

Ceretto

2016

In 2012, under the leadership of Alessandro Ceretto, the Ceretto family began the lengthy process of obtaining Organic certification for all of their vineyard holdings. The Ceretto family does not apply herbicides in the vineyards and fertilizes with manure only. Green cover crops are planted between the rows of vines to reinforce soil fertility and structure. And in the single vineyards, natural sprays are applied to vines to boost plant vitality and photosynthetic capacity. All this is aimed at developing a sensitive and healthy vineyard system capable of maintaining its own natural resources over time.

"Alessandro Ceretto's 2016 Barolos have turned out beautifully. Gracious and elegant wines, the 2016s capture the personality of the year and of each site. Ceretto describes 2016 as a year with very even weather and a regular ripening pattern. The approach remains as it has been for the last few years. Sustainable farming, spontaneous fermentations and two years in wood are the norm for wines that are now much more translucent and classic in feel than they were some years ago." **Antonio Galloni**

2016 Barolo

£235 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case, OCC)

£240 c/s In Bond (3 Magnums per case, OCC)



This is the so-called base Barolo, or classico, that is designed to be an expression of the Nebbiolo grape more than any single-vineyard cru. The wine is satiny and silky with fine texture. Producers hate this "base" descriptor, because it implies an inferior product to a cru. Don't be misled: This is a Barolo-lover's Barolo. It's a true gem and an extremely elegant creation.

The 2016 Barolo shows great focus, tension and energy, with all of the vibrancy that is such a signature in this vintage, as well as that extra kick of richness that distinguishes Barolo from Barbaresco. The 2016 has really come together over the last few months. Blood orange, sweet tobacco, mint and sweet cherry notes add a beguiling upper register to this super-expressive wine.

91-93 Points, Antonio Galloni

2016 Barolo Bussia

£495 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case, OWC)

£170 per Magnum In Bond (1 Magnum per case, OWC)

£350 per Double Magnum In Bond (1 Double Magnum per case, OWC)



One of the first classified crus. It is not only the best know vineyard of Monforte d'Alba but also one of the true superstars of the entire appellation. Ceretto has a small parcel with south exposition in the heart of the vineyard Bussia Soprana. The average age of the vines is around 25 years. The vineyard is certified organic but managed biodynamically.

The 2016 Barolo Bussia is explosive, vibrant and full of energy. Bright saline notes give the Barolo Bussia great tension and sheer drive. Deceptively medium in body the Bussia is also incredibly distinctive. Its rich, vivid flavors are so finely sculpted. In this range, the Bussia is distinguished by its mid-palate sweetness and that creaminess that is so common in the best Bussia Barolos. I love the vibrancy here.

94+ Points, Antonio Galloni



2016 Barolo Brunate

£510 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case, OWC)

£180 per Magnum In Bond (1 Magnum per case, OWC)

£365 per Double Magnum In Bond (1 Double Magnum per case, OWC)

Brunate is one of the most representative vineyards of the Commune of La Morra and has always been considered one of points of reference for the entire appellation. The Ceretto family owns, in Brunate, just over five and a half hectares.

The 2016 Barolo Brunate balances delicacy and freshness. Cinammon, blood orange, mint and licorice are some of the notes that grace the 2016 Barolo Brunate. Wonderfully layered and supple, the 2016 has so much to offer. Like all of these 2016s, it very nicely combines elegance with power. The Brunate is all about texture and volume; it is less open aromatically than some of the other wines in this range but very, very good nonetheless. It finishes with real breadth.

95 Points, Antonio Galloni



2016 Barolo Prapò

£510 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case, OWC)

£180 per Magnum In Bond (1 Magnum per case, OWC)

£365 per Double Magnum In Bond (1 Double Magnum per case, OWC)

This wine takes its name from the prestigious Prapò vineyard which was one of the first properties owned by the Ceretto family in Barolo. This vineyard has one of the best exposures on the eastern slopes of Serralunga d'Alba, a world-renowned commune within Barolo.

The 2016 Barolo Prapò is the most closed and inward of the wines in this range, as it so often is. Iron, savory herbs, menthol, licorice, lavender, macerated dark cherry, dried flowers and sinewy Serralunga tannins give the 2016 its distinctive personality. Aeration brings out that beguiling mix of floral, savory and earthy overtones that is such a signature of Prapò Barolos. The 2016 is an infant, but I doubt readers will be drinking this wine any time soon.

95 Points, Antonio Galloni



2016 Barolo Bricco Rocche

£790 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case, OWC)

£275 per Magnum In Bond (1 Magnum per case, OWC)

£555 per Double Magnum In Bond (1 Double Magnum per case, OWC)

Bricco Rocche, located in Castiglione Falletto, the smallest geographic area within the Barolo specification and comprises just over 1 hectare, is one of the most spectacular sites for growing nebbiolo grapes in the Barolo DOCG zone. This perfectly exposed vineyard site is a monopole of the Ceretto family. While "bricco" refers to the "top of the hill" and is usually where the best exposures are found, "rocche" refers to the cliffs surrounding the vineyard.

Ceretto's 2016 Bricco Roche is creamy, ample and wonderfully inviting, especially for a young wine. Silky tannins and plush fruit meld so well with the wine's mid-weight structure. Sweet rose petal, red berry, mint, blood orange and cedar are some of the many notes that open up with a bit of air. The 2016 captures all the elegance and finesse that are such signatures of this Castiglione Falletto site.

96+ Points, Antonio Galloni

2016 Barolo Cannubi San Lorenzo

£695 per Magnum In Bond (1 Magnum per case, OWC)

The wine ages for at least 10 years from harvest and is produced exclusively in magnum.

Extremely limited production (500 magnums).



Of the five sub-zones that can be referred to as Cannubi, this is definitely the smallest, with a total area of a little less than 2.5 hectares. The cru, with East / South-East exposure, caps the highest part of Valletta and is the highest point of the entire hilled area, with an altitude of over 315 meters above sea level. The Ceretto family owns the small summit above the sub-zone, comprising a total area of 2300 meters; the vineyard features a widespread presence of old vines (the central body of the vineyard is over 90 years old) cultivated using old methods, which tends to bring out the particular terroir.

The sandy soil matrix (Marne of St. Agatha Fossils) and the particular micro-climactic conditions (the altitude and excellent ventilation give valuable temperature ranges) make it an exceptionally complex and elegant wine.

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Wines to be shipped late 2020.