

The Prunotto Barolo is a classic expression of Nebbiolo from the Barolo DOCG,

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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Nebbiolo





capturing the essence of this iconic region with depth, structure, and elegance.

## Barolo 2019

Piedmont, Italy

### Region and Vineyards

The **Barolo DOCG** is nestled in the heart of **Piedmont**, Italy, one of the country's most esteemed wine regions. Known for producing Nebbiolo wines of unparalleled depth and longevity, Barolo's hills and soils play a key role in shaping the complexity of these wines. The terroir is characterized by **calcareous marl soils** and steep slopes, which combine to create wines with robust structure and vibrant acidity. This terroir is ideal for **Nebbiolo**, a late-ripening grape that requires specific climatic conditions to achieve full maturity. The 2019 vintage offered a growing season with ideal temperature swings in August, preserving the fruit's acidity while allowing rich flavor development.

The **2019 vintage** in Barolo saw a challenging but rewarding climate. Winter started with limited rainfall and mild temperatures, prompting early vine growth. However, spring brought cool, rainy weather, reducing yields and delaying flowering. A warm, dry June allowed for optimal canopy development, while cool nights in August contributed to balanced ripening. Harvest took place between **October 10 and October 19**, with low yields that concentrated the flavors in the remaining fruit. This meticulous vineyard management reflects Prunotto's commitment to preserving the integrity of the Barolo terroir in every bottle.

### Winemaking

The **Prunotto Barolo 2019** is crafted with a traditional approach that highlights the essence of Nebbiolo. After harvesting, the grapes were carefully **destemmed and crushed** before undergoing a maceration period of approximately **8 days** on the skins, with the temperature controlled to reach a maximum of **30°C** (86°F). This process allows for a delicate extraction of tannins and color, essential for Barolo's iconic structure and aging potential. **Malolactic fermentation** was completed before the end of winter, adding smoothness and a balanced mouthfeel to the wine.

The wine was then aged for at least **18 months in large oak barrels** of various capacities. This extended period of maturation in oak allows the wine to develop complexity and soften its tannic structure, while also enhancing the aromas and depth typical of traditional Barolo. Prunotto's use of large oak barrels ensures that the oak influence is subtle, preserving the natural flavors and structure of Nebbiolo while allowing for elegant aging.





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#### Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN): 90 Points (2019)

The 2019 Barolo is soft, open-knit and engaging, all of which make it a fine choice for drinking now and over the next handful of years. Sweet tobacco, cedar, worn-in leather, dried herbs and scorched earth add lovely savory nuance to this gracious, mid-weight offering.



#### James Suckling (JS): 92 Points (2018)

Strawberries with perfumes and flowers on the nose. Very perfumed. Rose petals. Hints of watermelon, too. A medium-bodied Barolo with fine tannins and fresh fruit. Lovely energy and delicacy.



#### Wine Spectator (WS): 92 Points (2018)

Smooth and almost viscous in texture, setting the stage for maraschino cherry, rhubarb and earth flavors. There is a hint of bitter almond as this red winds down on the lazy finish. Best from 2025 through 2038.





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## **Tasting Notes**

- **Color**: Deep garnet red, with intensity that hints at its structured and ageworthy nature.
- **Aroma**: Elegant and expressive, with notes of delicate spices, floral hints, and small red fruits that showcase Nebbiolo's aromatic potential.
- **Palate**: Balanced and intense, with soft, silky tannins that give way to a rich, persistent finish.

### Did You Know?

Prunotto's Barolo is a historic label, with the first vintage dating back to **1905**. This longstanding tradition is preserved in their classic aging approach and careful vineyard selection, emphasizing the unique qualities of **Nebbiolo** grown in Barolo's premier DOCG terroir.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised beef with truffle**: Complements the earthy, complex flavors of the wine.
- **Pasta with wild boar ragu**: The wine's structure enhances the bold flavors of game meat.
- **Risotto with porcini mushrooms**: The richness of the risotto pairs harmoniously with the wine's tannins and red fruit notes.
- **Aged Parmigiano-Reggiano**: The wine's persistent finish and refined tannins enhance the cheese's nutty complexity.



