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Elegant yet structured, this 2020 Barolo from Luigi Baudana encapsulates the essence of Nebbiolo grown on steep hillsides in one of Barolo's most iconic communes.

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Barolo Serralunga 2020

Piedmont, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Serralunga d'Alba, on the eastern ridge of the Barolo DOCG, is home to some of the appellation's most formidable wines. Luigi Baudana draws fruit from **Baudana**, **Cerretta** and a slice of **Costabella**, parcels that span the crest where Tortonian marls cede to Helvetian sandstone. This patchwork of elevations and exposures breeds striking tension between perfume and grip.

Baudana and Costabella cling to west-facing slopes whose **ancient marls** confer fragrant red fruit and supple mid-palate weight. Cerretta's south-east aspect, anchored by a **red clay spine**, contributes mineral austerity and length. The combination yields Nebbiolo that is **structured** yet **mineral-driven**, its brightness safeguarded by breezes that funnel down the narrow gullies of Serralunga, moderating daytime heat and extending hang-time.

Winemaking

Grapes were hand-sorted twice before fermenting with **indigenous yeasts** in tall **vertical tini**. Gentle punch-downs and cap-irrigation sustained an **extended maceration** of about 50 days, extracting flavour without coarse phenolics. Malolactic conversion occurred spontaneously in spring, preserving delicate aromatics.

Ageing lasted 24 months in large, seasoned **Slavonian casks** (15-25 hL) with a handful of neutral barrels for nuance. The wine was assembled unfiltered and bottled on 13 July 2023. This minimalist regimen foregrounds terroir, allowing the **graceful tannins** and nervy acidity that typify Serralunga to shine unadorned.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright garnet core shading to brick at the rim.
- **Aroma:** Rose petal, wild strawberry, blood orange zest and fennel seed over subtle leather and ferrous earth.
- **Palate:** Juicy yet vertical; layers of raspberry liqueur, pomegranate, licorice and white pepper glide on tightly knit, iron-tinged tannins before a long, savoury finish.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo



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Did you know?

Two days after a violent **hailstorm of 2008**, Luigi and Fiorina **hand-cleaned clusters** berry by berry so damaged fruit would not taint the harvest—an act of devotion that epitomises the estate's **family stewardship** and ongoing **organic protocols** under the Vajra family.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Porcini-risotto** - mushroom umami draws out the wine's earthy depth while its acidity cuts the creaminess.
- **Braised veal cheeks** - gelatinous texture meets the wine's firm tannins, and orange-zest notes echo subtle citrus lift.
- **Tajarin al tartufo** - silky Piemontese pasta and white truffle mirror Nebbiolo's floral perfume and savoury undertow.
- **Aged Parmigiano Reggiano** - crystalline salt crystals underscore the Barolo's mineral snap and sweet red-fruit core.



Robert Parker (RP) : **93 Points** (2020)

The Luigi Baudana 2020 Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba has a strong aromatic imprint with ferrous earth, iron ore, dried flower, orange peel, spice and dark fruit. There is good freshness too, despite the hot-vintage conditions. Fresh berry flavors give this wine an approachable character (and vibrant energy). That pretty freshness is what you will remember most.



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