

Massolino 2017

We are delighted to offer the latest releases from Massolino.

As with last year, the 'basic' Barolo really does deserve a special mention with Walter Speller at JancisRobinson.com stating "Simply delicious and definitely one of the vintage's best buys" and a massive 95 Points from Kerin O'Keefe – not bad for a 'basic' Barolo!

The Vigna Rionda Riserva needs very little introduction with Antonio Galloni stating "a magnificent wine that shows all the magic this site is so famous for" – not much more we can add to that!

"Massolino's 2017s are impressive. The Parafada is a bit closed at this stage, but the other 2017s are terrific. One of the recent developments here has been a move towards fermenting in open-top wood vats. It's hard to say what role that has had with just a few vintages to look at, but the bigger picture is that these wines have never been more finessed. Readers will also want to check out the 2015 Rionda, a Barolo that I think will be even better in a few years' time." **Antonio Galloni**

2017 Barolo

£180 c/s IB – 5 cases available (6 bts per case)

The 2017 Barolo is a gorgeous, harmonious wine. In this vintage, the straight Barolo is a bit lighter than normal, as most wines are, but it is so impeccably balanced. Pliant and inviting, the 2017 will be pleasurable to drink in another year or two. The purity of the flavors is just striking. Red berry fruit, rose petal, mint, cinnamon and crushed rose petal are some of the many aromas and flavors that grace this exquisite Barolo from the Massolino family. So many 2017s are marked by sinewy tannins, here, they are especially fine.

92 Points, Antonio Galloni

Serralunga d'Alba. Youthful mid ruby. Beguiling nose of concentrated cherry, dark spice and mineral, stony notes. Shows real generosity on the nose. Palate equally generous, with concentrated, juicy sour-cherry fruit lined with long, powdery tannins. Hedonistic, for sure, and so confident! Ready now but will improve. **Simply delicious and definitely one of the vintage's best buys. (WS)**

17 Points, JancisRobinson.com

Camphor, wild berry, new leather and blue flower aromas emerge on the nose of this savory wine. Full-bodied and delicious, the structured palate delivers succulent Marasca cherry, baking spice and a hint of menthol alongside firm, refined tannins. This is an incredible performance for what is the firm's entry level Barolo.

95 Points, Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast

2017 Barolo Parafada

£375 c/s IB – 5 cases available (6 bts per case)

The 2017 Barolo Parafada comes across as compact and closed in on itself. There is plenty of depth and density, but the Parafada is very tightly wound at this stage. It will be interesting to see what time in bottle brings. Today, the 2017 feels squashed and compact.

93 Points, Antonio Galloni

Serralunga d'Alba. Youthful mid ruby. Savoury and mineral cherry fruit on the nose. Compact, sour-cherry palate that is elegant and lively, but still embryonic and with a rich layer of finely woven tannins. Cranberry and sour cherry of great length on the finish. The palate really lulls you into thinking you could approach it now. (WS)

17+ Points, JancisRobinson.com

2017 Barolo Parussi

£375 c/s IB – 5 cases available (6 bts per case)

The 2017 Barolo Parussi is a classic Castiglione Falletto Barolo. Sweet floral notes and bright, red berry fruit open first as the 2017 shows off its considerable charms. Medium in body and silky (for the year), with exceptional balance, the 2017 Parussi is stellar. This is an unbelievably classy Barolo.

95 Points, Antonio Galloni

Castiglione Falletto. Youthful ruby. A wine that is tightly stitched together. Sour cherry with a hint of cardamom pod and fantastic depth. Succulent, concentrated, yet not sweet. Cherry fruit on the palate with long, coating tannins. You won't be disappointed if you open the bottle now but ideally, it should be given the chance to age a little more. (WS)

17 Points, [JancisRobinson.com](https://www.jancisrobinson.com)

2017 Barolo Margheria

£375 c/s IB – 5 cases available (6 bts per case)

The 2017 Barolo Margheria is a compelling, multi-faceted Barolo loaded with personality. Sage, mint, lavender, spice, iron and red/purplish berry fruit grace this firm, classically built Barolo. This translucent, taut Barolo has so much to offer, but it also needs time to soften. Readers will find a terrific example of Margheria.

95 Points, Antonio Galloni

Serralunga d'Alba. Youthful mid ruby. Sweetly concentrated cherry fruit that is still a little subdued and with a hint of old leather. Great purity of cherry, raspberry and cranberry fruit on the palate. Lift and juiciness followed by a firm layer of sandy tannins. Quite a pretty wine with lots of freshness, which can be approached now. (WS)

17 Points, [JancisRobinson.com](https://www.jancisrobinson.com)

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2015 Barolo Riserva Vigna Rionda

£710 c/s IB – 5 cases available (6 bts per case)

The 2015 Barolo Riserva Vigna Rionda is a magnificent wine that shows all the magic this site is so famous for. All the Rionda signatures open in the glass. Sweet dark cherry/plum, lavender, spice, mint and pine meld together in a sensual, beautifully layered Barolo that pushes all the right buttons. The 2015 is going to need a few years to soften, but it is undeniably vivid and arresting in its sheer allure.

96 Points, Antonio Galloni

Serralunga d'Alba. Lustrous ruby. Beguiling, deep concentrated Marasca cherry nose with savoury notes of exotic spice and soy sauce. Rich, round, supple and almost lush at first followed by a vibrant dose of acidity and very fine, long polished tannins. Finesse and concentration. (WS)

17.5 Points, [JancisRobinson.com](https://www.jancisrobinson.com)

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