish turns savory, with a mineral accent. Best from 2014 through 2028. 150 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Luciano Sandrone Barolo Le Vigne 2007 \$155** A lush texture frames flavors of blackberry, plum and spice, upheld by the dense, steely structure.

Well-proportioned, this red needs time for the sweet fruit and structure to harmonize. Very long, with a core of cherry lingering. Best from 2016 through 2035.—B.S.

**94 Paolo Scavino Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata Riserva 2004 \$200** Beginning to shed some of its tannins, this is mellowing nicely, exhibiting rich cherry, raspberry, spice and tobacco notes. Supple in texture, showing just enough grip to keep its focus, with a lingering tobacco finish. Best from 2013 through 2027. 450 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Vietti Barolo Lazzarito 2007 \$130** A round red, featuring cherry, plum, tobacco and iron notes that find ample support from the dense tannins. Beefy and muscular on the finish, this is a shade more austere than some of its peers. Best from 2016 through 2033. 425 cases made.—B.S.

**94 Roberto Voerzio Barolo La Serra 2007 \$375** Stunning aromas of cherry, licorice, tar and tobacco mark this ripe, expressive Barolo. Dense and concentrated, yet fresh and round, with sweet fruit the main feature. There's a long aftertaste, but given the wine's forward character, should be approachable soon. Best from 2015 through 2033. 320 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Elio Altare Barolo 2007 \$75** Sweet cherry and raspberry flavors are accented by eucalyptus and soy, all matched to an elegant, fluid profile. Deftly balanced, with firm tannins on the finish. Best from 2016 through 2035. 1,083 cases made.—B.S.

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**93 Luigi Baudana Barolo Baudana 2007 \$80** Gorgeous fruit up front—plum, black cherry and rose, with a touch of menthol—marries beautifully with the opulent texture in this alluring red. Lest you forget this is Barolo, the beefy tannins sweep in on the finish, yet this is long and balanced. Best from 2015 through 2032. 300 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Giacomo Borgogno & Figli Barolo Vigna Liste 2006 \$114** Black cherry, floral, wild herb, tobacco and underbrush aromas and flavors mark this dense, austere Barolo, which has fine intensity, depth and length. Balanced toward the tannins in the end, with a stern, dry finish. Be patient. Best from 2015 through 2032. 3,500 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Ca' Romé di Romano Marengo Barolo Vigna Cerretta 2007 \$86** Currant and cherry notes are the main themes, supported by medicinal herb and tobacco notes. There's a steely backbone and plenty of grip on the long finish. Best from 2014 through 2030. 850 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Domenico Clerico Barolo Pajana 2007 \$100** A tight-fisted, compact example, with cherry, menthol and spice flavors locked up by the stern structure. Stays fresh and energetic on the long finish, revealing its ultimate potential. Be patient. Best from 2015 through 2032. 680 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Aldo Conterno Barolo 2007 \$78** Rich and saturated with cherry, raspberry, licorice and tar notes, this red is concentrated and intense. Remains elegant and focused on the grip-filled finish. Best from 2015 through 2028. 500 cases imported.—B.S.

**93 Renato Corino Barolo 2007 \$40** Offering a deep well of plum, cherry, licorice and leather flavors, this is bright and fresh, with firm, well-integrated tannins. A chewy style, balanced with sweet fruit. Excellent length. Best from 2014 through 2028. 540 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Icardi Barolo Parej 2007 \$70** Laced with plum, mint, tobacco and vanilla flavors, with a hint of chocolate, this generous, fruit-driven Barolo is open and inviting. The tannins circle the fruit on the finish, playing out with a long, spice-tinged aftertaste. Best from 2014 through 2025. 875 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Giovanni Manzone Barolo Bricat 2007 \$65** Cherry, leaf, tobacco and underbrush flavors highlight this sinewy Barolo. This is vibrant, elegant and firm, with tar and licorice elements emerging on the lingering finish. This may show a bit too much grip for some, but fans of the traditional style will like this. Best from 2015 through 2030. 550 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Giovanni Manzone Barolo Castelletto 2007 \$60** Ripe and juicy, this red offers cherry, plum, licorice and tobacco aromas and flavors matched to a fine structure. A Barolo of finesse more than power, with a sleekness to its profile and a long, elegant finish. Best from 2014 through 2028. 500 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Giuseppe Mascarello & Figlio Barolo Santo Stefano di Perno 2007 \$106** Supple in texture—at least until the dusty tannins sweep in—this red is more about tar, leather, licorice and tobacco than sweet cherry fruit. Offers a rather gruff personality for the vintage, but in keeping with its origins. Menthol and tar notes linger on the finish. Best from 2016 through 2032. 415 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Mauro Molino Barolo Vigna Gancia 2007 \$80** Menthol and eucalyptus aromas lead off in this cherry- and tar-flavored red. This is rich and chewy at once, with fine balance and a light- to medium-bodied frame. Long finish. Best from 2014 through 2028. 112 cases imported.—B.S.

**93 Armando Parusso Barolo Marioldino 2006 \$64** A wild ride of menthol, eucalyptus and balsamic notes, matched by bright raspberry and black currant fruit.

This is rich, with a base of tough tannins, ending in a mineral spree. Big and rangy. Needs time to integrate. Best from 2016 through 2032. 700 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Pecchenino Barolo Le Coste 2007 \$104** A ripe, firm, muscular red, sporting plum, cherry and licorice aromas and flavors, tinged by tobacco and mineral notes. Toggles between the fruit and savory elements, resting on the latter as the tightly coiled finish lingers. A burly wine that needs time. Best from 2015 through 2030. 484 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Pira Barolo Via Nuova 2007 \$106** A ripe, exotic style, showing black currant, blueberry and cherry flavors. The bright fruit quickly gives way to stiff tannins, yet this is balanced, building to a long, fruit- and spice-filled finish. Very polished. Best from 2014 through 2028. 112 cases imported.—B.S.

**93 Renato Ratti Barolo Conca 2007 \$80** A modern style, deeply colored and spicy from new oak, delivering black cherry, plum and tar flavors. Rigid now, with additional tannins from the oak, but plenty of sweet fruit marks the long finish. Best from 2014 through 2030. 120 cases imported.—B.S.

**93 Renato Ratti Barolo Rocche 2007 \$97** Sweet cherry and plum flavors pick up a hint of licorice as this gains grip. The finish shuts down as the dense tannins take over. Though not that complex right now, this red is bright and long, with a mineral finish. Be patient. Best from 2015 through 2028. 300 cases imported.—B.S.

**93 Giovanni Rocca Barolo Bricco Ravera 2007 \$42** An elegant version, whose raspberry, strawberry, eucalyptus and tobacco notes are wrapped in muscular tannins. This finishes on the dry side, but there's sweet fruit up front, so be patient. Best from 2015 through 2030. 100 cases made.—B.S.

**93 Roberto Voerzio Barolo Brunate 2007 \$375** Mentholated herbs and black cherry are the main flavor themes, with a touch of rhubarb, while a firm grip of tannins anchors the finish. A lean, sinewy 2007, with a long finish of tar and spice. Not the typical elegance of this cru. Best from 2016 through 2035. 270 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Fratelli Alessandria Barolo 2007 \$47** Big, rich and fruity, displaying black cherry, plum, leather and tar flavors. The tannins are dense, yet balanced with the fruit and smooth profile. Fine, spicy finish. Best from 2015 through 2030. 1,200 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Fratelli Alessandria Barolo Monvigliero 2007 \$62** A sumptuous red, full of sweet fruit, cinnamon, sandalwood and tobacco notes. This has power and grip, with the balance tipping toward the alcohol. The fresh, long finish shows licorice and eucalyptus accents. Best from 2014 through 2027. 350 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Fratelli Alessandria Barolo San Lorenzo 2007 \$62** The silky texture is the calling card of this cherry-, strawberry- and spice-filled red, which is juicy and harmonious, with ripe, refined tannins marking the lingering finish. Best from 2014 through 2026. 300 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Luigi Baudana Barolo 2007 \$50** Lush and bordering on chocolate in flavor, delivering more typical tobacco and licorice notes and a touch of blackberry. This is dense, but in a chunky way rather than supple. Dusty tannins mark the finish. Best from 2015 through 2027. 300 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Michele Chiarlo Barolo Tortoniano 2007 \$55** Fresh black cherry, black currant and woody tobacco aromas and flavors highlight this clean red, which shows a purity and focus without losing the Nebbiolo density. The long aftertaste shows fruit and spice notes. Best from 2014 through 2028. 5,000 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Elvio Cogno Barolo Ravera 2007 \$74** A tightly wound red, whose solid structure is coiled

around a core of cherry and strawberry flavors. White pepper and tobacco notes add interest, as this is on the astringent side now. Long, with a spice- and underbrush-accented finish. Best from 2015 through 2030. 600 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Giacomo Conterno Barolo Cascina Francia 2007 \$150** Cherry, herbs, cinnamon and a hint of mint mark this sinewy red. Fresh and firm, with an astringent finish. An orange peel note lingers on the finish. Best from 2015 through 2028. 2,000 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Coppo Barolo 2007 \$95** Aromas and flavors of medicinal herbs and menthol are accented by cherry in this savory red, which is fresh and vibrant, with a touch of heat in the balance and a chewy, licorice- and tar-tinged finish. Best from 2014 through 2028. 208 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Luigi Einaudi Barolo Terlo 2007 \$78** A lovely expression of cherry and plum marks this round, spice- and underbrush-tinged red. The sweet fruit gives way to firm tannins as this picks up power and stamina on the lingering finish. Best from 2015 through 2026. 875 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Massolino Barolo 2007 \$55** Smooth and rich, featuring cherry, raspberry, licorice and tobacco notes. Offers a dense tapestry of fruit and spice, balanced with a solid structure. The finish rings long and spicy, with a lingering freshness. Best from 2015 through 2032.—B.S.

**92 Mauro Molino Barolo 2007 \$42** This fresh, clean, fruit-driven style emphasizes black cherry, blackberry and eucalyptus flavors, all backed by firm, mouth-coating tannins. Fine length. Best from 2015 through 2030. 336 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Mauro Molino Barolo Gallinotto 2007 \$53** Ripe, featuring eucalyptus, balsamic and soy aromas and flavors, with hints of tar and a saline note. Rich and fleshy, coating the dense, well-integrated tannins. The fine aftertaste tends toward licorice. Best from 2014 through 2028. 112 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Fratelli Oddero Barolo Villero 2007 \$66** Displaying very ripe plum aromas, with a veneer of oak, this red comes together better on the palate, as rich raspberry, plum and spice flavors compete against the tannins. Shows a firm finish, so decant now or wait a few years. Best from 2015 through 2029. 400 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Armando Parusso Barolo Marioldino 2007 \$68** An attractive mix of cherry, plum, menthol and underbrush notes mark this traditional style of Barolo. This is almost austere now, especially on the finish, where drying, tobacco-tinged tannins hold court. Best from 2015 through 2030. 700 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Giovanni Rocca Barolo 2007 \$37** This international-style red shows clove, nutmeg and vanilla shades to its cherry, plum and tar flavors. Vibrant, harmonious and well-defined, this just needs time for the tannins to absorb. Best from 2014 through 2028. 1,500 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Giovanni Sordo Barolo Ceretta di Perno 2007 \$41** A fruity, round version, offering cherry, black tea and tobacco flavors. This firms up, turning more elegant on the finish. Best from 2014 through 2027. 2,350 cases made.—B.S.

**92 Vietti Barolo Castiglione 2007 \$48** A meaty, dense style, packing plum and cherry flavors accented by tea and tobacco, this muscular red wears its burly tannins well, with enough sweet fruit for balance. Fine length. Best from 2015 through 2030. 3,597 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Marchesi di Barolo Barolo Cannubi 2006 \$105** Big, bright cherry and plum fruit graces this red, which starts out open and round, only to tighten up with dense, dusty tannins on the finish. There's plenty of fruit, but needs time. Best from 2015 through 2028. 600 cases made.—B.S.



## New Releases: Italy

**91 Bersano Barolo Nirvasco 2007 \$44** Round and accessible, offering cherry, plum and sweet spice flavors, backed by ripe, smooth tannins. Fine length shows its potential. There's no rush, though—this will continue to develop over the next decade. Best from 2013 through 2021. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 10,000 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Cascina Adelaide Barolo 2007 \$45** This delivers a nice mix of cherry, raspberry, eucalyptus and tobacco aromas and flavors, with a mineral undercurrent. Firms up on the finish, showing grip and a spicy aftertaste. Best from 2014 through 2027. 1,666 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Paolo Conterno Barolo Ginestra 2007 \$79** Cherry is the main flavor in this firm red, joined by highlights of flowers and underbrush. This shows balance among its fruit, flesh and structure, with fine length on the finish. Best from 2015 through 2028. 1,500 cases imported.—B.S.

**91 Damilano Barolo Lecinquevigne 2007 \$38** Fragrant, exhibiting sandalwood, cherry, strawberry and tobacco aromas and flavors. Taut, with latent energy and persistence, this needs time to develop. Ends with a beautiful fruit- and mineral-laced finish. Best from 2014 through 2025. 3,000 cases imported.—B.S.

**91 Miraflore Barolo 2007 \$40** A chewy style, with rich cherry, licorice and tobacco flavors and dense tannins, yet round and open, with a slight firmness still present on the finish. Best from 2013 through 2026. 4,000 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Fratelli Oddero Barolo 2007 \$42** This lean, angular Barolo is tightly wound, with cherry, tobacco and underbrush notes. Though firmly tannic, this is balanced and long, in a chewy, sinewy style. Best from 2015 through 2030. 3,000 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Armando Parusso Barolo Le Coste Mosconi 2007 \$95** A hint of oak buoys the cherry, berry and tobacco flavors, adding spice and a touch of sweetness. The tannins are also ripe, resulting in a generous, smooth red. Sweet fruit and spice elements linger. Best from 2014 through 2028. 300 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Luigi Pira Barolo Margheria 2007 \$55** Shows fine depth to its black cherry and black currant flavors, with shades of chocolate in the mix. There's finesse and complexity, but also firm, dusty tannins. This will be an excellent bottle in time. 585 cases made.—B.S.

**91 G.D. Vajra Barolo Bricco delle Viole 2007 \$78** This is ripe, showing plum and black cherry aromas and flavors, along with an iron note and a structure of big, burly tannins. Awkward now, and balanced on the dry side, yet with sweet fruit. Best from 2015 through 2024. 730 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Gianfranco Bovio Barolo Rocchettevino 2006 \$60** An elegant style, fragrant with rose and berry before tobacco and licorice flavors emerge on the palate. Finishes with refined tannins. Best from 2014 through 2025. 500 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Bruna Grimaldi Barolo Bricco Ambrogio 2007 \$53** Macerated cherry aromas and flavors are reminiscent of a mature vintage Port, though this is dry and very elegant. Firm tannins leave an astringent impression on the finish, but this is austere right now. Best from 2014 through 2024. 541 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Giovanni Manzone Barolo Gramolere 2007 \$60** A very structured red, with a racy underpinning to its cherry, strawberry, floral and tobacco flavors. The tannins clamp down on the finish, and there's a tealike aftertaste. Best from 2016 through 2030. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 875 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Pietro Rinaldi Barolo 2007 \$46** Up-front suppleness is matched by finely meshed tannins in this fruity red. Main flavors of cherry and raspberry show

licorice and underbrush accents. Fine length. Best from 2014 through 2027. 700 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Abbazia di San Gaudenzio Barolo 2005 \$43** Elegant, with light strawberry, raspberry and tar flavors riding the linear structure. Everything is in the right place, and this appears to have the sweet fruit to match its tannins. Best from 2013 through 2024. 5,000 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Paolo Scavino Barolo 2007 \$57** Ripe bilberry and raspberry notes are appealing in this open, approachable Barolo. Moderately firm, integrated tannins hold up the finish. Drink now through 2020. 1,250 cases imported.—B.S.

**90 G.D. Vajra Barolo Albe 2007 \$45** An austere 2007, with a tightly knit core of cherry, strawberry and spice flavors. The structure is firm and the alcohol elevated, throwing some heat on the finish. Should settle down with age. Best from 2014 through 2025. 3,800 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Mauro Veglio Barolo Rocche dell'Annunziata 2007 \$75** Elegant and intense, combining cherry, strawberry, herbs and tobacco notes with a dense and tightly wound structure. A little tough on the finish, but this has character. Best from 2014 through 2027. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 150 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Castello di Verduno Barolo Massara 2006 \$70** Though fruity and initially supple, offering sweet cherry and spice flavors with accents of tobacco and spices, this shows plenty of grip on the finish. Best from 2014 through 2025. 480 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Giovanni Viberti Barolo Buon Padre 2007 \$60** Modern in style, focused on bright, fresh cherry and black currant fruit, joined by sweet spices and toast for grace notes. Velvety and well-integrated, with a lingering, sweet finish. Best from 2014 through 2026. 2,000 cases made.—B.S.

## ITALY

### Piedmont / Dolcetto

**92 Pecchenino Dogliani Bricco Botti 2008 \$35** The essence of black cherry lies at the core of this red, whose purity and elegance belie its concentration. The tannins are still assertive and the acidity refreshing. Shows fine length, with a finish full of fruit and spice. Drink now through 2016. 100 cases imported.—B.S.

**91 Marziano Abbona Dogliani Papà Celso 2009 \$25** Cherry jam, boysenberry and black pepper flavors are at the core of this supple, generous red, which is concentrated and firmly structured, with a lingering aftertaste of fruit and spice. Drink now through 2015. 350 cases imported.—B.S.

**91 Luigi Einaudi Dogliani Vigna Tecc 2009 \$30** The fruit verges on exotic, with flavors of wild cherry and chocolate and a hint of tobacco playing out on the smooth texture. There's grip underneath, but overall this is fresh and round. Drinkable now and serious enough for complex food. Drink now through 2015. 2,000 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Pecchenino Dogliani Siri d'Jermu 2009 \$27** This red is rich, verging on opulent, but also fresh and defined, with black cherry and blackberry flavors dovetailing with the vibrant structure on the finish. Ends with a long aftertaste of fresh berry fruit and spice. Drink now through 2015. 2,000 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Bruno Rocca Dolcetto d'Alba Trifolè 2010 \$19** Pure, elegant and harmonious, with violet and cherry flavors holding court. The bright acidity and firm tannins are well-integrated, making this a fluid red. A hint of pepper graces the finish. Drink now through 2014. 480 cases made.—B.S.



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**89 Giacomo Borgogno & Figli Dolcetto d'Alba 2010 \$19** Polished and supple, yet solidly built, showcasing its violet, black currant and cherry flavors. Still firm on the finish, so give this a few months to integrate. Best from 2013 through 2016. 1,000 cases made.—B.S.

**89 Quinto Chionetti & Figlio Dolcetto di Dogliani San Luigi 2010 \$18** A bright infusion of black cherry and black pepper, with just a touch of bitter almond, are the highlights of this juicy red, which leaves a mouthwatering impression. Drink now through 2013. 5,000 cases made.—B.S.

**89 G.D. Vajra Dolcetto d'Alba 2010 \$20** Dark and violet-scented, displaying floral and black currant flavors, with a hint of cracked pepper. Though ripe, this is elegant and taut, with spicy finish. Best from 2013 through 2016. 5,300 cases made.—B.S.

**88 Quinto Chionetti & Figlio Dolcetto di Dogliani Briccolero 2010 \$22** A tightly wound, astringent red, with tart cherry and cranberry flavors on a backbone of firm tannins. This is concentrated, so give it a few months to relax. Drink now through 2014. 4,000 cases made.—B.S.

**88 Cigliuti Dolcetto d'Alba Serraboella 2010 \$20** Ripe and expansive, featuring macerated cherry, wild berry and tobacco flavors. Ends with a cleansing astringency. Drink now through 2013.—B.S.

**87 Marchesi di Barolo Dolcetto d'Alba Madonna di Como 2009 \$18** A smoky cherry note on the nose and palate gets added lift from a hint of chocolate and raspberry in this fresh, supple red, with light tannins on the finish. Drink now. 6,000 cases made.—B.S.

**87 Stefano Farina Dolcetto di Diano d'Alba 2010 \$14** A soft, fruity red, sporting black cherry and blackberry flavors. Pure and very approachable. Drink now. 2,000 cases made.—B.S.

## ITALY

### Piedmont / Langhe

**93 Gaja Langhe Costa Russi 2008 \$440** Deep and rich, this red is fresh and vibrant, displaying mint, cherry, licorice and spice flavors. Framed in oak, both spice and tannins, with a taut structure and fine length. Best from 2014 through 2025. 150 cases imported.—B.S.

**93 Gaja Langhe Sori San Lorenzo 2008 \$440** Coffee, licorice and baker's spices overshadow the more delicate cherry and berry aromas and flavors in this tightly wound, linear red. But the length and vibrant structure keep this pulsating through the finish, where a mineral accent emerges. Best from 2015 through 2030. 150 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Aldo Conterno Nebbiolo Langhe Il Favot 2008 \$53** Coffee and cocoa aromas segue into black cherry and plum flavors as this rich, polished red unfolds on the palate. Though pure fruit and sweet oak notes persist, the wine is more about the texture and harmony. Ends with a long, lingering aftertaste of cherry, vanilla and spices. Best from 2014 through 2028. 150 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Pelissero Langhe Long Now 2008 \$50** The dark ruby purple color is matched by brooding plum and blackberry fruit in this imposing red, which is dense and rigid, with the blueberry and spice elements playing out on the finish. Needs time to absorb the tannins. Nebbiolo and Barbera. Best from 2014 through 2025. 800 cases made.—B.S.

**91 Gaja Langhe Sori Tildin 2008 \$440** Espresso, plum, black cherry and toast aromas and flavors mark this powerful, muscular red, which is angular and out of sorts today, but dense and grainy, with a firm, tannic structure. The oak dominates the finish, so give this time. Best from 2015 through 2032. 150 cases imported.—B.S.

**90 Giacomo Borgogno & Figli Nebbiolo Langhe 2009 \$34** Exuding cherry, rose petal, leather and tar aromas and flavors, this red has the muscular structure and assertive tannins, but also the character and complexity, with fine grip and length. Very Nebbiolo. Best from 2014 through 2021. 3,000 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Cigliuti Langhe Briccoserra 2008 \$45** Generous, yet not soft, with a lush up-front appeal from the blackberry and black cherry fruit. There's support from the dusty tannins, while a pure blueberry note shines through on the lingering finish. Barbera and Nebbiolo. Best from 2013 through 2020. 400 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Giuseppe Rinaldi Nebbiolo Langhe 2009 \$36** This red is taut and intense, despite its elegant stature, revealing strawberry, raspberry and peppery spice notes. Though firmly structured on the finish, this has sweet fruit as well. Best from 2013 through 2020. 500 cases made.—B.S.

**90 Pietro Rinaldi Langhe Argante 2008 \$28** There's ample spice in this red, along with licorice, black cherry and plum flavors that are set against a backdrop of tight, dense tannins. Sweet spices grace the finish. Nebbiolo. Best from 2013 through 2020. 600 cases made.—B.S.

**90 G.D. Vajra Nebbiolo Langhe 2009 \$23** Enticing aromas of raspberry and flowers introduce this supple, elegant red. As the raspberry and cherry flavors unfold, moderate tannins bolster the finish. Drink now through 2016. 2,400 cases made.—B.S.

**89 Ceretto Langhe Monsordo 2009 \$36** Aromatic, with black currant, black cherry and thyme flavors that show a hint of licorice. This is round and supported by firm, integrated tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah. Best from 2013 through 2020. 4,800 cases made.—B.S.

**89 Paitin Langhe 2008 \$21** Loaded with black currant, blackberry and spice flavors, this red is on the lean, austere side. Saturated and long, needing time to soften the firm grip. Nebbiolo, Barbera and Cabernet Sauvignon. Best from 2013 through 2018. 666 cases made.—B.S.

**89 Vietti Nebbiolo Langhe Perbacco 2008 \$25** There are tar and diesel aromas, but mostly opulent, sweet fruit flavors, in this ripe, concentrated red, which is thick but juicy, and the tannins are firm and well-coated. This is just a little dry in the end. Best from 2014 through 2022. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 4,000 cases made.—B.S.

## ITALY

### Piedmont / White

**90 Coppo Gavi La Rocca 2010 \$17** A distinctive graphite aroma leads off in this fresh, harmonious white, followed by apple, peach and chive flavors. Lingers with a clean aftertaste of mountain water and mineral. Drink now through 2014. 500 cases imported.—B.S.

**90 La Zerba Gavi 2010 \$17** Beautifully balanced, this white features apple, lemon and mineral aromas and flavors. The rich texture is offset by tangy acidity as this lingers with a graphite and citrus aftertaste. Drink now through 2014. 3,000 cases made.—B.S.

**89 Cantine Ascheri Bra Arneis Langhe Cristina 2010 \$18** Creamy peach and passion fruit flavors permeate the texture of this round white, with a hint of orange zest. A vibrant structure keeps it defined and drives the length. Drink now. 1,650 cases made.—B.S.

**89 Michele Chiarlo Gavi Le Marne 2010 \$19** A ripe version, boasting melon and peach flavors, with an undercurrent of lemon. Stays fresh and vibrant, ending with a mouthwatering finish. Drink now. 2,500 cases imported.—B.S.



**89 Malvirà Roero Arneis Saglietto 2009 \$26**

A lean, tight style, focused by its acidity and a bitter grapefruit element. Remains persistent, with a mineral aftertaste. Long and intense. Drink now. 1,250 cases made.—B.S.

**88 Cantine Ascheri Bra Gavi Cristina 2010 \$20**

Apple and quinine flavors are enhanced by the bright structure in this clean white, which is refreshing and almost chalky on the finish. Drink now. 3,300 cases made.—B.S.

**88 Damilano Arneis Langhe 2010 \$21**

A rich, full-bodied style, featuring apricot, peach and white pepper flavors. This is balanced and lingers with a spicy finish. Drink now. 2,500 cases imported.—B.S.

**88 Vigne Regali Gavi Principessa Gavia 2010 \$14**

A fresh, crisp white, with tangy lemon, green apple and grass flavors. This is balanced and leaves a mouthwatering finish. Drink now. 22,500 cases made.—B.S.

**87 Marchesi di Barolo Gavi 2010 \$18**

A smoky aroma gives way to lemony and grassy flavors as this sleek white goes from start to finish. Just tails off a little at the end. Drink now. 6,000 cases made.—B.S.

**ITALY****Veneto****92 Zenato Amarone della Valpolicella Classico Sergio Zenato Riserva 2005 \$125**

Elegant, yet with good intensity, showing a bright tanginess to the acidity that enlivens flavors of dried cranberry, date, kirschwasser and aromatic dried herbs and spices. Layered and lightly chewy, with just a touch of heat on the long finish of sweet fruit. Drink now through 2020. 1,400 cases made.—A.N.

**91 Fattori Soave Motto Piane 2010 \$40**

Rich and dry, with notes of peach compote, crystallized pineapple, honeysuckle and kumquat. Hints of fleur de sel and beeswax wind through the wine and linger on the long, mouthwatering finish. Drink now through 2017. 800 cases made.—A.N.

**91 Nicolis Amarone della Valpolicella Classico 2004 \$55**

Silky and elegant, offering finely meshed layers of date, chocolate-covered cherry and dried fig, with a streak of minerality and subtle, juicy acidity. A hint of sweet smoke lingers on the refined finish. Drink now through 2016. 32,000 cases made.—A.N.

**90 Roberto Anselmi Veneto White San Vincenzo 2010 \$13**

See Best Values, page 116.

**89 Monte Tondo Soave Corte del Sole 2010 \$12**

Rich flavors of salted butter, dried pineapple, blanched almond and lemon peel are set in a svelte frame. Mouthwatering, with a note of saline minerality on the open-knit finish. Drink now through 2016. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 3,300 cases made.—A.N.

**87 Zenato Lugana San Benedetto 2010 \$15**

Open-knit and lightly juicy, with a baseline note of fennel seed mixing with hints of lemon cream, baked apple and blanched almond. A touch of petrol shows on the moderate finish. Drink now. 3,000 cases imported.—A.N.

**85 Tenuta Polvaro Veneto Nero 2010 \$12**

A balanced red, with juicy acidity, this offers an earthy undertone to its ripe black raspberry, wild strawberry and fig fruit flavors, as well as hints of tomato leaf, ground clove and cumin spice. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah and Refosco. Drink now. 7,000 cases made.—A.N.

**84 Cantina Montelliana Pinot Grigio Veneto Montasolo 2010 \$9**

Framed by fresh acidity, melon and apple notes mix with hints of almond and candle wax in this modest Pinot Grigio, which has a lightly smoky finish. Drink now. 12,500 cases made.—A.N.

**ITALY****Other Red****92 Donnachiara Taurasi Riserva 2007 \$60**

This dense red offers a compact mix of blackberry coulis, kirsch, mocha, underbrush, espresso and flint notes. Full, rich tannins assert themselves now, but should resolve with short-term cellaring. Best from 2013 through 2023. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 116 cases made.—N.W.

**91 Mastroberardino Taurasi Radici 2006 \$60**

This tight red balances ripe blackberry, cherry and currant flavors with earthy underbrush and spice notes. There are big tannins here, but the fruit fights through to the licorice- and mineral-tinged finish. Best from 2013 through 2020. 6,700 cases made.—N.W.

**88 Barone Fini Merlot Trentino 2010 \$12**

A stylish red, with ripe tannins framing vanilla- and spice-tinged plum, boysenberry and cassis fruit, with graphite and aromatic herb notes. Appealing for its ripe fruit profile and overall elegance. Drink now through 2018. 20,000 cases made.—A.N.

**88 Cavit Lagrein Trentino Bottega Vinai 2009 \$20**

Balanced and supple, this offers creamy notes of blackberry, black currant, licorice snap and fragrant underbrush, with a mineral subnote. The finish is clean and fresh. Drink now through 2018. 2,600 cases imported.—A.N.

**87 Barberani Umbria Vallesanta Polago 2009 \$12**

This rich red displays a mix of ripe blackberry, plum skin, wild herb and tobacco notes, as moderate tannins frame the iron-tinged finish. Sangiovese and Montepulciano. Drink now. 11,000 cases made.—N.W.

**87 Marano Salento Barocco 2009 \$9**

An expressive red, with notes of underbrush, sanguine and cigar box highlighting the crushed cherry and raspberry notes that linger on the mineral finish. Negroamaro and Malvasia Nera. Drink now. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 35,000 cases made.—N.W.

**ITALY****Other White & Dessert****91 Serraglia Passito di Pantelleria Carole Bouquet Sangue d'Oro 2009 \$60/500ml**

This dense, spicy sweetie builds with layers of Turkish apricot, date, toffee, espresso and wild herb notes. Juicy acidity keeps this fresh, with a long, savory finish. Drink now through 2020. 775 cases made.—N.W.

**88 Cavit Pinot Grigio Vigneti delle Dolomiti Alta Luna White 2010 \$14**

Lightly creamy, with subtle notes of apricot, yellow peach, kumquat, vanilla and jasmine. Well-balanced and fresh, with a moderate finish. Drink now. 19,000 cases imported.—A.N.

**87 Lechthaler Pinot Grigio Trentino 2010 \$15**

Delicate, offering pretty lily, orange blossom and cardamom aromatics, accenting apricot, lemon pound cake and star fruit flavors. Fresh and tangy, with a creamy finish. Drink now. 1,600 cases imported.—A.N.

**87 Rivera Chardonnay Castel del Monte Pre-ludio No. 1 2010 \$14**

Light but well-balanced, with notes of fresh-cut apple, melon and spring herbs leading to a mineral finish. Drink now. 9,000 cases made.—N.W.

**86 Cusumano Insolia Sicilia 2010 \$12**

Zesty melon, citrus and Honeycrisp apple notes hold court on the spice- and mineral-tinged finish. Drink now. 30,000 cases made.—N.W.

**85 Tormaresca Chardonnay Puglia 2010 \$12**

Offers solid varietal character, with ripe apple, lemon curd and spice notes framed by a kiss of oak. Drink now. 15,000 cases imported.—N.W.



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