

Brovia

2016

The estate has been reaching new heights, especially since the union of Elena Brovia and Àlex Sanchez, who now manage the organic vineyards and winemaking responsibilities respectively.

"A very good vintage. A nice, complete vintage. Rich deep wines with a great structure. 2015's were very elegant but 2016's have more depth. Both are excellent here at Brovia but with different characteristics - 2015 are all about aromatics and 2016 about structure and depth. An interesting vintage, as it was more on the warm side but not excessively so with a cool spring and October, allowing for a later harvest. This means the wines combine a richness of fruit but keeping the elements of a cooler, fresher vintage - partially down to good yields, which contributed to a slow maturation of the grapes. Similar to 2013 but in 2016 I see a bit more fruit that can make the wines very appealing. If you are a purist 2013 is more classical perhaps but we are talking about two exceptional vintages." **Àlex Sanchez**

The notoriety of this estate has been increasing steadily and it is now one of the most sought after names from Piedmont.

2016 Barolo

£235 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)



The fruit for this comes from the 'young' vines (25 years old!) in the superb Brea vineyard, as well as remaining cru wines that won't fit in their own separate barrels, a large proportion of which is Rocche – not exactly 'basic' Barolo!

One feels both the spicy, boisterous generosity of Serralunga d'Alba and the mineral thrust of Castiglione Falletto in this wine, and the 2016 is a particularly layered, dynamic version, offering excellent concentration but relative accessibility at this early stage. Dark cherry and blackberry, creamy fruit. Silky, really polished velvety tannins, ample dimension and depth. A very complete Barolo - Highly recommended!

2016 Barolo Brea Vigna Ca' Mia

£420 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)



The oldest vines on the estate. A 60-year-old Serralunga vineyard with a relatively high amount of limestone soils as well as clay that faces south east - situated on the eastern side of the commune.

The 2016 Barolo Brea Vigna Ca' Mia' continues a theme of total sensuality in this range. Black cherry, plum, spice, lavender, mint, licorice, sage, black pepper and leather infuse the wine with striking layers of nuance. The 2016 possesses striking inner perfume and tons of depth, with impossibly refined tannins that add to the wine's captivating balance. As always, this is the most reticent and inward of the four Barolos at Brovia, with a massively powerful finish. Even so, the 2016 possesses tremendous brilliance and plenty of the refinement that is such a signature of the vintage at this address. I can't wait to taste the 2016 with more time in bottle. What a wine!

97+ Points, Antonio Galloni



2016 Barolo Rocche di Castiglione

£420 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)

£465 c/s In Bond (3 Magnum per case)

A steep, south-east facing Castiglione vineyard with a touch of sand in the clay soils giving fresh, fragrant, elegant wines. Aged in large used oak casks for three years.

The 2016 Barolo Rocche di Castiglione Brovia is explosive and exuberant from the very first taste. There is a rush of sweet red plum, red cherry, mint, blood orange, cinnamon and wild flowers in this rich, heady Barolo that captures the essence of this Castiglione Falletto site. Plush fruit and silky tannins suggest the 2016 will drink well with just a few years in bottle. The 2016 is so alluring, even in the early going; it is not austere at all. The 2016 is fabulous - that's pretty much all there is to it.

96 Points, Antonio Galloni



2016 Barolo Villero

£420 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)

£465 c/s In Bond (3 Magnum per case)

From more compact clay soils than the Rocche facing south west, giving rounder more generous wines that nonetheless maintain a certain elegance. Aged in large used oak casks for three years.

The 2016 Barolo Villero is one of the most refined editions of this wine I can remember tasting. Lavender, spice, licorice, mint and blue/purplish fruit are beautifully delineated here. Transparent and nuanced, the Villero is so classy. There is plenty of depth and structure, but what impresses most about the Villero is how unusually sophisticated it is. Time in the glass brings out the wine's explosive personality, but the 2016 remains incredibly elegant, especially for this site. This is a tremendous showing from Brovia.

97 Points, Antonio Galloni



2016 Barolo Garblèt Sue'

£420 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)

A plot within Altenasso. A lower vineyard with clay limestone facing west /south west. Aged for three years in large used oak casks.

The 2016 Barolo Garblèt Sue' is laced with bright red small berry fruit, wild flowers, sage, mint, star anise, apricot and blood orange. In 2016, the Garblèt Sue' is incredibly sensual, with finer tannins than are the norm. A range of floral and savory notes add striking aromatic lift and exotic perfume. This is the most polished vintage of the Garblèt Sue' I can remember tasting. As always, the Garblèt Sue' is marked by a very obvious nervousness in its tannins, but the 2016 also has more than enough fruit to balance things out.

96 Points, Antonio Galloni

Also Available:

2017 Nebbiolo d'Alba

£150 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)

Produced from grapes hand-harvested from sand-infused soils in the Valmaggione vineyard site in the village of Vezza d'Alba, just north of Alba. This is a half-hectare vineyard that faces south at 340 meters altitude. The vines were planted in 1975. This wine is not oak-aged; rather it is racked into a stainless steel vat to age for at least one year before bottling.

Made with 100% Nebbiolo. Always drinks beautifully in its youth. Aromas of cherry, blackberry, strawberry, earth, tobacco, licorice and spices. On the palate good body, structured, good complexity and acidity. Soft tannins. Long and persistent finish. Approximately 2500 bottles are produced of this elegant, velvety wine of medium-body and exquisite balance.



2017 Barbera d'Alba Sori del Drago

£105 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)

This Barbera is produced from grapes harvested in the "Garblet" vineyard (also known as "Fiasco") of Castiglione Falletto from a 0.8 hectare plot on a south-southeast facing slope at 250 meters altitude. The major part of the vineyard was planted in 1970 with a portion being replanted in 1993.

Bright, focused and lively in the glass, with plenty of trademark Barbera acidity. Bright red stone fruits, flowers, mint and sweet spices all jump from the glass. The steel aged Sori del Drago is all about freshness, yet there is plenty of underlying depth and stuffing to ensure a handful of years of very fine drinking. Drago is what all Barbera should taste like and aspire to be!



2017 Dolcetto d'Alba Vignavillej

£85 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)

Harvested from classic clay-limestone soils from plots in Castiglione Falletto and Serralunga d'Alba, some planted in 1981 and the other portion in 1993.

The Dolcetto d'Alba Vignavillej is a full and generous red wine that bursts forward with dark, chewy and beautifully succulent fruit. You get dark cherry, plum and sweet blackberry in generous supply.



2017 Langhe Freisa La Villerina Secca

£100 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)

A distinguished and fascinating Freisa. It is vinified dry. Reminiscent of Nebbiolo, the wine will age gorgeously for the next ten years.

The 2018 Freisa is another compelling wine in this range of entry-level offerings from Brovia. Rose petal, spice, mint, liquorice, blood orange and savoury herb are given an extra kick of intensity and richness. The 2018 is absolutely delicious.

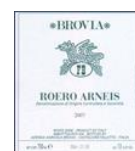


2017 Roero Arneis

£90 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)

The sole white wine of the estate is produced in the Roero district from an 0.80 hectare plot in Vezza d'Alba. The soil is essentially sandy in composition and sits at 340 meters altitude on south-facing slopes. The vineyard was planted in 1980.

The 2019 Roero Arneis is impeccable. Bright floral notes, white orchard fruit, mint, white flowers, jasmine all pulse through this super-expressive Arneis. Medium in body, the 2019 is gracious and nuanced from start to finish. Lemon peel, white flowers and green pear are some of the notes that linger.



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Wines to be shipped late 2020.