

Massolino

With its robust tannins, layered complexity, and elegant balance, this Barolo reflects the exceptional potential of Nebbiolo to translate the nuances of its microclimate and soil into a wine of remarkable character.

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Barolo Parussi 2012

Piedmont, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The **Parussi vineyard** is located in the **Castiglione Falletto** cru, marking the only Barolo in the Massolino lineup made outside of Serralunga d'Alba. The vineyard sits at an **altitude of 290 meters** and covers **1.65 hectares** of prime hillside.

The **south-eastern and south-western exposures** ensure ideal sunlight, fostering the full ripening of **Nebbiolo grapes**. The vineyard's **calcareous soil**, combined with its mixed composition, imparts structure and strong tannins, essential characteristics of a classic, long-lived Barolo. The vines average **40 years of age**, offering complexity and concentration in the resulting wine.

The microclimate of Castiglione Falletto delivers a different profile than Serralunga d'Alba's Barolos, with more refined tannins and a focus on elegance while retaining depth and power.

Winemaking

Massolino employs a traditional approach to vinification, capturing the purity and authenticity of the Nebbiolo variety:

- Fermentation and maceration are conducted in **oak fermenters (tini)** over an extended period, at controlled temperatures of **approximately 30°C**.
- The wine is aged for **up to 30 months in large Slavonian oak casks**, followed by a further **year of bottle aging** in dark, cool cellars. This meticulous process develops the wine's structure and integrates its tannins and flavors seamlessly.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep garnet red with vibrant, shimmering reflections.
- **Aroma**: Ethereal and enveloping, offering persistent notes of **sweet spices**, **sandalwood**, **tobacco**, and **leather**, intertwined with Nebbiolo's hallmark floral and red fruit aromas.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied with remarkable structure and firm tannins that soften over time. The flavor profile showcases layers of **ripe red fruit**, earthy undertones, and delicate spice, leading to a **long, persistent finish** characteristic of Barolos from Castiglione Falletto.

Did You Know?

The **Parussi vineyard** represents a groundbreaking move for Massolino, extending their focus beyond Serralunga d'Alba to leverage the diversity of **Castiglione Falletto's terroir**. This single-vineyard Barolo exemplifies the ability of Nebbiolo to highlight subtle differences in soil and microclimate across Piedmont.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Agnolotti del Plin with butter and sage**: The wine's firm tannins and earthy notes balance the richness of this traditional Piedmont pasta dish.
- **Braised veal shanks (Ossobuco)**: The Barolo's structure and spice elevate the dish's tender, savory flavors.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto**: The wine's complex aromas complement the earthy, creamy flavors of this classic pairing.
- **Aged Pecorino or Parmigiano Reggiano**: Its acidity and robust tannins balance the nutty, salty character of these hard cheeses.

94 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2012)

This has a beautiful fresh blackberry and mineral character on the nose. Some smoked meat as well. Full body, ultra-fine tannins and a persistent finish that lasts for minutes. Better in 2020.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2012)

Massolino's 2012 Barolo Parussi is a dark and savory expression that offers black-fruit intensity. Fruit is from the Castiglione Falletto township (as opposed to Serralunga d'Alba where the winery is based). In this vintage, you could almost mistake it for Serralunga d'Alba, given the power and textural richness it offers. Smoke and tobacco converge on the finish.