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2022 Vintage Roero Arneis & Docetto d'Alba

Yields are down by between 15% and 30%, depending on the grape variety and exposure. Despite the maturation levels of the grapes, the results were exceptional, and the wines offer great structure and excellent aromatics. When asked about the 2022 vintage, Bruna Giacosa modestly told us: "we're very happy with the results so far".

2021 Vintage Barbera d'Alba & Nebbiolo d'Alba Valmaggiore

There are high expectations for the recent 2021 harvest. Dry weather and a steady growing season yielded wines of balance and complexity. Ripening was even across the board and the fruit retained excellent acidity. A day of rain at the beginning of October refreshed the vines and extended the end of the growing season.





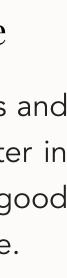
2019 Vintage Barbaresco Rabaja, Barolo Faletto & Barolo Faletto Vigna Le Rocche

A late harvest due to slower vegetative growth. July and August saw warm days and balanced rainfall, which in turn ensured good retention of water in the soil. Later in the year, the difference between day and night-time temperatures resulted in good acidity and phenolic maturation. The wines promise suberb structure and balance.

2017 Vintage Barolo Faletto Vigna Le Rocche Riserva

A very warm year and with little rain: the drought lasted from early August until November; the exception was a couple of days' rain in September, which for many blessed the crop. The difference in temperature between day and night was essential in retaining acidity; cool nights tempered very hot days. The reserves of water in the soil provided enough hydration throughout the extended drought.









The Estate

There is no more significant name in Piedmont than 'el Maestro' Bruno Giacosa. His reputation as one of the greatest winemakers in the history of Piedmont has been built over 50+ years and the estate boasts some of the most celebrated holdings in the region, notably Asili in Barbaresco and Falletto in Serralunga d'Alba, Barolo.

It is with great pleasure that we offer the new vintage releases from Bruno Giacosa. The company's philosophy has continued to follow a traditional style, whilst using selected modern technology to obtain the finest expression from each terroir. The late Bruno believed that great wines are born from the vines by the expert hands of the growers, and the new releases from the estate, overseen by his daughter Bruna, are a true testament to his beliefs.





This year's releases celebrate the estate's commitment to translating their prized terroir in each bottle. The 2019s promise tension and balance, ensuring longevity and making this the vintage that will reward time in the cellar. Traditionally in worthy years, the muchanticipated 'red label' Riserva is also produced. We are pleased to offer you the stunning 2017 Barolo Falletto Vigna Le Rocche Riserva, made with grapes from Giacosa's most famous terroir. It comes as no surprise that the 2017 vintage is excellent in quality, but quantities are limited.

The Vineyards:

Falletto and Falletto Vigna Le Rocche are situated at the highest point of the Giacosa estate (380m above sea level) and share an amphitheatric layout, creating a unique microclimate. Falletto enjoys a south-west exposure, whilst Falletto Vigna Le Rocche is purely south-facing. The soil in these vineyards is both clayey and calcareous enhancing the structure of the wine.

In the Rabajà vineyard, found at 250m above sea level, the soil is even more clayey and calcareous compared to its neighbour Asili, but with less sand, providing unique elegance and texture.





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Roero Arneis 2022

Coming exclusively from the Roero region, the Arneis shows a ripe and profound character of aromas, expected for a warm and dry vintage. Nonetheless, the freshness of the fruit sustains the structure of a solar vintage, with notes of ripe orchard fruit and confit citrus. Drink from 2024 to 2028.

Dolcetto d'Alba 2022

Dolcetto was harvested over the first ten days of September, earlier than usual. Bruna in particular is very happy with the quality of the fruit and the character of the wine. Dense and aromatic, the 2022 has a crunchy character of black fruit, that provides a sense of freshness to this release. Drink from 2024 to 2028.



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Barbera d'Alba 2021

The 2021 is already showing the characteristics of a solar vintage, being very different from the 2019 and 2020. The 2021 yielded a Barbera of rich character, with great drinkability and structure. Dense and fleshy, accompanied by freshness of the fruit and velvety tannins. A true delight. Drink from 2024 to 2030.

Nebbiolo d'Alba Valmaggiore 2021

At this stage, the single-vineyard Valmaggiore from Roero is open and very pretty in terms of perfume, thanks to the sandy soil. Delicate and floral, with a classic character of orange peel and dry herbs. The palate is dense, with a pristine freshness and elegance, and a soft character of tannins, harmonious and balanced. Drink from 2024 to 2035.



The 2021s







Barbaresco Rabaja 2019

Restrained and precise, composed of mineral and stony notes on the nose. Subtle red fruits, liquorice and herbs complete the spectrum of aromas. A superb palate, and a delicate and cool elegance signs the vintage. Firm, fine-grained tannins, length and charm define the finish. Drink from 2025 to 2050.

"So perfumed and complex, with tangerines, jasmine, cedar, black truffle and iron. Full-bodied and very structured. Fantastic structure for the vintage. Very Barolo-like in structure." 98 points, James Suckling

Barolo Falletto 2019

Ripe and generous, featuring an array of dark fruits and sweet spice with a distinctive smoky character, typical of this terroir. The palate is dense and round, still quite closed but the effortless freshness of the vintage provides length and true depth. A wine that needs time to settle but will provide true joy for those who have the patience to wait. Drink from 2026 to 2060.

Barolo Falletto Vigna Le Rocche 2019

A shy nose, first revealing distinctive wild herbs and crushed rock notes. The fruit expands in the glass enhancing the complexity of this truly blessed site. Ample texture and with an expansive palate, this offers a lingering and profound freshness that gives harmony and depth to this elegant, precise vintage. The 2019 is comparable to the legendary 2016, but it needs time to be enjoyed at its prime. Drink from 2025 to 2060.

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The Single Vineyard Baroli & Barbaresco





Riserva Release

Barolo Faletto Vigna Le Rocche Riserva 2017

One of the highlights of this year's releases, Giacosa signed the most accomplished wine of the 2017 vintage. An extra year of ageing in bottle and enviable vineyards certainly helped, with Rocche del Faletto being one of the most energetic and captivating sites in the whole Langhe. Open and complex, with some layers of dry herbs and flowers, the nose is overlaid with cherry fruit and orange peel. A classical structure of firm and fine-grained tannins and a nervy tension signed the perfect balance of this outstanding wine, with true ageing potential. Drink from 2023 to 2065.

Please note, due to high demand this wine is sold by allocation. Balanced orders across the range will be prioritised.

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Roero Arneis 2022 £132 per 6x75cl IB

Dolcetto d'Alba 2022 £109 per 6x75cl IB

Barbera d'Alba 2021 £155 per 6x75cl IB

Nebbiolo d'Alba Valmaggiore 2021 £240 per 6x75cl IB

> Barbaresco Rabaja 2019 £1,200 per 6x75cl IB

Barolo Faletto 2019 £1,125 per 6x75cl IB

Barolo Faletto Vigna Le Rocche 2019 £1,450 per 6x75cl IB

Barolo Faletto Vigna Le Rocche Riserva 2017 £2,950 per 6x75cl IB Large formats available on request.

Delivery is expected in Spring 2023.

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