Michele Chiarlo

Michele Chiarlo Barbaresco Faset is a refined single-vineyard wine from the heart of Barbaresco , embodying elegance, structure, and the terroir's unique character.

Barbaresco Faset 2020

Piedmont, Italy

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo

Region and Vineyards

The **Faset vineyard**, located in the municipality of Barbaresco, spans **1 hectare** on a hilltop at an elevation of **210-270 meters above sea level**, with a **southwest exposure**. Planted in **1965**, the vineyard's soils consist of **greyish-white calcareous marl** interspersed with **sand veins**, rich in **magnesium** and **manganese**, imparting complexity and minerality to the wine.

The vines are cultivated using the **Guyot method**, with approximately **4,500 vines per hectare**. Summer thinning reduces yields to **6-7 bunches per vine**, ensuring concentrated fruit and high quality. The vineyard is certified under the **V.I.V.A Sustainable Wine** program, emphasizing environmentally conscious practices.

Winemaking

The **growing season** began with a mild winter and dry early spring, but the rainy months of May and June slowed vegetative growth while replenishing water reserves. A moderate summer led to a warm, dry September, ideal for slow ripening and tannin development. The harvest of **perfectly ripe and healthy grapes** took place on **October 1**, marking an exceptional vintage.

After manual harvest, the grapes were fermented for **17-18 days** in **55-hectoliter oak vats** using a gentle **"shower" system** to wet the cap at controlled temperatures between **30°C and 27°C**. Malolactic fermentation occurred in vats, followed by **18 months of aging in large oak casks** and a further refinement in bottle, for a total maturation of at least **2 years**.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Garnet with brilliant hues.
- **Aroma**: Ample and aristocratic, with notes of **dried rose petals**, **small red fruits**, and a subtle hint of **minerals**, elegantly integrated with fine spices.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and structured, with marked minerality, dense fine tannins, and a welcoming, elegant finish.

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Did You Know?

The **Faset vineyard**, located just 300 meters from the famed Asili cru, produces wines with distinctly different profiles, showcasing the diversity of Barbaresco's terroirs. Faset wines are known for their heft and intensity, setting them apart as uniquely expressive.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Wild Rabbit with Juniper Berries**: Complements the wine's structure and fine tannins.
- **Roast Pheasant**: Pairs beautifully with the wine's minerality and elegant spiced notes.
- **Agnolotti with Roast Sauce**: The richness of the pasta sauce harmonizes with the wine's depth.
- **Well-Matured Cheeses**: Enhances the wine's complexity and lingering finish.

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2020)

Pure and vibrant aromas of cranberry and wild strawberry lift from the glass as hints of thyme, forest floor and crushed chalk slowly surface. The palate's core is defined by the electric and vivid wild red-fruit flavors that zoom in and out of focus as savory and earth elements provide counterbalance while superfine tannins hold the wine together, finishing with a charm and finesse.

Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2020)

The Michele Chiarlo 2020 Barbaresco Faset delivers a pretty ensemble of wild berry or raspberry aromas with rose, lavender bud, light cinnamon stick and licorice root. These various elements are well integrated and balanced, showing smoothly over a polished, mid-weight mouthfeel.

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 91 Points (2020)

The 2020 Barbaresco Faset is packed with wild cherry, mocha, new leather and sweet spice. This round, caressing Barbaresco offers tons of immediacy, making it a fine choice for drinking now and over the next handful of years. Lifted floral and spice-infused aromatics give this supple, silky Barbaresco plenty of appeal.