



Bruno Giacosa

NEW VINTAGE
RELEASES



THE ESTATE

It is with great pleasure that we offer the new vintage releases from Bruno Giacosa.

The company's philosophy has been 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 testament to his beliefs.

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 and Falletto Vigna Le Rocche in Serralunga d'Alba, Barolo.

Notably, the estate does not shy away from going against consensus and only releasing wines that live up to their very high standards. This is why no single vineyard Barbaresco or Barolo was produced from the 2018 vintage.

In the vintages that the estate considers to be exceptional, they produce a much-anticipated Riserva which is adorned with the famous red label. This year we are pleased to offer the stunning 2016 Falletto Vigna Le Rocche Riserva.

We have an impressive selection to offer this year, although the wines are only available in small quantities. Please contact us at the earliest opportunity to discuss your allocation.

The Vineyards:

The Falletto and Falletto Vigna Le Rocche vineyards are 380m above sea level and share an amphitheatre lay out, creating a unique microclimate. Falletto enjoys a south-west exposure, whilst Falletto Vigna Le Rocche is south facing. The soil in these vineyards is clayey and calcareous.

The Asili vineyard in Barbaresco has a south, south-west exposure at 250m above sea level and the soil in this vineyard is clay and calcareous with a good percentage of sand.





VINTAGE REPORT

2021 Vintage

Roero Arneis & Dolcetto d'Alba tbc

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 caused a brief delay in picking.

2020 Vintage

Barbera d'Alba - Nebbiolo d'Alba Valmaggiore

The 2020 vintage began with no issues during the winter season; temperatures were mild, and rain and snow falls were few and far between. The very beginning of spring was relatively dry and sunny, ensuring steady plant growth starting from late February, and for the later-ripening varieties, towards the end of March. The months of March and April were marked by good weather and mild temperatures, with little rainfall - a sign of an early harvest. This forecast was however proven wrong in May, when a considerable number of rainy days were recorded, and the region experienced a fluctuating climate throughout late June.

2019 Vintage

Barbaresco Asili

Another late harvest, due to slower vegetative growth. July and August saw warm days and balanced rainfall, which in turn ensures 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 good structure and balance.

2018 Vintage

Barbaresco - Barolo

A later vintage than usual, due in part to a cooler summer. Temperatures then increased in September and October, favouring slow and steady maturation. The harvest at Giacosa was about 15 days later than usual. The estate describes the wines as having "a good vinosity and freshness with a medium structure and considerable balance".

2016 Vintage

Barolo Falletto Le Rocche Riserva

A superb vintage now widely recognised as one of the greatest in recent years. Budbreak came early thanks to a mild spring, whilst May was relatively cool, slowing things down a little. The summer months were warm but never excessive and with balanced rainfall. The dynamic flow of warm weather and a few cooler spells encouraged a particularly healthy, steady maturation, resulting in supremely balanced wines with excellent ripeness and acidity. The Giacosa estate describes 2016 as "a classical vintage of old times".



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Roero Arneis 2021

£115 per 6x75cl IB

Hail affected quantity but not quality. The sand of the Roero region gives elegance and minerality to this wine, while the aromas are leaning towards exotic fruit, confit citrus notes and white flowers. Crisp and refreshing – a delicious Arneis from a master of the variety. Drink from 2022.

Dolcetto d'Alba 2021

£96 per 6x75cl IB

At this early stage, the nose shows lively red fruit and hints of violet. The palate is lithe and briny, with vibrant, crunchy fruit and berries. A charming and energetic Dolcetto, reflective of a great terroir, for everyday enjoyment whilst the more revered Crus mature in the cellar. Drink from 2022.

Barbera d'Alba 2020

£135 per 6x75cl IB

Ripe, plush and generous, with hints of black cherry, forest fruits, damson plum and blueberry. Juicy and expressive fruit is complemented by savoury notes and a grippy tannic structure. Delicious to enjoy upon release but give this a couple of years to reveal its potential. Drink from 2022.

Nebbiolo d'Alba Valmaggiore 2020

£210 per 6x75cl IB

A richer style than the 2019 but still retaining good freshness and a firm tannic structure. The nose is ripe and fruity with floral nuances and notes of red cherry, wild strawberry, and orange zest. The Valmaggiore comes from a single vineyard in the Roero region which consistently yields great Nebbiolo. Drink from 2024.



Barbaresco 2018

£680 per 6x75cl IB

Due to a small crop, no Asili or Rabajá were bottled in 2018. This Barbaresco release, the first since 2014, is revealing notes of ripe fruit, roasted coffee beans and dark chocolate, with hints of raspberries coulis and morello cherries. The palate is generous, but balanced with tension and precision, framed by a firm, fine-grained tannic structure. Drink from 2023 to 2035.

Barbaresco Asili 2019

£950 per 6x75cl IB

At the time of tasting, the 2019 Asili needed time in the bottle to overcome the bottling shock. While the nose was closed and restrained, there is a feeling of grace and elegance which is going to define the 2019 vintage. The palate is pure and delicate, at once firm and fleshy, with a distinctive length. A very pretty and harmonious wine. Drink from 2024 to 2045.

Barolo 2018

£795 per 6x75cl IB

Bruna also decided not to release any single vineyard Barolo from the 2018 vintage, for quantities were not sufficient following a rigorous sorting in the vineyard. The Barolo is a rigorous selection of the young vines within the Falletto vineyard. The nose has a clear Mediterranean character, with hints of rosemary, bay leaf and juniper berries. It is ripe and concentrated, but with a clear and precise mineral character. The palate is dense and generous. The firm character of tannins and a precise freshness gives balance and character to the wine. A very gastronomic approach and a worthy expression of 2018. Drink from 2023 to 2040.

Barolo Falletto Vigna Le Rocche Riserva 2016

£2600 per 6x75cl IB

£2700 per 3x150cl IB

£1925 per 1x300cl IB

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

Wine of the year! And one of the most remarkable releases from this magnificent parcel of vines. The precision and the purity of the nose is positively addictive, with notes of dried flowers, earth and mineral all coming together in this highly complex and memorable wine. The palate is elegant, delicate, and refined. A beautifully fine-grained tannic structure brings power, and the tension is exhilarating. You rarely come across a wine of this magnetism... a masterpiece! Drink from 2025 until...

"This is the second 100-point Vigna Le Rocche, following the 2015. What the former had in intensity of fruit and transparency, this has in structure and power. The purity of fruit is sensational in this young Barolo, offering blackberries, black truffle and iron. Rust too. This is so tannic and powerful with incredible structure. This may be the most structured Barolo from Bruno Giacosa I have ever tasted as a young wine. Speechless. Full-bodied and so intense, yet it remains fresh and agile. Traditional in every sense of the word, but this is clear and clean. A classic in the making. It will be in the market January 2022. Leave this for at least six to eight years. Try in 2027."

100 Points, James Suckling





To enquire about your allocation of the new releases from Bruno Giacosa, please get in contact with clients@armitwines.co.uk at your earliest convenience.

