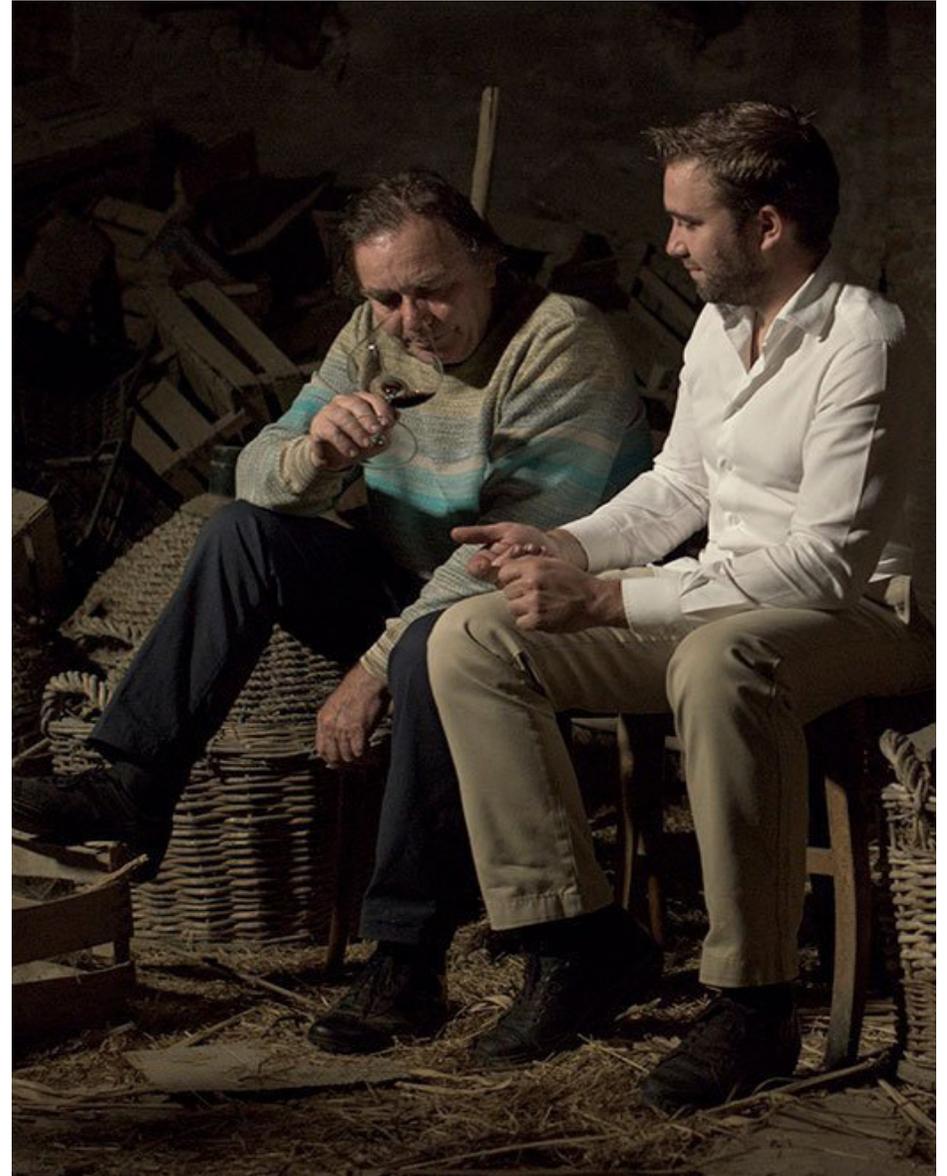


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# ROAGNA®

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Always looking to improve his already spectacular wines, Luca Roagna is one of the stars of Piedmont. We are lucky to work directly with this celebrated estate, bringing Luca's sublime wines from the Roagna cellar to your table. It is a pleasure to present the new releases: the greatly anticipated 2016 vintage from Barolo and Barbaresco, 2013 Cichet Pajé, 2019 Montemarzino and Solea, and very special 2006 Barolo Pira Riserva.

*"[Roagna crafts] fascinating, soulful Barbarescos and Barolos of mesmerizing depth" Kerin O'Keefe, in Barolo & Barbaresco*



# THE VINTAGES

We can wholeheartedly say that it has been worth the wait for Roagna's 2016s. Over the years, Luca's wines have been getting better and better; as Antonio Galloni has written, "Luca Roagna continues to ratchet up the quality of his wines in a meaningful way."

The 2016 vintage provided everything necessary for Luca to craft his masterpiece.

It was a season without any extremes: throughout the growing season, days were warm and nights were cool, and a dry and warm September continued into October ensuring a successful harvest. One could not have wished for better weather and the resulting wines are nothing less than a triumph. Roagna's 2016s reflect the perfect harmony of vintage, terroir and lightness of touch in the cellar. As Luca himself tells us: "I am very happy".

*"A focus on old vineyards and non-interventionist winemaking with extended time in oak (but not as much as in the past) drive the approach at Roagna"* Antonio Galloni, Vinous

Accompanying the 2016 releases comes Crichton Pajé 2013, always a few vintages behind. Described by Galloni as an "epic vintage of classic proportions and superb pedigree", 2013 enjoyed a steady ripening season and perfect September, yielding Nebbiolo of superb balance and intensity. Today's release, amongst the profound Crichton Pajés we have tasted, is not to be missed.

An exciting addition to the new releases, Luca has produced a small quantity of 2006 Barolo Pira Riserva. Bottled in July 2021, it spent 5 years in wood and 10 in concrete.

The vintage is known for its powerful, intense expressions, and Luca's Barolo Pira Riserva still shows a remarkable purity of fruit after 15 years in the cellar. A special black label which is used exclusively for Roagna's Riserva wines will adorn the bottle.

Given the tiny volume produced, the 2006 Riserva will be sold by allocation.

*"[These are] earthy, structured wines with mind-blowing complexity and exceptional character"*  
Kerin O'Keefe, in Barolo & Barbaresco

With regards to Luca's coveted white wines, the 2019 vintage was cooler than 2018, with a welcome difference in temperature between night and day, ensuring good retention of acidity. Luca has also been picking early to draw out the freshness and tension he seeks. The 2019s are exactly where he wants them to be.

Both Solea (a blend of Chardonnay and Nebbiolo) and Montemarzino (from Timorasso) are one of a kind and comfortably sit amongst Italy's finest dry white wines.



# THE MANIFESTO

The Roagna family has lived in the village of Barbaresco for centuries, long before the wines of Barbaresco and Barolo became world famous. Luca has been working the harvest since 2001 and his guiding principles are summarised by the ten points in his manifesto:

- #01 Old vines located in historic vineyards
- #02 Massale Selection – No Clones – Single Vineyard Wines
- #03 Biodiversity, No herbicides, No Pesticides, No Fertilizers
  - #04 Maturity at Harvest
  - #05 Wild yeast fermentation
  - #06 Long aging in large oak casks
- #07 Bottling using low sulfur and no filtration or fining
- #08 Long maceration using a submerged cap
  - #09 Family tradition
- #10 Purity from the terroir without any oak flavor



# WINES

*Limited large formats available on allocation*

## **Solea 2019**

£330 per 6x75cl IB

*The nose is rich and buttery, followed by subtle notes of hazelnut and pistachio. The palate is generous yet fresh. The Chardonnay and Nebbiolo for Roagna's Solea comes from the family's Pira vineyard in Barolo. The Nebbiolo is vinified with no skin contact, but lends the wine its lovely texture and length. It matures for two years in cask before being bottled. Made with a nod towards white Burgundy, Antonio Galloni describes Solea as "one of the most compelling white wines being made in Piedmont". A Piemontese wine for Burgundy lovers. Drink from 2022 to 2028.*

## **Montemarzino 2019**

£420 per 6x75cl IB

*The 2019 Timorasso Derthona Montemarzino is the fifth vintage of this extraordinary wine and it has quickly captured the imagination of collectors. Made from the Timorasso grape, Luca produces the very best example from a tiny one hectare plot in the Colli Tortonesi, 400 metres above sea level. Having followed Luca's project with Timorasso from the first vintage, we feel that his achievement with this grape year after year is nothing short of remarkable. The 2019 is the best yet, with a superb nose, mineral and precise, whilst the palate offers a unique salinity and an exhilarating energy which signs this wine with breed and character. One of the greatest white wines from Italy. Drink from 2022 to 2030.*

## **Langhe Rosso 2016**

£150 per 6x75cl IB

*Grapes for the Langhe Rosso come from Roagna's younger vines (25 years old and younger) in Pira in Castiglione Falletto (Barolo) and in Pajè in Barbaresco. The wine spends a little under three years in oak and two years in cement. The 2016 is restrained at present, offering a refined and pure expression of red berries and lovely 'minerality'. Tense, pure and mineral on the palate, its generous texture brings some concentration whilst retaining excellent freshness. Drink now until 2025+.*

## **Barolo La Pira 2016**

£576 per 6x75cl IB

*La Pira is a Roagna family monopole situated in Castiglione Falletto. With 7 hectares of vines, it is their largest vineyard. Of the monopole's distinctive character, Monica Lerner writes: "Pira is easy to recognize in terms of bouquet, thanks to those distinctive aromas of dried rose petal and balsam herb that lift gently from the bouquet." This is delicate, nuanced Barolo with superb length and precision. The 2016 is a beauty from the Pira terroir, with lifted notes of flowers and spice. The palate is firm, with a solid tannic spectrum balanced with tension and a long finish. Drink from 2022 to 2035.*



**Barolo La Pira Vecchie Viti 2016**

£1,200 per 6x75cl IB

*Next to the straight Pira, the Vecchie Viti has an extra kick of mid-palate sweetness and richness that is very attractive. With many vines planted on their original rootstocks, the Vecchie Viti receives an extended maceration, typically two and half months, which gives it great complexity and structure. The nose of the 2016 is restrained and shy, but with a sense of purity and a real precision of terroir. The palate is concentrated and voluptuous, paired with ripe and sandy tannins and a briny, tense length.*

*The 2016 is a stunning wine.*

*Drink from 2024 to...*

*\*by allocation only*

**Barolo Pira Riserva 2006**

£1,440 per 3x75cl IB

*Bottled in July 2021. Aged 5 years in wood and a further 10 in concrete. What a gift Luca is bringing into the world. This is a memorable wine, with a restrained and shy nose, but so much complexity. No evolution there for a 15-year-old wine, but a complex melting pot of herbs and dried flowers, sweet spices and dry berries. The palate is a symbol of purity, a sublime harmony between perfectly incorporated tannins, vibrant freshness and suave texture. This is utterly unique, a must have.*

*Drink from 2022 to 2050.*

*\*by allocation only*

*\*Larger formats available on allocation*

**Barbaresco Faset 2016**

£480 per 6x75cl IB

*First produced in 2013, this is a delightfully open-knit style, although there is plenty of Nebbiolo persistence and overall grip. Grapes come from a tiny half hectare plot and no more than 2,000 bottles are produced.*

*The 2016 offers a riper style of fruit, darker berries, blackcurrant and plum. The palate is elegant, thanks to the sandy character of the soil, with volume and freshness. Tannins are firm and will need a generous and convivial dish to be paired with.*

*Drink from 2022 to 2032.*

**Barbaresco Albesani 2016**

£480 per 6x75cl IB

*This is just the third vintage of this wine, produced from a parcel owned by a Roagna family friend. Antonio Galloni writes: "Barbaresco Albesani is frankly on another level relative to the other Barbarescos Luca Roagna has recently added to his range." The chalky soils contribute to the wine's fragrant aromatics. The 2016 offers a concentrated and generous expression of damson, cigar box and spices. It offers voluptuous texture, whilst its precision and tension gives wonderful balance to the firm tannins. Drink from 2022 to 2032.*



**Barbaresco Gallina 2016**

£480 per 6x75cl IB

*Another new wine for the Roagna family, first produced in 2014, Gallina offers the hedonistic quality that typifies wines from this site whilst also displaying the classical feel of Roagna's Barbarescos. Like Albesani, this comes from a leased parcel of vines in Neive. Delicate and precise, the nose is stony and flinty, with notes of dry rose petal and smoked black tea. Refined and balanced, firm and elegant, with a lovely long finish.*

*Drink from 2022 to 2032.*

**Barbaresco Pajé 2016**

£576 per 6x75cl IB

*All of the Pajé bottlings are known for their aromatics and depth – and this is the perfect place to begin. The Pajé vineyard is a south-southwest facing amphitheatre, perfectly sheltered from the wind and with a higher concentration of limestone. The parcel is just 1.8 hectares and has been owned by the Roagna family since 1953. The vines are 50 years old. The 2016 offers a superb nose, shy and closed, but with such a potential. Pajé will need time to open up, but we can already feel the complexity behind this wine.*

*The palate has a natural elegance, minerality and pure tension.*

*This is an electric wine, made for a long ageing in a cellar, and to enjoy at a very special time.*

*Drink from 2024 to 2040.*

**Barbaresco Pajé Vecchie Viti 2016**

£1,200 per 6x75cl IB

*This is a selection of Pajé's oldest vines, many dating back to 1937.*

*The parcel is less than half a hectare in size. As Antonio Galloni writes: "Other wines in this range offer power and/or finesse, but the Pajé Vecchie Viti is all about elusive, ethereal beauty." It is typically amongst the most perfumed of Roagna's wines. With 2016, it is the high point of Luca's young career.*

*The wine is close to perfection, and a jewel amongst the Roagna range. Very few words can express this wine, for us this is simply mystical.*

*Drink from 2025 to 2050.*

*\*by allocation only*

**Barbaresco Montefico Vecchie Viti 2016**

£1,200 per 6x75cl IB

*A super-classic Barbaresco, the Roagna family has been crafting wine from Montefico longer than any other vineyard; their parcel was bought in 1929, and many of the original vines remain today.*

*Montefico ripens last, which means the grapes benefit from an extended phenolic maturation. Fewer than 1,200 bottles are produced. An all-time favourite, but such a small quantity! The 2016 is the pinnacle of the Nebbiolo purity, with a mineral lead rather than fruit, a firm tannic structure giving the wine such a potential for ageing.*

*Drink from 2025 to 2050.*

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*\*Larger formats available on allocation*



### **Barbaresco Asili Vecchie Viti 2016**

£1,200 per 6x75cl IB

*From 80 year old vines in the heart of the vineyard, Asili W is one of Roagna's most sought-after releases. From just 0.22 hectares, purchased in 1961, a layer of sand under limestone adds elegance and charm to the wine.*

*Spices dominate the nose, with black and Szechuan pepper giving wonderful character to this prime terroir. The palate is elegant, with a refined texture, linear precision of flavour, and a solid tannic structure.*

*This is Nebbiolo at its best.*

*Drink from 2024 to 2040.*

*\*by allocation only*

### **Barbaresco Crichet Pajé 2013**

£730 per 1x75cl IB

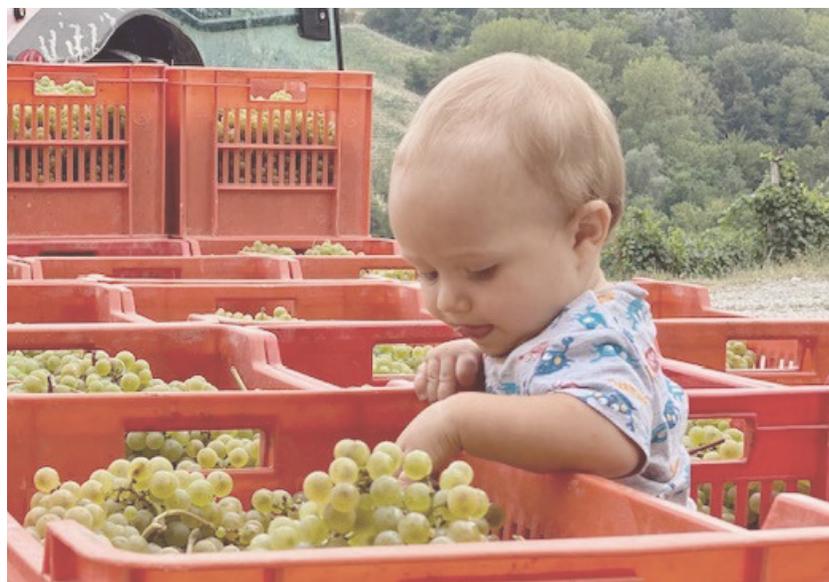
*Crichet Pajé is the pinnacle of Roagna's production, the jewel in the crown, and one of Piedmont's greatest wines. Limestone soil from a small parcel (just half a hectare) at the top of the Pajé vineyard produces wines of sublime depth and complexity. Twenty-thirteen was a beautiful vintage, on the cooler side. The nose is restrained, you will have to be patient for it to open up.*

*The terroir signs the nose with a rocky and mineral expression, alongside some smoked tea and savoury tones. The palate is perfect: singular and tense, with concentration and tannic structure perfectly in tune. A magical feeling. The release of the Crichet Pajé is always the most anticipated of the year. Drink from 2024 to 2050.*

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Armit welcomes Alessandro, the new generation at Roagna

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