

## Giovanni Rosso

### 2016

Azienda Agricola Giovanni Rosso is a family-owned 12-hectare estate located in Serralunga d'Alba, in the eastern side of Barolo. The family have owned their vineyards since the end of the 19th century, but have only been making wines under their own label since 1995.

Talented winegrower Davide Rosso is at the helm. He has experience working in Burgundy with the likes of Domaine Jean Grivot and Denis Mortet, and takes a refreshingly natural approach in both the vineyard and winery. Although there is no certification, the seven parcels of vines are managed organically with no pesticides or herbicides. They cover some special terroirs, including the limestone-rich La Serra and clay-rich Cerretta.

#### 2016 Barolo La Serra

**@ £360 c/s In Bond** – 6 cases available (6 bts per case)

**@ £130 per Magnum In Bond** – 6 Magnums available (Individually packed)

The Giovanni Rosso 2016 Barolo Serra shows a dark and richer quality of fruit (next to the Cerretta) with black cherry and plum, backed by clayey aromas with grilled herb and camphor ash. Both these wines are beautifully characteristic of Serralunga d'Alba, known for its powerful and rich interpretations of Nebbiolo. I very much admire the tannic management shown by this wine from the Serra vineyard. It is a little tight and astringent at this young stage of course, but it also shows an inner silkiness that should serve nicely as the wine continues its bottle evolution.

**96 Points, Monica Lerner, The Wine Advocate**

Underbrush, wild herb, menthol and dark-spice aromas mingle with a whiff of fragrant purple flower on this gorgeous red. It boasts firm structure and finesse in equal measure, featuring juicy morello cherry, raspberry compote, licorice and cinnamon framed in assertive but refined tannins and fresh acidity. A minty note lingers on the finish. Drink 2028–2056.

**97 Points, Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast**



#### 2016 Barolo La Cerretta

**@ £360 c/s In Bond** – 6 cases available (6 bts per case)

**@ £130 per Magnum In Bond** – 6 Magnums available (Individually packed)

The Giovanni Rosso 2016 Barolo Cerretta is a tight, focused and high-energy expression of Nebbiolo. Red and purple fruit aromas of cassis, dried cranberry and cherry provide pretty highlights, but ample space is given to those equally pretty aromas of licorice, campfire ash and candied orange peel that so deftly play supporting roles. To the palate, this is a glossy, polished wine with enough tannic kick to carry it forward for another 10 or 20 years of cellar aging.

**95 Points, Monica Lerner, The Wine Advocate**

Rose, red-berry, camphor and dark-spice aromas slowly emerge in the glass. Showing Serralunga's hallmark of firm structure and finesse, the full-bodied, youthfully tense palate delivers juicy red cherry, raspberry compote, dried mint and licorice set against a backbone of noble tannins. Bright acidity keeps it impeccably balanced. Drink 2026–2056.

**97 Points, Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast**



## 2016 Barolo Vigna Rionda Ester Canale Rosso

@ £895 c/s In Bond – 2 cases available (3 bts per case)

*Vigna Rionda, described by many journalists and commentators as the 'Romanée-Conti of Barolo'.*

*From vines planted in 1947 – the fruit from this vineyard used to be sold to Bruno Giacosa and was used to make the legendary 1989 Barolo Riserva Collina Rionda (100 Points) – a wine Antonio Galloni has described as one of the greatest wines ever made.*

This textbook, dream Barolo opens with quintessential aromas of underbrush, rose petal, dried herb and forest berry while the youthfully austere, delicious palate delivers juicy Marasca cherry, raspberry compote, licorice and menthol before a tobacco finish. Noble tannins give it a firm, polished backbone while bright acidity keeps it balanced and imparts ageworthy energy. Drink 2026–2066. **100 Points, Kerin O’Keefe, Wine Enthusiast**



## 2017 Langhe Nebbiolo

@ £115 c/s In Bond – 6 cases available (6 bts per case)

Rosso's 2017 Langhe Nebbiolo is another gorgeous entry-level offering. Freshly cut flowers, smoke, sweet spices and red berries burst from the glass in this generous, vibrant totally polished Nebbiolo. All the elements are in the right place. The big, intense finish is very much in the style of the year. Lovely!



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Wines to be shipped winter 2020.*