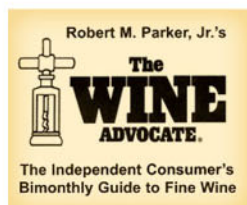




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2009 Cordero di Montezemolo Barolo Monfalletto

Cordero di Montezemolo

A Nebbiolo Dry Red Table wine from

Monfalletto dell'Annunziata, La Morra, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy

Rating

93

The dark and sumptuous 2009 Barolo Monfalletto has its cards stacked neatly. The wine delivers a beautiful bouquet laced with dried fruit, licorice, white truffle and all sorts of delicious Nebbiolo intricacies. It shows a solid grip on the palate, with a compact and streamlined feel. The class and finesse already present bodes well for the future. Anticipated maturity: 2017-2030. In family hands since 1340 (spanning an amazing 19 generations), this is one of the oldest estates in Italy. Today, it is run by Giovanni Cordero di Montezemolo and his two children Elena and Alberto. The family owns 30 hectares, of which 28 are a single vineyard in the Annunziata cru of La Morra's Monfalletto-Gattera hill. They also have two hectares in Castiglione Falletto (the Villero cru) where one of their top wines, the Barolo Enrico VI, is rooted. Various American importers, including: Omniwines Distributing Co. LLC, Linden Hill, NY; tel. (718) 353-8700; Wine Warehouse, City of Commerce, CA; tel. (323) 724-1700

2009 Cordero di Montezemolo Barolo Bricco Gattera

Cordero di Montezemolo

A Nebbiolo Dry Red Table wine from

Gattera dell'Annunziata, La Morra, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy

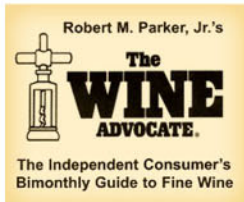
Rating

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The 2009 Barolo Bricco Gattera shows slightly more heft and density, but only by a hair. You do get elegance and a somewhat reticent bouquet with dried wild berries, cassis, leather, cola and mahogany. What I like most about the wine is that it shows the rich background matter that stands up to the firm tannins. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2030. In family hands since 1340 (spanning an amazing 19 generations), this is one of the oldest estates in Italy. Today, it is run by Giovanni Cordero di Montezemolo and his two children Elena and Alberto. The family owns 30 hectares, of which 28 are a single vineyard in the Annunziata cru of La Morra's Monfalletto-Gattera hill. They also have two hectares in Castiglione Falletto (the Villero cru) where one of their top wines, the Barolo Enrico VI, is rooted. Various American importers, including: Omniwines Distributing Co. LLC, Linden Hill, NY; tel. (718) 353-8700; Wine Warehouse, City of Commerce, CA; tel. (323) 724-1700



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2009 Cordero di Montezemolo Barbera d'Alba Funtani

Cordero di Montezemolo

A Barbera Dry Red Table wine from
Alba, Barbera d'Alba, Piedmont, Italy

The 2009 Barbera d'Alba Superiore Funtani shows a riper side with jammy overtones of blackberry and cherry backed by soft density and fleshy texture. The vintage shows a chewy, almost sticky side to the mouthfeel, with more black fruit and prune on the close. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2017. In family hands since 1340 (spanning an amazing 19 generations), this is one of the oldest estates in I