

# Massolino

Crafted from estate vineyards spanning Serralunga and Castiglione Falletto, this wine unveils Barolo's limestone spine in a sleek, floral-tinged weave of fruit, spice and minerality that will unfurl gracefully over time.

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## Barolo 2021

Piedmont, Italy

### Region and Vineyards

Lying on the eastern flank of the Barolo zone, **Serralunga d'Alba** rises to 360 m and is renowned for soils rich in **calcareous marl** interlaced with sandstone. This compact matrix drains quickly, forcing vines to drive roots deep, a key to Nebbiolo's celebrated concentration and longevity. Warm days are tempered by cool Alpine currents, extending ripening and preserving acidity, while the valley's morning fogs gently modulate photosynthesis.

Massolino farms some 24 ha under sustainable practices, selecting parcels between 280 m and 360 m for the Barolo DOCG bottling. Exposures vary—predominantly **south-facing**—giving a mosaic of micro-terroirs whose fruit is harvested and vinified separately before blending. Vines average 35 years and are trained Guyot with densities of roughly 5,800 plants/ha, yielding berries of modest size and thick skins packed with tannin, aromatics and that signature hint of iron-toned minerality.

### Winemaking

Hand-picked in mid-October 2021, the clusters underwent meticulous sorting before a traditional fermentation in upright oak fermenters at ~30 °C. Maceration lasted nearly three weeks with regular délestage to gently extract color and fine tannins while maintaining aromatic purity. Malolactic conversion completed naturally in late winter.

Ageing followed in 4 000-5 000 L Slavonian botti for up to **30 months**, a regime that polishes texture without imprinting overt oak flavors. After assemblage, the wine rested for a further year in Massolino's underground cellars prior to release, emerging at 14-14.5 % vol alcohol, 6.0 g/L total acidity and a dry extract that underpins notable structure and ageing potential well past 2040.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo

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## Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Lustrous medium-garnet core shading to a delicate ruby rim.
- **Aroma**: Rose petal, wild strawberry and orange peel glide above nuances of star anise, tobacco leaf, iron filings and truffle.
- **Palate**: Medium-full bodied; lively acidity threads through ripe Morello cherry, blood-orange zest and savory licorice. Tannins are taut yet velvety, tapering into a long, balsamic-mineral finish.

## Did you know?

Founded in **1896**, the Massolino family not only pioneered quality viticulture in Serralunga but also introduced the village's first electricity generator—powering both the cantina and the local community, a visionary blend of progress and tradition that still guides the estate today.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised veal cheek** with Barolo-infused jus—mirrors the wine's depth and tannin.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto**—earthy umami elevates the truffle and forest notes.
- **Tajarin with white truffle**—Piedmont's classic pasta amplifies floral aromatics.
- **Aged Parmigiano Reggiano**—crystalline texture meets Nebbiolo's firm structure.




**Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2021)**

*The Massolino 2021 Barolo reveals a shiny ruby color and a core of dark fruit. Beyond the plummy fruit is tar, licorice, pressed flower and campfire ash. This wine has a pronounced savory side, yet it all fits squarely into a very delicate and finessed delivery. This is a pretty example of the vintage.*




**James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2020)**

*Bright and lively red fruit character with dried flowers, stones and hints of tree resin. Medium-bodied, clean and focused on the palate, with fine tannins and a linear finish.*




**Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 93 Points (2020)**

*Opening with aromas of crushed red fruits and a bouquet of bay leaf, balsam, and sandalwood that slowly lift from the glass. The palate is rounded and pretty—soft tannins make it immediately accessible. A savory backbone is brightened by hints of orange zest and clove, creating an approachable yet complex profile that is ready to be enjoyed now. (JP)*

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