

Luigi Baudana

Crafted from one of Serralunga's most characterful crus, Baudana 2021 is a testament to the subtle power of old soils and meticulous organic farming.

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Barolo Baudana 2021

Piedmont, Italy

Region and Vineyards

The Baudana cru sits in the commune of Serralunga d'Alba, on the western flank just north of Parafada and Lazzarito, aligning latitudinally with Castiglione Falletto. This prestigious site, once renowned then neglected, has resurfaced as one of Barolo's under-the-radar treasures. Its geological composition is particularly compelling: it marries the Lequio Formation of the Serravallian epoch — known for compact sandstone — with the more silty, pliable Sant'Agata Fossili Marls of the Tortonian era. This unique juxtaposition grants the wines a **rare balance of structure and aromatic finesse**.

Vines here are cultivated under the stewardship of the Vajra family since 2009, following stringent organic protocols. The estate preserves biodiversity through hedgerows, forest borders, and soil vitality, contributing to the micro-ecological distinctiveness of the site. The vineyard's altitude and westerly exposure contribute to **long ripening cycles**, endowing the wines with freshness and complexity.

Winemaking

Luigi Baudana Barolo Baudana 2021 is made exclusively from **100% Nebbiolo**, featuring a clonal mix of Lampia and Michet biotypes. The grapes are hand-harvested and sorted meticulously to preserve the finest fruit quality, particularly critical in a vintage that began with frost threats and ended with a **late harvest marked by dry, favorable weather**.

The fermentation is carried out in vertical Slavonian oak vats, combining gentle extraction with long macerations, typically exceeding 30 days. Malolactic fermentation occurs in large barrels, followed by **aging in Slavonian oak casks for approximately 32 months**. This approach maintains the purity of the terroir while allowing the wine's natural tannic structure to refine and evolve slowly.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Garnet with delicate ruby reflections, typical of well-structured Nebbiolo.
- **Aroma**: High-toned rose petals, dried cherry, wild mint, and nuances of anise and iron minerality. A background of tar and truffle emerges with air.
- **Palate**: Firmly structured yet elegant. The mid-palate reveals ripe red berries, orange zest, and crushed stones, enveloped in chalky tannins. There's a **seamless interplay between tension and depth**, with a long, savory finish.

Did you know?

The Baudana cru was once considered one of the grand sites of Serralunga before falling into obscurity in the late 20th century. The Vajra family, who now oversee the estate, revived it in 2009 and have preserved a tradition of extraordinary vineyard care. After a 2008 hailstorm, Luigi and Fiorina Baudana manually removed all damaged berries within 48 hours — **a level of dedication emblematic of the family's ethos**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised veal cheek with Barolo reduction**: Mirrors the wine's structure and deep savory notes.
- **Porcini mushroom risotto**: Highlights the earthy, floral undertones of the Nebbiolo.
- **Aged taleggio or Castelmagno cheese**: Complements the tannins with richness and umami.
- **Duck breast with cherry glaze**: Echoes the red fruit profile while balancing the wine's acidity.

97 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2021)

Elegant nose of potpourri, bergamot, cinnamon, dried cherries and blood oranges in a restrained style. Very fine and classic. The attack on the palate is smooth and velvety, with ripe tannins, refreshing acidity, a full body and a well-tamed structure. Juicy finish. Try from 2026.

96 JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 96 Points (2021)

The 2021 Barolo Baudana is ruby red in color and offers a wonderful clarity and focus on the nose, with bright notes of cranberry, orange peel, bright spice, and dried rocky earth. The palate has a more linear tension, with a refreshing and lifted feel, compact tannins, and a long, even finish. Following harvest, it saw 42 days of submerged cap fermentation and 23 months of cask aging prior to resting in bottle. Drink 2027-2047.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2021)

The organic Luigi Baudana 2021 Barolo Baudana appears glossy and polished with bright intensity delivered through red and purple fruits, spice and floral aromas. The wine is quite lightweight on the palate, even lean, but it makes up for a lack of textural weight with a very long and silky finish. Minutes later, you feel dried rose and pulverized stone. Aging takes place in large Slavonian oak cask.