

# Massolino

Massolino Barolo is a classic expression of Barolo DOCG, representing the diversity and richness of the Serralunga d'Alba vineyards in one bottle.

# Barolo 2020

Piedmont, Italy

## Region and Vineyards

Massolino Barolo DOCG is made from **Nebbiolo grapes** grown in different vineyards across **Serralunga d'Alba**, one of the most prestigious Barolo-producing areas.

- The region's **calcareous soils with mixed consistencies** play a crucial role in the wine's firm tannins and longevity.
- Serralunga d'Alba benefits from a unique combination of climate and elevation, offering optimal conditions for Nebbiolo to ripen slowly, developing rich aromas and a balanced structure.
- These vineyards, situated on the region's hillsides, offer diverse exposures, contributing to the wine's broad aromatic range and layered complexity.

The **Barolo Classico** style is a blend of parcels, each contributing distinct elements, creating a harmonious and multifaceted wine that is both approachable and capable of long-term aging.

## Winemaking

The production of Massolino Barolo follows traditional methods to preserve the authenticity of its terroir:

- Fermentation and maceration occur in **large oak fermenters ("tini")** at controlled temperatures of approximately **30°C**, allowing for gentle extraction of color, tannins, and aromas.
- The wine is aged for **up to 30 months in large Slavonian oak casks**, which soften the tannins and enhance its complexity while maintaining its Nebbiolo character
- A final period of **bottle aging** in dark, cool cellars refines the wine, preparing it for release and long-term aging potential.

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Alcohol:13,50%

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo





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## **Tasting Notes**

- Color: Garnet red with varying intensity depending on the vintage.
- **Aroma**: A broad and evolving bouquet, showcasing a mix of **spicy notes**, **floral tones** like rose and violet, and hints of **red fruit** such as cherry and raspberry.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and well-structured, offering a variety of sensations from ripe red fruit to earthy undertones. The firm tannins and vibrant acidity provide balance, leading to a long, elegant finish.

#### Did You Know?

**Massolino Barolo** has been produced since **1947**, and it remains one of the estate's flagship wines. By blending grapes from multiple vineyards, this Barolo reflects the diverse characteristics of Serralunga d'Alba's terroir, offering a comprehensive expression of the region.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised beef cheeks in red wine**: The wine's bold tannins and acidity enhance the dish's richness and depth.
- **Tagliatelle with white truffle**: The wine's earthy notes and floral aromas complement the luxurious flavors of truffle.
- **Roast game birds with herbs**: The robust structure of the Barolo pairs well with the savory and aromatic profile of game meat.
- **Aged Parmigiano Reggiano**: Its nutty, salty character balances the wine's tannins and bright acidity.



#### 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.



#### Robert Parker (RP): 94 Points (2019)

In the light cream-colored label, the 2019 Barolo is elegant and contained, showing a very focused and linear style that makes a great impression and awakens the senses. There is wild cherry, blue flower and crushes stone backed by balanced freshness and tannins.



#### Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN): 92 Points (2019)

The 2019 Barolo is a very serious wine. Readers looking for an easygoing, entry-level Barolo will not find that here. Bright and sizzling with tannin, the 2019 is going to need at least a few years to fully come together. Crushed rocks, red/purplish fruit and dried flowers emerge with some coaxing, but this is really a wine for the cellar. (AG) (1/2023)



