

Insider

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ITALY Piedmont

GIUSEPPE RINALDI

Barolo Cannubi S. Lorenzo-Ravera 2008
95 points | \$120 | 200 cases imported | Red

A seductive red, drawing you in with its pure cherry and floral aromas and flavors, then capturing you with the silky texture and harmonious profile. Stays fresh and elegant, with a long, ethereal finish. Best from 2015 through 2030.— B.S.

CORDERO DI MONTEZEMOLO

Barolo Enrico VI 2008
94 points | \$80 | 70 cases imported | Red

A seductive red, complex and layered, beginning with its eucalyptus and tobacco-scented cherry to the rose petal and raspberry notes that emerge along the way. Harmonious yet firm, with a long aftertaste of sweet fruit and spice. Best from 2014 through 2030.— B.S.

ARMANDO PARUSSO

Barolo Bussia 2008
94 points | \$96 | 200 cases imported | Red

Distinctive sage, olive, macerated cherry, bilberry and licorice aromas and flavors highlight this complex, enthralling Barolo, which is intense yet light on its feet. Elegant and persistent, harmonious and long, with an aftertaste that's spicy and expansive. Best from 2015 through 2030.— B.S.

AZELIA

Barolo 2008
93 points | \$40 | 1,890 cases made | Red

Sweet fruit is the overarching theme in this lush red. Cherry, raspberry, eucalyptus, iron and tea flavors combine with the well-integrated structure as this glides to an aftertaste of cherry and iron. Best from 2014 through 2026.— B.S.

AZELIA

Barolo Bricco Fiasco 2008
93 points | \$65 | 680 cases made | Red

An intense red, saturated with blackberry, raspberry, rose and tobacco flavors, without being heavy or extracted. Pure and harmonious, with its structure buried until the lingering finish. Best from 2014 through 2027.— B.S.

CASCINA ADELAIDE

Barolo Fossati 2008
93 points | \$125 | 400 cases imported | Red

A light kiss of new oak works in this red, whose aromas evoke vanilla, resin, cherry, plum and tobacco. Sweet fruit and a round profile add harmony, and the finish echoes fruit and spice. Terrific length. Best from 2014 through 2028.— B.S.

CIABOT BERTON

Barolo Roggeri 2007
93 points | \$85 | 300 cases imported | Red

A warm red, exuding tar, tobacco, cherry, floral and sun-baked earth aromas and flavors, with a long, spicy finish. This still has the chewy texture courtesy of the tannins, but is developing nicely. Best from 2014 through 2026.— B.S.

CONTERNO FANTINO

Barolo Sorì Ginestra 2008
93 points | \$102 | 2,500 cases made | Red

Round, rich and succulent, featuring cherry, plum, eucalyptus and black tea notes, this boasts a solid spine of tannins, remaining fresh and lingering on the tea- and spice-filled finish. Best from 2014 through 2028.— B.S.

CONTERNO FANTINO

Barolo Vigna del Gris 2008
93 points | \$100 | 875 cases made | Red

Bursting with cherry, raspberry and licorice aromas and flavors, this pretty red is not without density, with dusty tannins and bright acidity keeping it focused. Offers fine balance and length, with a licorice and spice aftertaste. Best from 2014 through 2027.— B.S.

ELIO GRASSO

Barolo Ginestra Casa Maté 2008
93 points | \$57 | 1,200 cases made | Red

So graceful and harmonious, yet well-structured, with a lush texture covering the acidity and tannins. That provides the ideal foil for this red's cherry, plum, spice and tobacco flavors. Finishes long, with freshness and a mineral accent. Best from 2014 through 2027.— B.S.

ELIO GRASSO

Barolo Rùncot Riserva 2006

93 points | \$150 | 600 cases made | Red

A graceful, floral-scented red, displaying flavors of cherry, straw berry and medicinal herbs. The structure peeks through as this evolves across the finish. Just a bit dry in the end, yet with plenty of sweet fruit. Best from 2015 through 2029.— B.S.

ARMANDO PARUSSO

Barolo Le Coste Mosconi 2008

93 points | \$84 | 100 cases imported | Red

Rich with cherry, raspberry and floral flavors tinged by licorice and spice, this is accessible, despite its fine-grained tannins lurking in the background. Balanced and lively, with a lingering aftertaste of spice and mineral. Best from 2014 through 2028.— B.S.

GIUSEPPE RINALDI

Barolo Brunate-Le Coste 2008

93 points | \$120 | 500 cases imported | Red

There is purity and perfume to the raspberry and cherry flavors in this Barolo, whose tannins are civilized and integrated into the elegant frame. This is intense and lingers with spice and tobacco notes. Best from 2014 through 2027.— B.S.

CERETTO

Barolo Bricco Rocche Brunate 2007

92 points | \$99 | 4,000 cases made | Red

Boasting menthol and eucalyptus-tinged cherry and plum aromas and flavors, this red is broad and well-balanced in its structure, with fine length. Approachable now, but better in a year or two. Best from 2014 through 2025.— B.S.

FRATELLI GIACOSA

Barolo Bussia 2008

92 points | \$55 | 375 cases imported | Red

Menthol, medicinal herbs, cherry and raspberry flavors mingle in this rich, firmly structured red, which is long and balanced, but will require time to unlock all its secrets. Best from 2015 through 2030.— B.S.

CAVALIER BARTOLOMEO

Barolo Altenasso 2008

92 points | \$60 | 400 cases imported | Red

This red is pure, boasting cherry and currant flavors backed by a vivid structure. It's fleshy, with the structure embedded, yet balanced, and should develop beautifully. Just a tad dry on the finish. Best from 2014 through 2027.— B.S.

CAVALIER BARTOLOMEO

Barolo Solanotto Altenasso 2007

92 points | \$90 | 200 cases imported | Red

Violet, black currant and raspberry aromas and flavors dominate this deep red, accented by tobacco and underbrush. Vibrant and assertive in a positive way, with energy and a fresh finish tinged with white pepper and tobacco. Best from 2015 through 2028.— B.S.

G.B. BURLOTTO

Barolo Vigneto Cannubi 2008

92 points | \$65 | 333 cases made | Red

A juicy, cherry- and raspberry-flavored Barolo that's both elegant and svelte. This has the intensity to carry the flavors to a lingering conclusion, with a touch of licorice on the aftertaste. Best from 2014 through 2027.— B.S.

CASCINA ADELAIDE

Barolo Preda 2008

92 points | \$110 | 500 cases imported | Red

A modern style, whose new oak notes of smoke, Bourbon and vanilla accent the plum and green olive flavors, with a spicy finish. Flashy, with more emphasis on style rather than place. Best from 2015 through 2025.— B.S.

CASCINA BONGIOVANNI

Barolo Pernanno 2008

92 points | \$77 | 1,000 cases made | Red

There's fine integration between the floral, red berry, eucalyptus and tobacco aromas and flavors, with silky texture and firm, linear structure. It all comes together on the long, spice- and tobacco-tinged finish. Best from 2015 through 2027.— B.S.

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