

## Palladino

### 2016

In a recent blind tasting of 2016 Barolo in Alba this January, organised by Decanter, there were a few surprises.

No real surprise that Burlotto, Vietti & Chiara Boschis were at the top of the table, as Antonio Galloni has already said:

***“For many growers, the 2016s are not just epic, they are career-defining wines. Chiara and Giorgio Boschis at E. Pira, Maria Teresa Mascarello, Fabio Alessandria at Burlotto and Luca and Elena Currado at Vietti are among the producers who made breathtaking wines of the very highest level.”***

The big surprise was that amongst these famous names and vastly more expensive wines, Palladino recorded the joint top score for their Parafada - and it's available for a fraction of the price.

This winery is not yet scored by Antonio Galloni but it does get very good reviews from many critics including Decanter.

Out of 100 wines tasted by Decanter, the highest scoring 2016's were:

***All 94 Points, Decanter***

**2016 Barolo Parafada, Palladino (£230 / 6 IB)**

**2016 Barolo Mosconi, Chiara Boschis (96 AG, £425 / 6 IB)**

**2016 Barolo Lazzarito, Vietti (98 AG, £850 / 6 IB)**

**2016 Barolo Monvigliero, G.B. Burlotto (100 AG, £1,500 / 6 IB)**

Whilst we have known for some time (as the UK Importer) that some of the best value and quality in Barolo comes from a little producer based in Serralunga d'Alba called Palladino – it would appear that the secret is now out!

**2016 Barolo Serralunga d'Alba**

**£170 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case, OWC)

**£60 per Magnum In Bond** (1 Magnum per case, OWC)

**£120 per Double Magnum 3L In Bond** (1 Double Magnum per case, OWC)



This wine sees fruit sourced from five vineyard sites within Serralunga d'Alba: Parafada, Gabutti, San Bernardo, Serra and Ornato.

## 2016 Barolo Parafada

**£230 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case, OWC)

**£85 per Magnum In Bond** (1 Magnum per case, OWC)

**£170 per Double Magnum 3L In Bond** (1 Double Magnum per case, OWC)

Deeply embedded in Serralunga, Palladino has been on a roll in recent vintages. Parafada is a south-facing site, and the wine is aged both in casks and in barriques. It's no heavyweight, and the raspberry-scented nose is lively and piquant. The attack is fresh and zesty, limpid and energetic, with rich fruit but no over-extraction.

Delicious now, this is well balanced and should age well. *Their Ornato is almost as fine.*

*Just 583 cases, 200 magnums, 50 Double Magnums produced in 2016.*

**94 Points, Stephen Brook, Decanter**



## 2016 Barolo Ornato

**£230 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case, OWC)

**£85 per Magnum In Bond** (1 Magnum per case, OWC)

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

Veronica Santero, the niece of Maurilio Palladino, is the winemaker here, producing a number of Barolos from Serralunga, and the Ornato bottling has been made since 2009. The nose is rich and vibrant, with raspberry coulis and dried herb aromas. Although dense and full-bodied, this has a velvety texture as well as fine-grained tannins. Really well done! *Just 416 cases, 200 magnums, 50 Double Magnums produced in 2016.*



## 2013 Barolo San Bernardo Riserva

**£275 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case, OWC)

**£100 per Magnum In Bond** (1 Magnum per case, OWC)

**£200 per Double Magnum In Bond** (1 Double Magnum per case, OWC)

San Bernardo is a very small east-facing vineyard and always provides the fruit for Palladino's Riserva. Completing this tour de force collection of wines from Serralunga d'Alba is Palladino's 2013 Barolo Riserva San Bernardo, only produced in the best vintages. This is by far the most intense and complex of the wines presented this year. It shows a tight inner core of fruit that needs more time to unravel and reveal itself. On first nose, you get slightly aged aromas of cherry cola, tar, licorice and smoke. There is dark fruit, with tight black fruit and plum, and a cured element of bacon fat or smoked meat. This is a savory and compelling expression of Barolo. Some 4,133 bottles were made.

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

*Offered subject to remaining unsold and final written confirmation.*

*Delivery will be charged at cost.*

*Wines to be shipped late 2020.*

