

Michele Chiarlo

Michele Chiarlo Barolo Cerequio 2019 is a shining example of Piedmont's Barolo heritage, crafted from the celebrated Cerequio cru , known for its elegance, depth, and remarkable aging potential.

Barolo Cerequio 2019

Piedmont, Italy



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo

Region and Vineyards

The **Cerequio vineyard**, one of the most prestigious crus in Barolo, spans **3 hectares** across the municipalities of **La Morra** and **Barolo**. Planted between **1972 and 1990**, the vineyard rests on **calcareous-clayey marls** of marine sedimentary origin from the **Tortonian era** (9 million years ago). These soils, rich in **magnesium** and **manganese** but low in organic matter, contribute to the wine's complexity and minerality.

Situated at an elevation of **320 meters above sea level**, with a **south-southwest exposure**, the vineyard benefits from ideal sunlight and significant diurnal temperature variation. Cultivated using the **Guyot method**, the vines are pruned to yield **5-6 bunches per vine**, ensuring quality and concentration.

Winemaking

The **2019 growing season** started with heavy rains in autumn and winter, creating excellent water reserves. A dry early spring transitioned into a rainy April and May, rebalancing the vines and promoting healthy growth. Hot and dry weather in May and June, combined with unusual rains in early July, allowed gradual ripening. A classic September and early October with cool nights and warm days ensured exceptional tannin development and aromatic complexity. The harvest took place between **October 6-10**.

Fermentation occurred in **55-hectoliter oak vats** over a **20-day maceration period**, using a gentle **"shower" wetting system** to maintain the cap. After malolactic fermentation in vats, the wine was aged for **2 years in medium-sized oak casks** before a further **1-year refinement in bottle**, totaling at least 3 years of aging.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Ruby red with garnet reflections and brilliant hues.
- **Aroma**: A complex bouquet of **mature red fruits**, **mint**, **eucalyptus**, **gentian**, and **fine spices**, reflecting the distinctive character of the Cerequio cru.
- **Palate**: Rich and well-structured, with tightly woven fine tannins. The wine stands out for its elegance, harmony, and remarkable persistence, marking it as an exceptional vintage.

Barolo Cerequio 2019

Did You Know?

The **Cerequio cru** is often referred to as one of Barolo's "Grand Crus" due to its exceptional terroir and the quality of wines it produces. Michele Chiarlo has been crafting Barolo Cerequio since its inaugural vintage in **1988**, consistently showcasing the unique characteristics of this iconic vineyard.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Wild Game Roasts**: The wine's structure and complexity complement the robust flavors of game meats.
- **Tagliolini with White Truffle**: Its earthy notes and elegance enhance the aromatic richness of truffles.
- **Aged Cheeses**: Well-matured cheeses like Parmigiano Reggiano bring out the wine's depth and nuances.
- **Braised Lamb Shank**: The savory flavors of lamb harmonize with the wine's fruit and spice profile.

Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2019)

The Michele Chiarlo 2019 Barolo Cerequio is a bold and elegantly concentrated expression with good heft and staying power. That extra richness is the secret of this vintage, and this wine carries that weight with ease and grace. Flavors of dark fruit, plum and spice give the wine momentum over the palate. This bottle needs more years of cellar age.

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 96 Points (2019)

Cerequio is an iconic cru and does not disappoint. Immediately aromas of warmed cherries, mint, eucalyptus and mixed spices breeze in and out of the wine while savory and earth notes try their best to be noticed. Tannins are so well-crafted, they provide a strong foundation but feel light as a feather while fruit, herbs and earth flavors create a triumvirate that would make ancient Rome blush.