



CORDERO
DI
MONTEZEMOLO
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Stephen Tanzer's

International Wine Cellar

Barolo Vigna Enrico VI 2003

(aged in 50% new and 50% used barriques; about 40% of these vines in the Villero vineyard in Castiglione Falletto are at least 50 years old) Medium reddish-amber. Ripe, floral aromas of raspberry, mocha, smoke, tobacco and truffley underbrush, complicated by a balsamic suggestion. Very ripe, rich and deep; not exactly gripping but impressively concentrated and fleshy. This has the palate-caressing material to support the big but ripe tannins, with the result that the finish offers lovely sweetness and persistence. A very successful 2003.

91 points

Barolo Monfalletto 2003

Good medium red with an amber edge. Liqueur-like plum and currant aromas deepened by chocolate and tobacco. Sweet and fairly smooth in the mouth, with notes of truffle, smoke and underbrush. Not a fruity style but not dry either, with surprising acidity keeping it fresh. Finishes with substantial dusty tannins.

89 points

Barolo Vigna Bricco Gattera 2003

Aged in all new barriques; Gattera is an extension of the Monfalletto hillside, but with a slightly less favorable exposure) Medium red with an amber edge. Red fruits, minerals, menthol, smoke and a whiff of eucalyptus on the nose; less earthy than the basic bottling. Supple on entry, then quite backward, even austere in the middle, with well-integrated acidity and rather tough, granular tannins making this a bit awkward today. Alberto Cordero describes these 2003 Barolos as ready to drink even if they can hold in bottle, but I'd forget about this one for a few years.

88(+?) points

Barbera d'Alba Superiore Funtani 2005

Good dark red-ruby. Plum, raspberry, chocolate and smoke on the nose, complicated by mineral and earth notes. Quite similar to the '04 but with a bit more verve in the middle palate. Offers sweet, fresh fruit and finishes with slightly finer tannins than the '04. Is this more lively or is it merely a year younger?

89 points

Barbera d'Alba Superiore Funtani 2004

(aged for 12 to 14 months in mostly new barriques plus one 30-hectoliter cask) Good dark red-ruby. Currant, chocolate and smoky, cedary oak on the slightly dusty nose. Lush and seamless in texture, but with good ripe acidity framing the currant and raspberry flavors. Fairly full for barbera but fresh. Finishes with substantial dusty tannins.

88 points

Barolo Vigna Enrico VI 2004

Dark red with ruby highlights. Classic, perfumed nose combines dark fruits, rose petal, spices and licorice. Lush, rich and fine-grained, with captivating inner-mouth aromatic character and terrific thrust and grip. The suave, horizontal tannins saturate the palate and coat the front teeth. A Barolo with superb sweetness and length.

93(+?) points

Barolo Monfalletto 2004

Good deep red. Dark cherry, menthol, violet and minerals on the complex nose. Suave and juicy, with lovely depth of flavor and bright framing acidity. Very young Barolo with flavors of dark berries and mocha and a menthol impression of austerity. Finishes with broad, dusty tannins and brisk acids. Alberto Cordero notes that the estate harvested into early November in 2004.

91 points

Barolo Vigna Bricco Gattera 2004

Good full, deep red. Black cherry, licorice and mellow, cedary oak tones on the nose. Tightly wound and less fleshy than the Monfalletto, with less give to the middle palate. Shows a flavor of licorice and firm tannic spine. Youthfully tough today, finishing with big, dusty tannins.

90(+?) points