Massolino

From 40-year-old Nebbiolo vines, this cru expresses complexity, structure, and elegance, standing apart as Massolino's only Barolo from outside Serralunga.

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Barolo Parussi 2021

Piedmont, Italy

Region and Vineyards

While Massolino is rooted in Serralunga d'Alba, Parussi represents an exploration into **Castiglione Falletto**, one of Barolo's most prestigious communes. Nestled at about 290 metres altitude, the **Parussi cru** lies on the crest of the hill with a south-easterly to south-westerly exposure, ensuring ideal sunlight for slow ripening.

The **1.65-hectare vineyard**, planted with Nebbiolo around 40 years ago, features soils of mixed texture with a strong calcareous component. This terroir produces wines of **remarkable structure, firm tannins, and depth**, reflecting Castiglione Falletto's balance of Serralunga's power and La Morra's elegance. First vinified in 2007, Parussi has quickly become a benchmark expression for the estate.

Winemaking

Parussi follows Massolino's **traditional Barolo approach**, preserving the authenticity of Nebbiolo. Grapes undergo long fermentation and maceration in large oak fermenters (*tini*) at around 30 °C, extracting deep colour, tannin, and complex aromatics.

The wine is then matured in **large Slavonian oak casks** for up to 30 months, followed by a year of bottle ageing in the cool, dark estate cellars. This method emphasises Nebbiolo's purity while providing a **framework for long-term ageing**, with tannins softening gracefully over time.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet red with youthful intensity.
- **Aroma:** Ethereal and enveloping, marked by persistent notes of sweet spice, sandalwood, leather, and tobacco, layered with hints of dried rose.
- **Palate:** Structured and austere, with firm, calcareous tannins that mellow with age. Concentrated red fruit is interwoven with earthy spice, leading to a **long, elegant finish** characteristic of Castiglione Falletto Barolo.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo

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Did you know?

Parussi is **the only Massolino Barolo sourced outside of Serralunga d'Alba**, a decision born of Nebbiolo's extraordinary ability to transmit microclimate and soil differences. Since its debut in 2007, it has demonstrated a distinctive identity, reinforcing Castiglione Falletto's reputation as a cru of balance and complexity.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised beef cheeks with Barolo reduction:** The wine's tannins and structure mirror the richness of the dish.
- **Wild boar ragù with pappardelle:** Earthy flavours and firm acidity enhance the gamey depth of the sauce.
- **Porcini risotto:** The savoury and leathery notes of the wine echo the umami of mushrooms.
- **Aged Parmigiano Reggiano:** The crystalline texture of the cheese complements the wine's tannic grip and persistent finish.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2021)

The Massolino 2021 Barolo Parussi draws its fruit from Castiglione Falletto at the center of the appellation with an interesting overlay of old and newer soils. This wine is less immediately aromatic and needs extra time in the glass to develop and flesh out. At this young stage, it delivers tight wild berry and you also get a pretty signature of crushed limestone. That elegant mineral note ties in nicely with the silky tannins. The Parussi excels in a balanced vintage such as this.

95 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2020)

Vivid red fruit with subtle floral and citrusy notes and hints of crushed stones. Medium-bodied with firm tannins. Structured and focused with a lingering, expanding aftertaste. Impressive density. Try after two to three years.

94 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 94 Points (2020)

The 2020 Barolo Parussi is a classy, nuanced wine. It shows lovely textural depth and resonance, but in the mid-weight style of the year. Dark red cherry, lavender, rose petal, mint and spice all build nicely, filling out the layers effortlessly. The 2020 is weightless and elegant, with the understated textural depth that is such a signature of this vintage.