

SORDO CRU BAROLO ROCCHES DI CASTIGLIONE RISERVA DOCG 2004



Wine Introduction

This vineyard is in one of the best areas in the district of Castiglione Falletto. This Barolo Riserva matures in traditional big Slavonian oak barrels and offers beautiful, complex wines archetypal of Barolo.

Tasting Notes

This is a wine with good brightness of colour and captivating shades that endure over time. An intense, rich and lingering bouquet entices with hints of liquorice, mint and sensations of ripe fruit. With time, estery sensations develop with hints recalling resin and sweet spices. Full-flavoured and well-structured, a marked acidity and tannicity which, will evolve and balance out with maturation, intermingle. This wine has good ageing prospects.

Winemaker Vinification Notes

Barolo Riserva matures in traditional big Slavonian oak barrels for 36 months and is followed by further ageing in the bottle – as long as possible – before release. A long maceration using the submerged-cap method is the basis for producing our Riserva in the tradition of the great masters of Barolo.

Winemaker Vintage Notes

2004 - A snowy winter with low average temperatures was followed by a spring characterised by plenty of rain over long periods until the beginning of May, delaying the start of the budding cycle of the vine. The following months were distinguished by summery temperatures which were never too high, with almost no periods of oppressive heat or rain. These conditions allowed for good development of medium-to-large sized bunches. The distinguishing feature of the 2004 vintage was the arrival in our region of an anticyclone, which lasted throughout September and early October, with days full of sunshine, no rainfall, and temperatures above the seasonal average. This meant that the grapes could be picked when they were perfectly sound and ripe, allowing growers to enjoy a calm, anxiety-free harvest. The harvesting of the grapes began later in 2004 and the standard of quality of the grapes was higher than expected. The wines of 2004 have very interesting, complex noses, with the right amount of acidity and alcohol.

Wine Information

Country:	Italy
Region:	Piedmont
Winemaker:	Ernesto Minasso
Grape:	100% Nebbiolo
Alcohol:	14.0%
Total Acidity:	5.60g/L
pH:	3.55
Closure:	Cork
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case Size:	6 Bottles per pack

Recent Vintage Awards

- 2011 - 94 Points - James Suckling
- 2010 - 92 Points - James Suckling
- 2010 - 94 Points - Wine Enthusiast
- 2010 - 17+ Points - Jancis Robinson