

## Giuseppe Mascarello e Figlio 2016

Just scored yesterday in the Insider Weekly Newsletter from Wine Spectator, the super low production Villero & Santa Stefano di Perno and the flagship Monprivato.

The estate of Giuseppe Mascarello e Figlio has a long and illustrious history in Piemonte, and is unequivocally one of the greatest Barolo producers. This traditionally-styled winery is now run by Mauro Mascarello, who is the fourth generation of the family to head the domaine.

Mauro Mascarello is often described as “an enlightened traditionalist” when it comes to his winemaking approach. Now assisted ably by his son Giuseppe, there are no new French oak barrels or roto-fermenters to be found in the Mascarellos’ cellars, as the wines continue to be made in the old Slavonian oak botti (very large casks) purchased by his father in the 1950s. The Barolos (there are now a handful of different vineyard-designated bottlings) are macerated for about thirty days during fermentation (down from sixty days back in the old days), raised for approximately three and a half years in old wood, and then bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Unerringly they are always amongst the finest examples of their respective vintages, which blossom after six to ten years of bottle age and evolve brilliantly over the ensuing twenty-five to forty years.



### 2016 Barolo Villero

**£430 c/s In Bond** – 3 cases available (6 bts per case)  
**242 cases made.**

*From Castiglione Falletto, the Barolo Villero is a fine and elegant wine that reflects the delicate and floral nature of the loose and white soils that characterize the Villero cru. At 22 hectares, this vineyard is farmed by many different producers, and 11 unique labels carry the Villero designation in the Barolo appellation. More*

*than power, this wine offers elegance and finesse with light mineral touches that are followed by rose hip and dried lavender.*

Cherry and strawberry fruit is offset by juniper, rose hip, eucalyptus, iron and tobacco in this complex, elegantly detailed red. Very Burgundian in style, it's silky and almost lacy, yet with firm tannins that put it solidly in Barolo. Terrific balance and length. This should really blossom in time. Best from 2025 through 2050.

**95 Points, Wine Spectator**



### 2016 Barolo Santa Stefano di Perno

**£430 c/s In Bond** – 4 cases available (6 bts per case)  
**192 cases made.**

*Nebbiolo grapes, from the Santo Stefano vineyard in Perno in Monforte d'Alba. The soil is clayey-sandy, calcareous, composed of brown clay and grey sand of marine origin. The grapes are harvested by hand in the first two weeks in October. The wine is aged in large Slovenian oak casks for 36 months. This Barolo offers big, bold dark fruit flavours, accented by aromas of violets, menthol and sweet spices. This vineyard has been owned by the Mascarello family since 1989.*

Ripe with macerated plum and cherry flavors, this red also evokes eucalyptus, iron, tar and tobacco notes. It's firm and dense, with a mix of savory and fruity elements on the ironclad finish. Best from 2025 through 2050.

**95 Points, Wine Spectator**



## 2016 Barolo Monprivato

**£750 c/s In Bond** – 1 case available (6 bts per case)

**1,659 cases made.**

*The Monprivato vineyard is universally recognized as one of the greatest vineyards in all of Barolo (it would be a grand cru on par with a Chambertin or a Richebourg if this were Burgundy), with the name of Mascarello always tied to the greatest expressions of Monprivato. The six hectare Monprivato vineyard is beautifully situated facing southwest, in the town of Castiglione Falletto. The Mascarellos now own all of Monprivato (having purchased small plots from a couple of neighbours in the period between 1985 and 1990), making this great site now a monopole along the lines of La Tâche.*

There is pure cherry and currant fruit hidden beneath a veneer of tannins in this red, along with mint, iron, tea and tobacco accents. Sleek and refined, harmonious and complex, with a long aftertaste of cherry, mint and mineral. This is poised to evolve beautifully over the next two to three decades. Best from 2024 through 2050.

**97 Points, Wine Spectator**

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*Wines available Spring 2021.*

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