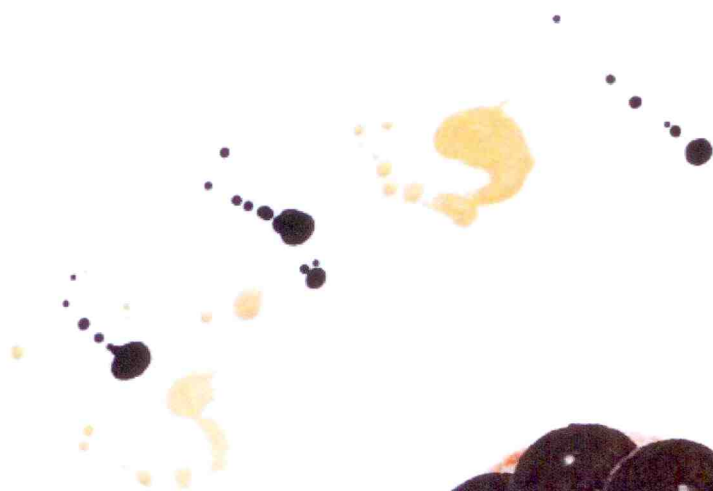


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BARBARESCO IS A COMMUNE, WITH A POPULATION OF 656, IN PIEDMONTE, NEXT TO ALBA, WHERE YOU GET ALBA TRUFFLES. HOWEVER, BARBARESCO, WHICH COMES FROM THE WORD "BARBARIAN", COULD ALSO REFER TO THE SAVAGE MOUTHFEEL OF THE WINES MADE HERE, WHICH IN THEIR YOUTH ARE EXTREMELY TANNIC AND TIGHT.

The Piedmontese call the grape variety from which Barbarescos are made Nebbiolo ("fog"). It could be because when the harvest is on, the first fog comes out over their beautiful landscape, with its hills and valleys. Nebbiolo is very 'sensible', and able to give the true expression of the terroir. Alberto di Grésy of the Marchesi di Grésy wine family who has planted Cabernet Sauvignon before complains that you cannot tell which continent Cabernet Sauvignon comes from, because it can be planted all over the world. "With the Nebbiolo, I can make a wine with an identity and personality," he says. "And this is what gives me passion in making the wine." Indeed, nosing his wines you can find liquorice, tobacco, leather, perfume, marmalade, berries, bon bon, balsamic tea, and toasted coffee beans. Just as beautiful are the Barbarescos from Pio Cesare. Luscious and silky, with fruits, tannins, and aromas of leather, tobacco, roses, violets, fresh fruit, and red berries, the wines are wonderful with cheeses, red meat, peasant, birds, and roasted games. Pio Cesare's winemaker Pio Boffa finds Nebbiolo a 'funny' grape – it only grows well in Barbaresco. This is why Nebbiolo is a treasure in their hands, because it cannot be duplicated anywhere else in the world. He concludes, "Barbaresco is certainly the queen of Italian wines." QL





2006 Busso Piero Barbaresco San Stunet DOCG

Medium ruby red. Fruity nose, hint of spice. Good depth and terroir, smooth mellow finish. Lee How Sheng

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2007 Michele Chiarlo Reyna Barbaresco DOCG

On the nose, it is subdued and restrained, with light touch of green stalky note. Creamy, soft in its structure. Nutmeg, dark fruit and toasty note on the palate. Finishes clean and lengthy. Lim Hwee Peng, CSW

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2007 Cantina del Pino Barbaresco

Lively aromas of raspberry, prunes, vanilla and strawberries. Spices in the background. An elegant entry on palate. Tannic, acidic with good medium bodied weight. Elegant. Enjoyable now. Nicola Lee

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2006 Marchesi di Gresy Martinenga Barbaresco DOCG

Elegant aromas of tar, flowers and fruit. Restraint in style. Entry on palate is medium bodied. Tannins are firm and not too harsh. Enjoyable now but will age. A lasting finish. Nicola Lee

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2007 CA' del Baio Barbaresco Valgrande DOCG

Initial nose was lightly complex. Attractive nose with pleasant earthy and cherry aroma, spice note. A moderate expression on the palate with richness, fullness, ripeness and an international wine style. Enjoyable, although not traditional in its expression. Lim Hwee Peng, CSW

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2007 Sottimano Barbaresco Cottá DOCG

Cherry, brown, tea leaf, and cedar wood aroma. Prune flower and good acid to balance the richness, structure, firm tannins still need time to soften, and show its true character. Moderate to long finish. Diwen Qiu

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2007 Fontanafredda Barbaresco DOCG

Dark cherry red, plum and berry aroma, a bit cedar wood, plum and dark cherry. Fine tannin with well balanced structure, good acid to balance the richness and flavour. Long lingering on palate. Diwen Qiu

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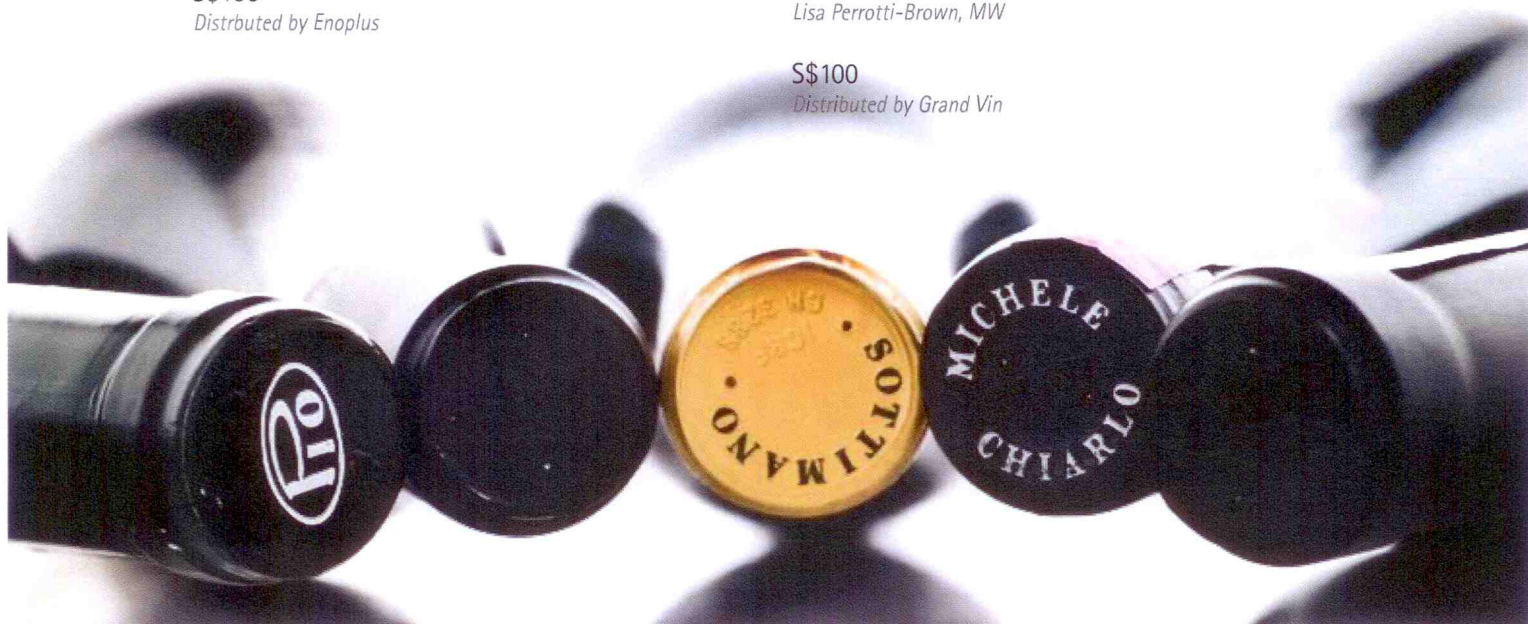
2007 Pio Cesare Barbaresco

Modest notes of ripe cherries, baking spices, pepper and potpourri on the nose. Firm, grainy tannins and crisp acid mark the palate, matched by concentrated fruit and a long finish.

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW

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2006 Sottimano Barbaresco Fausoni DOCG

Fragrant notes of black cherries, licorice and pepper with hints of red flowers and coffee, crisp, full and rich with firm chewy tannins and a long layered finish. *Lisa Perrotti-Brown, MW*

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2008 Ronchi Barbaresco

Light, tart, pleasant earth bouquet, more secondary notes on the nose. Dark cherry appears underneath the secondary bouquet. On the palate, it is lighter, fuller in structure, with its firm tannins emerging as an aftertaste. Clean finishes with a little puckering sensation. *Lim Hwee Peng, CSW*

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2007 Pio Cesare il Bricco Barbaresco

A pleasant earthiness, mushroom scent. On the palate, it has a pleasant medium-bodied richness, well-balanced, wine that offers chocolate, dark fruit flavours.

Lim Hwee Peng, CSW

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Panel's Best Wine



2008 Ovello Loreto Barbaresco

Complex on the nose with mineral scent, pleasant mushroom note. A densely flavoured wine with layers of treats on the palate. Youthful nonetheless. Showing a restrained expression. Yet it has depth. *Lim Hwee Peng, CSW*

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