

# Massolino

Massolino Barolo Parussi 2020 is a powerful and expressive Barolo, offering structure, complexity, and a beautiful reflection of the unique terroir of Castiglione Falletto.

## Barolo Parussi 2020

Piedmont, Italy

## Region and Vineyards

For **Barolo Parussi**, Massolino expands beyond its traditional base in Serralunga d'Alba to the neighboring **Castiglione Falletto**, specifically in the **Parussi cru**, renowned for its outstanding terroir.

The vineyard is situated at an **altitude of 290 meters** and covers **1.65 hectares** on the crest of a hill. The **southeastern and southwestern exposure** ensures perfect sunlight, ideal for ripening Nebbiolo grapes, while the **calcareous soils** contribute to the wine's robust structure and firm tannins.

The 2020 growing season began with a **mild winter**, minimal snowfall, and an early start to vegetation. Despite minor frost damage early on, the season progressed favorably with steady rains from May to July. These rains replenished the soils, preventing hydric stress during summer. By late summer, cooler nights slowed ripening, allowing the grapes to achieve **optimal phenolic maturity**, **acidity**, **and pH balance**.

This careful vineyard management produced **healthy**, **high-quality grapes**, and the 2020 vintage is celebrated for its exceptional structure, freshness, and tannic elegance.

## Winemaking

The **Nebbiolo grapes** are harvested by hand and vinified following traditional Barolo methods. Fermentation and long maceration occur in **large oak fermenters ("tini")** at controlled temperatures around **30°C**. This process extracts the aromatic richness and tannic backbone characteristic of the variety.

The wine is aged for **up to 30 months in large Slavonian oak casks**, a hallmark of classic Barolo production. It then matures for **a further year in bottle** in cool, dark cellars to refine its flavors and structure.

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Alcohol:14,00 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo





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## **Tasting Notes**

- **Color**: Deep garnet red with bright hues that evolve gracefully with age.
- Aroma: Intense and complex, offering a broad spectrum of notes. Fresh red
  fruit, including cherries and raspberries, intertwines with floral hints of rose
  and violet, complemented by subtle spices such as clove and anise.
- Palate: Robust and rich, with firm tannins, vibrant acidity, and remarkable structure. The wine shows elegance and power, delivering layers of ripe red fruit, earthy undertones, and a hint of tobacco. It promises a long and evolving finish, revealing its full potential with age.

#### Did You Know?

The **Parussi vineyard** represents a special choice for Massolino, as it is the only cru sourced outside their home of Serralunga d'Alba. The Nebbiolo grapes from Parussi uniquely capture the terroir's **calcareous soils** and perfect exposure, producing wines of finesse and structure that are ideal for **long-term aging**.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Risotto al Barolo**: The wine's elegance and complexity pair beautifully with this classic Piedmont dish, highlighting its richness.
- **Braised beef or lamb shank**: The robust tannins and earthy undertones complement the richness and depth of slow-cooked meats.
- **Tajarin with truffle**: The wine's vibrant red fruit and subtle spice elevate the aromatic elegance of fresh truffles.
- **Aged Parmigiano Reggiano or Pecorino**: The wine's structure and acidity balance the sharp, nutty flavors of these hard cheeses.



#### 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.



#### 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.







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Wine Enthusiast (WE): 93 Points (2020)

A vivid bouquet of tart red cherries, juicy raspberries, and delicate violet petals greets your senses as you explore this Barolo. The palate reveals a solid fruit core, complemented by well-structured tannins that promise an intriguing evolution. This harmonious interplay of bright acidity and depth showcases the allure of Nebbiolo. Drink Now - 2040 JP



