



La Spinetta

La Spinetta Barbaresco Bordini is a distinguished expression of Nebbiolo, embodying the elegance and complexity of the Barbaresco DOCG with vibrant fruit flavors and refined tannins.



95
James
Suckling



Barbaresco Bordini 2021

Piedmont, Italy

Region and Vineyards

La Spinetta Barbaresco Bordini hails from the prestigious **Barbaresco DOCG** in Piedmont, Italy, specifically from the municipality of **Neive**, located at an altitude of 240 meters above sea level. The vineyards cover an area of 11 acres with a **south-east exposure**, ideal for capturing the morning sunlight that promotes the slow and even ripening of the Nebbiolo grapes. The soil is predominantly **calcareous marl**, **characterized by light-colored sand**, which contributes to the wine's mineral complexity and refined structure.

Barbaresco, along with its more famous sibling Barolo, is renowned for producing some of Italy's finest Nebbiolo wines. The slightly lower altitude and proximity to the River Tanaro provide a unique microclimate that allows for earlier ripening and a subtly different profile compared to Barolo, often resulting in wines that are slightly more approachable in their youth but still capable of significant aging.

Winemaking

This **vintage** of La Spinetta Barbaresco Bordini is crafted from **100% Nebbiolo** grapes. The winemaking process begins with **maceration and alcoholic fermentation** in temperature-controlled vats for approximately **15 days**. Following this, the wine undergoes **malolactic fermentation** in used French oak barrels, which softens the wine's acidity and adds a layer of complexity. The wine is then aged for **18 months in these barrels**, followed by an additional **8 months of bottle aging** before release, ensuring a harmonious integration of flavors and tannins.

The meticulous winemaking process at La Spinetta emphasizes both tradition and precision, aiming to highlight the pure expression of the Nebbiolo grape while allowing the unique characteristics of the Bordini vineyard to shine through.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Light ruby red
- **Aroma:** Inviting bouquet with hints of small red berries, frangipani, and licorice.
- **Palate:** Complex and well-balanced, featuring herbal and fruity notes. The tannins are well-present and integrated, leading to a fine and persistent finish.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo



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Did you know?

La Spinetta was founded by the Rivetti family, who are renowned for their innovative approach and dedication to quality. The name "La Spinetta" means "top of the hill," which refers to the location of their original winery in Castagnole Lanze. The estate has expanded to include vineyards in some of the most prestigious areas of Piedmont and Tuscany.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised Veal Shanks (Osso Buco):** The richness and depth of the wine complement the hearty flavors of the slow-cooked meat and the aromatic herbs used in this classic dish.
- **Truffle Risotto:** The wine's earthy notes and bright acidity enhance the luxurious flavors of the truffles and the creamy texture of the risotto.
- **Aged Parmigiano-Reggiano:** The wine's robust structure and persistent finish pair beautifully with the nutty, savory profile of the aged cheese.
- **Duck Breast with Cherry Sauce:** The wine's red berry aromas and balanced tannins complement the rich, gamey flavor of the duck and the sweet-tart cherry sauce.



James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2021)

Lots of flower petal, dried strawberry, cedar and milk chocolate character on the nose and palate. Medium - to full-bodied with tannins that build on the palate and are long and consistent. Turns soft at the end as it grows on the palate. Better in 2027 and on onwards.



Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2020)

The La Spinetta 2020 Barbaresco Bordini (with 10,000 bottles made) has a spicy note on first nose that recalls cinnamon and a touch of something darker like crushed clove. This warm-vintage expression of Nebbiolo embraces rich fruit aromas of blackberry and dark currant, and there is an earthy side with rusty nail and potting soil. It closes with high-toned accents of balsam herb or eucalyptus oil.



Wine Spectator (WS) : 93 Points (2019)

Both rich and dense, this Barbaresco exhibits aromas and flavors of black cherry, blackberry, iron, underbrush and earth. Dense and persistent, with fine balance overall and a lingering finish.



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