

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 2022

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.

95 Robert Parker Wine Advocate

Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2022)

The only wine in the lineup sourced outside Serralunga d'Alba, the Massolino 2022 Barolo Parussi instead draws its fruit from Castiglione Falletto. Acquired by the Massolino family in 2007, this 1.65-hectare vineyard consistently delivers a more energetic expression of Barolo. The 2022 vintage opens to a sharp, chiseled bouquet with sweet cherry, violet and crushed rock. Although the mineral signature is somewhat subdued by the warm growing season, it remains evident beneath the wine's generous fruit. The palate fleshes out with sweet cherry fruit accented by cinnamon and nutmeg, finishing with balance and poise. Exactly 7,852 bottles were produced.

96 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2021)

Luminous and expressive, with tar, dried rose petals and crushed cranberries. The palate is medium-bodied with delicate, delineated fruit. It's juicy and incisive, with precise, polished tannins and a delicate finish. Very detailed and nuanced, it's on the ethereal end of the spectrum. Drink or hold.

95 JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 95 Points (2021)

Taking on a bit more pigment in the glass, the 2021 Barolo Parussi is a jeweled red color and starts to show a bit more depth while also offering a floral nose with notes of fresh lavender, hints of leather, ripe raspberries, and sweet herbs. The palate is rounded and medium-bodied, with a saturating feel, refined tannins that fill out the palate, even acidity, and a balanced finish. It's a floral and seductive wine that offers some immediacy but will only improve over the coming 12-15 years.