

## Francesco Rinaldi e Figli

### 2016

The great traditionalist estate of Francesco Rinaldi e Figli is one of the greatest names in Piemonte. Located in the town of Barolo itself, the domaine of Francesco Rinaldi was founded in 1870, when Giovanni Battista Rinaldi, the father of Francesco Rinaldi, inherited a vineyard and house in Barolo, inducing him to leave behind his work with the very large Mirafiore estate and set out on his own. His family at that time also had ties to the then greatest estate in the Barolo region, Barale-Rinaldi. Francesco's brother, Giuseppe Rinaldi, was the great grandfather of Carlotta and Marta Rinaldi (the sisters currently running the Giuseppe Rinaldi winery). The husband of Francesco's sister Margherita had the last name Barale and it was they who had the famous Barale-Rinaldi estate (where the current Francesco Rinaldi winery is found). These two superb family wineries have marched down through time side by side, both upholding the unique, traditional style of Barolo that has been championed by other great names in Piemonte, such as Bartolo Mascarello and Bruno Giacosa. One hundred and thirty years later, much of the same techniques are still used in the Francesco Rinaldi cellars to produce some of Barolo's greatest wines. The current head of the family estate is the spry, nearly 90+ year-old Luciano Rinaldi, who took over the reigns of the family winery all the way back in 1941. Today he is ably assisted by his nieces, Paola & Piera Rinaldi, as they continue to make beautiful wines within the great traditions of Barolo, with no new oak, long macerations and long aging in large Slavonian oak botti prior to bottling. In fact, about the only thing that has changed here is that Luciano no longer crushes the grapes by foot himself, as a new press is one of the only nods to modernity in these great old cellars.

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*“This is a gorgeous set of Barolos from Francesco Rinaldi, one of many historic estates that has gone through a serious upswing in quality in recent years. Paola Rinaldi told me the Barolo harvest took place over five consecutive days, starting on October 5, first in Brunate and wrapping up with Cannubi. Winemaking remains pretty traditional. The straight Barolo is fermented in cement, while the vineyard designates are done in steel. After fermentation, the wines spend about two months in tank to settle, and are then moved into cask, where they spend about three years prior to bottling. Rinaldi fans can look forward to a new Barolo from Rocche dell'Annunziata, in La Morra, from fruit that previously went into the straight Barolo.”* **Antonio Galloni**

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#### 2016 Barolo

**£185 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case)

The 2016 Barolo is gracious and lifted, with lovely sweet red cherry and floral overtones. Silky tannins give this mid-weight Barolo a good bit of immediacy. Translucent and super-expressive, the 2016 is a model of pure and total class. Vineyard sites are a stellar collection of parcels from



Rocche dell'Annunziata, Boiolo, Sarmassa, Vignane, Codana and a touch of Cannubi. In recent years, Rinaldi's straight Barolo has been one of the real under the radar gems in the region. The 2016 has the potential to be an overachiever.  
**90-92 Points, Antonio Galloni**

Brunate is one of the greatest vineyards the Barolo region, lying on the border between La Morra and Barolo proper, with each village sharing the vineyard (though with the lion's share lying within the village boundaries of La Morra). Wines from the Brunate vineyard are prized for their depth, power and brilliant balance, and the example from Francesco Rinaldi e Figli is one of the very greatest examples of Brunate made. In a great vintage it demands at least a decade to really begin to soften, and generally is not in full bloom until its twentieth birthday.

## **2016 Barolo Brunate**

**£235 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case)

**£92 per Magnum In Bond** (1 Magnum per case)



Rinaldi's 2016 Barolo Brunate is dark and dense, with terrific mid-palate pliancy and striking inner perfume. In this vintage, the Brunate is remarkably polished, with less of the boisterous explosiveness it can tend to show, and tons of finesse for a young wine that is still in cask.

**91-94 Points, Antonio Galloni**

The other single vineyard bottling is the Cannubi, which is made from the single greatest vineyard in the village of Barolo, as well as one of the most famous individual crus in the entire region. The vineyard is most famous for the fabulously perfumed wines that it produces, for Cannubi is not the most powerful cru in Barolo, and much like Romanée-Conti in Burgundy, it is cherished for the fabulously complex aromatics and round, suave palate impression that it provides when fully mature. This is not to say that Piera and Paula Rinaldi's Cannubi is a delicate wine, for it is a deep, intensely-flavoured and concentrated Barolo of great pedigree and elegance - once it is fully mature. Like the Rinaldi Brunate bottling, eight to ten years is required in top vintages, and the wine is really at its blazing best at age fifteen to twenty.

## **2016 Barolo Cannubi**

**£245 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case, OWC)

**£95 per Magnum In Bond** (1 Magnum per case, OWC)



The 2016 Barolo Cannubi brings together all the best elements of the year with the natural pedigree of this site. Fresh and vibrant in the glass, with terrific underlying structure, the Cannubi is a Barolo of captivating aromatic intensity and drive that is shaping up to be a real beauty. In 2016, hail was a factor. The estate opted to use some of the affected fruit in the straight Barolo, which then had the effect of lowering production for the single vineyard wine by about 30%. As for the wine itself, well, it is pretty stellar.

**92-95 Points, Antonio Galloni**

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*Wines to be shipped late 2020.*