



VINTAGES NOTABLE WINES 2007

PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO

2001 Barbaresco Riservas



Piedmont: Produttori Del Barbaresco *Piedmont's cooperative winery makes top-notch values*

Founded in the 1950's with nine growers, Produttori del Barbaresco now includes 56 grower-members, producing nine single-vineyard Barbaresco *riservas* from some of the best vineyard sites in the Barbaresco area: **Asili, Moccagatta, Montefico, Montestefano, Ovello, Pajé, Pora, Rabajà and Rio Sordo**. These riserva wines, made only in top vintages, and are aged for four to five years before release.

Produttori del Barbaresco has always paid its members according to the quality of their crop rather than just the quantity. And that's why it

consistently makes outstanding Barbarescos. The 2001 vintage was an ideal year for riserva production. 2001s have arrived, and for the first time, all nine riservas are available in the United States. Pajé and Montefico are making their American debut – VINTAGES' exclusives in New England.

Reviews from WINE ADVOCATE, October 2006

SOLD OUT 2001 PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO Asili Riserva \$55

"The 2001 Barbaresco Riserva Asili is a winner. It opens with an utterly sublime nose that is followed by a lovely core of sweet red fruit, licorice, menthol and mineral nuances that reveal themselves as the wine sits in the glass. Expansive and long on the palate, this deceptively medium-bodied Barbaresco shows awesome purity and enough structure to drink well to age 20, perhaps beyond. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2021. 92 pts."—WA

2001 PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO Moccagatta Riserva \$55

"The 2001 Barbaresco Riserva Moccagatta displays an open-knit nose with considerable sweetness, if less definition than the Rio Sordo. It is medium to full-bodied Barbaresco made in a more fruit-driven style with alluring notes of macerated cherries and cough syrup. It is one of the more accessible of these Riservas. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2018. 90 pts."--WA

SOLD OUT 2001 PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO Montefico Riserva \$55 (VINTAGES New England Exclusive)

"The 2001 Barbaresco Riserva Montefico is among the most massively structured of these wines. It presents a deeply mentholated, spiced nose along with layers of ripe fruit with awesome length as well as purity. Powerful and authoritative, this deeply expressive Barbaresco will require considerable patience. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2021. 92 pts." --WA

SOLD OUT 2001 PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO Montestefano Riserva \$55

"The Barbaresco Riserva Montestefano is another of the more fruit-driven wines in 2001. It is not terribly expressive in its aromatics, yet it comes to life on the palate where it offers notable fullness and sweetness, with masses of sweet cherry fruit and a big, strapping personality. Although it is not especially complex it will offer much pleasure. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2019. 91 pts." –WA

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(2001 Produttori del Barbaresco Riservas, CONTINUED)

2001 PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO Ovello Riserva \$55

“Ovello is one of Barbaresco’s fresher microclimates, so it can be no surprise that the 2001 Barbaresco Riserva Ovello... is a stunning display of Nebbiolo with expressive aromatics, generous fruit, prominent minerality and plenty of personality. Full-bodied and long on the palate, it is still somewhat reticent today, although all the ingredients are clearly in place for this to offer outstanding drinking in a few years’ time. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2021. 92 pts.”--WA

2001 PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO Paje Riserva \$55 (VINTAGES New England Exclusive)

“I was completely blown away by the 2001 Barbaresco Riserva Paje. It displays intense, deeply expressive balsamic nuances of menthol and spices that draw in the taster. Massively proportioned, it reveals a tight core of sweet dark fruit and layers of minerals, licorice and roasted coffee beans with notable length and an authoritative, powerful personality. It is a very pleasurable glass of Barbaresco. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2021. 92 pts.” --WA



2001 PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO Pora Riserva \$55

“The 2001 Barbaresco Riserva Pora is perhaps the least refined of these wines. It is a deeply expressive, masculine Barbaresco that presents a wilder, more animalistic expression of Nebbiolo, with underlying notes of macerated cherries, licorice, tar and earthiness and a bold personality defined by its somewhat unpolished tannins. It is a little rough around the edges, but beautiful in its rusticity. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2016. 90 pts.”—WA

2001 PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO Rabaja Riserva \$55

“The 2001 Barbaresco Riserva Rabaja is more generous than the Ovello, with a sweeter and more expansive core of ripe fruit and suggestive nuances of roses, menthol, licorice, minerals and tar. It offers outstanding length as well as definition with, building, yet fine tannins and a gorgeous balsamic note to cap off the finish. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2021. 92 pts.”--WA

2001 PRODUTTORI DEL BARBARESCO Rio Sordo Riserva \$55 (Winner “Three Glasses”)

“The 2001 Barbaresco Riserva Rio Sordo presents a delicate nose with suggestions of flowers and spices. It is a medium-bodied effort showing beautifully nuanced layers of sweet red fruit, menthol and licorice with excellent length, purity and plenty of underlying structure as well as freshness. It should be one of the first of these Riservas to reach maturity. Anticipated maturity: 2008-2018. 91 pts.”—WA

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