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RABAJA' - BARBARESCO

## BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 2011

*Recensioni e premi - Press and awards*

**STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR 91+ points** "Good full, bright red. Pure, floral, perfumed nose is quite youthfully tight. Then almost surprisingly opulent and fleshy in the mouth but shapely and firm, with cherry and floral flavors in the deep background today. Finishes with serious but ripe tannins. Tough going today but already complex and aromatic."

### Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2014: medaglia d'argento

**JancisRobinson.com June 23, 2014 - 17 + out of 20 pts** "A little dusty on the nose but with pure fresh cherry on the palate and with lots of chewy tannins. Closes up quickly. Hints of strawberry on a long finish. This has a real future."

**GUIDA ESSENZIALE AI VINI D'ITALIA – Daniele Cernilli, 93 PTS.** Da uve nebbiolo. Matura per due anni in botti grandi. Rubino granato vivo. Note ancora fruttate al naso, pesca gialla, visciola, poi liquirizia, tutti aspetti varietali e tipici. Sapore teso, pieno, salino, con tannini vellutati ed ottima persistenza.

**GUIDA GAMBERO ROSSO 2015 - 3 BICCHIERI** Naso che si snoda su troni di viola appassita, tabacco scuro e spezie, seguiti da una bocca austera con tannini ben presenti.

**SLOW WINE GUIDA 2015 - VINO SLOW** Ancora chiuso al naso ma al palato dona un frutto succoso, slancio, tannini dolci e fitti, con finale di eccellente energia.

### GUIDA VINI BUONI D'ITALIA 2015 – 4 STELLE

**GUIDA VITAE 2015- 4 viti-** Eccolo di nuovo, il campione, un vino che nel tempo ha saputo diventare un vero paradigma del Barbaresco. Granbato esemplare. L'olfatto del degustatore capisce subito di avere a che fare con un vino di classe superiore, grazie a quei profumi croccanti di bacca rossa, alla balsamicità mentolata che è la natura quasi involontaria d'un grande nebbiolo, alla ricchezza delle spezie. Un naso assieme accogliente e complesso. Tannico ma soprattutto gustoso il sorso, forte, difficile da far sparire dal ricordo papillare, classico nelle proporzioni e nel rigoroso piacere che induce.

**GUIDA BIBENDA 2015 - 5 GRAPPOLI** Granato, si propone su eleganti sentori vegetali e di erbe aromatiche, poi fiori essiccati, ciliegie, fragole, sottobosco, menta e un tocco di pepe. Sorso coinvolgente per equilibrio tra freschezza e suggestioni minerali, tannini nobili, chiude lungo e saporito su ricordi officinali e balsamici.

### GUIDA ORO I VINI DI VERONELLI 2015: SUPER 3 STELLE 93 pts

**WINE ENTHUSIAST 95 pts.** "The potpourri of scents includes rose petal, blue lilac, woodland berry, moist earth and a menthol note. The savory palate weaves together ripe black cherry, crushed raspberry, cinnamon, clove and balsamic sensations supported by firm but fine tannins."

### ANTONIO GALLONI - VINOUS –BARBARESCO'S STELLAR 2011S 93 pts.

The 2011 Barbaresco Rabajà is rich, deep and fleshy, all qualities that will allow it to drink beautifully relatively early. Bright red berries, flowers, cinnamon and sweet tobacco are all woven together in an effortless, ample Barbaresco built on texture. A firm spine of tannin runs through the fruit, but overall, this is a fairly accessible, young Rabajà from Cortese. In 2011, the flavors are quite bright and redtoned, as opposed to other vintages where the Rabajà has been darker and more balsamic in profile. In 2011 Piercarlo Cortese gave the 2011 a little less time in oak and also favored older cask, both choices made to preserve as much freshness as possible. Cortese fans can also look forward to a Riserva in 2011.

**MERUM- Die Zeitschrift für Wein aus Italien - Taschenfuhrer Wein: 3 cuori**  
Begeisternder Wein, von dem kein Vorrat lange hält./Vino entusiasmante, del quale nessuna scorta durerebbe a lungo

**WINEFRONT.COM.AU, 9 MAY 2014: 94 + pts.** Rabajà one of my favourite sources for vinous delight. Red fruits, dried flowers, spice, tobacco, aniseed and camphor chest. Fresh and vibrant, fair chomp of open weave grainy tannin, aniseed laced raspberries and tobacco savouries. Finish brings it home: long and precise. Terrific wine. So good to drink. Touch and go for 95 points. I'm in.

**JAMESSUCKLING.COM, December 29, 2014: 93 pts** "Gorgeous aromas of milk chocolate, terracotta and almond with hints of dried strawberry. Full body and fine tannins with a bright, tangy acidity. Very intense and compacted. Very fine indeed."



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## **BARBARESCO RISERVA RABAJA' 2006**

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### **WINE ADVOCATE, Issue 203, October 31, 2012 93+ POINTS**

"The 2006 Barbaresco Riserva Rabaja is deceptively medium in body. Dark, powerful and inward, the 2006 needs time in the glass to start gradually uncoiling from its presently shut down state. The finish is all silk, power and minerality, qualities that reflect its classical leanings to the maximum. Hints of dark cherries, wild flowers and exotic spices linger in the empty glass."

### **Jancisrobinson.com – 17.5**

Just mid ruby with a broad, pale rim. Very slow to emerge from the glass. Earthy kirsch notes and iron. Austere, tannic palate with elegant fruit. Fragrant and lingering. Elegant and muscular. Serious stuff.

### **BEST ITALIAN WINE AWARDS – edizione 2013 - Vino incluso nei 50 migliori vini d'Italia.**

### **LE GUIDE DE L'ESPRESSO 2014 "VINO DELL'ECCELLENZA" 18,5/20**

"Impidi ed invitanti aromi di prugna matura su sfumature delicatamente floreali, sapore austero ma pieno di succo, ricamato nei tannini, delicato al tatto, di eccellente espansione gustativa"

### **GUIDA ORO I VINI DI VERONELLI 2014: SUPER 3 STELLE 93 pts**

**STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR 93 POINTS** "Palish red. Slightly high-toned aromas of raspberry, wild herbs and menthol, plus a pungent suggestion of pine needles. At once opulent and firm on entry, then rich and powerful in the middle, combining a sappy urgency of fruit with a deep creamy texture. Very complete Barbaresco, finishing with huge, broad, palate-dusting tannins and terrific persistence."

### **WEIN PLUS-best of Barbaresco: 92 pts.**

### **WINE ENTHUSIAST'S ONLINE BUYING GUIDE 5-1-2014 : 95 PTS.**

Demonstrating finesse and depth, it discloses a stunning fragrance of pressed rose, iris, berry, leather and truffle. The rich but elegant palate delivers creamy cherry, white pepper and licorice along with supple tannins. This wine already shows great depth but will continue to develop for years.

### **GUIDA ESSENZIALE AI VINI D'ITALIA – Daniele Cernilli, 97 PTS.**

Da uve nebbiolo. Matura per quasi quattro anni in botti grandi. Granato vivo. Fiori secchi, erbe aromatiche, note balsamiche, liquirizia, tamarindo, cassis al naso, che è di estrema complessità. Sapore teso, giustamente tannico, avvolgente, vellutato, caldo e di straordinaria persistenza.



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## **BARBARESCO RISERVA RABAJÀ 2008**

*Recensioni e premi - Press and awards*

### **WINE ADVOCATE, Issue 203, October 31, 2012 95+ POINTS**

"Simply stated, the 2008 Barbaresco Riserva Rabaja is one of the finest and most polished wines I have ever tasted at Cortese. It has all of the classicism of the 2006, but with a little more inner juiciness and perfume. Black cherries, plums, tar, incense and smoke are some of the many notes that take shape as this gorgeous wine literally blossoms right in front of my eyes. Readers might remember my enthusiasm for the 2008 straight Barbaresco at Cortese. The Riserva is all that, and a little more. It will be interesting to see how the 2008 develops in bottle, as it is at least two years away from being released. In 2008 Cortese brought in the Nebbiolo between the 18th and 20th of October, a classic late harvest that is more the exception than the rule these days. This is easily one of the best Cortese wines I have ever tasted."

### **STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR 94+ POINTS**

"Bottled in late 2011 and scheduled to be released in January of 2015; raised in three three-year-old 16-hectoliter casks. Good full, bright red. Musky, vibrant nose combines cherry, raspberry, blueberry, botanical herbs, mint and a balsamic cedary quality. Very intensely flavored and chewy, conveying a tiny-berry quality and an impression of high dry extract, not to mention powerful soil character. Tightly wound and quite spicy at present. Finishes with superb length and cut."

### **ANTONIO GALLONI - VINOUS -BARBARESCO'S STELLAR 2011S 94+ pts.**

A dark, powerful wine, the 2008 Barbaresco Riserva Rabaja captures the masculine, brooding side of Nebbiolo. Firm tannins provide the backdrop for a classic melange of aromas and flavors that open up in the glass. Sage, tobacco, rosemary, leather, iron and black fruit are all beautifully delineated in the glass. Although quite youthful, the 2008 is also very well balanced, which means it can be enjoyed relatively young with some aeration. The 2008 Riserva spent 40 months in neutral oak casks. This is a terrific showing from Cortese.

## **BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 2012**

*Recensioni e premi - Press and awards*

### **ANTONIO GALLONI - VINOUS -BARBARESCO'S STELLAR 2011S (92-94) pts.**

Leather, rosemary, pine, menthol and black cherries emerge from the 2012 Barbaresco Rabaja. Deceptively medium in body, this attractive, Barbaresco possesses notable depth and intensity. The 2012 isn't a huge wine, but it impresses with its gorgeous balance and pure appeal. In 2012 Cortese will not bottle a Riserva, all the best fruit went into the straight Barbaresco Rabaja. Today, the 2012 is shaping up to be a terrific wine from a mostly average vintage. I don't see the 2012 making old bones, but it should drink well pretty much upon release.



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## **BARBARESCO RISERVA RABAJÀ 2004**

*Recensioni e premi - Press and awards*

### **WINE ADVOCATE, 197 Issue, October 31, 2011**

"The 2004 Barbaresco Riserva Rabajà bursts from the glass with layers of highly expressive fruit. It is a huge, explosive Barbaresco endowed with a sensual, mysterious personality... [T]he silkiness, richness and sheer intensity of the wine suggest it will drink beautifully for a number of years. It is a compelling, utterly harmonious wine of the highest level." **94 points**

### **WINE SPECTATOR, December 31, 2011 – January 15, 2012**

"A ripe, fruity style, featuring cooked plum, leather and sweet spice flavours, with a hint of porcini. There's bright acidity, and the tannins are melting into the texture. Offers fine, sweet fruit and spice on the lingering aftertaste." **93 points**

### **DUEMILA VINI 2012 - 5 GRAPPOLI**

Il suo racconto d'altri tempi va ascoltato senza pregiudizi: minerale e rugginoso, goudroneggia terroso, poi sempre più dolce e squisito di viola appassita e fragole macerate. In bocca, senza fretta, gustate la possente setosità dei tannini, la persistente sapidità, fatevi infine conquistare da una bevibilità mirabile. Botti. Stracotto di angus scozzese.

...la rivelazione d'una grandezza antica e la voglia di tornare a quel sorso nobile, maestoso, bevibile. Cinque grappoli, un monito: con i grandi Nebbiolo, umiltà e mai fermarsi alle prime apparenze.

**SLOW WINE 2012- VINO SLOW:** è un vero fuoriclasse: naso di sottobosco e note minerali, bocca profonda e compatta, acidità fantastica a sostegno di un frutto vivo, succoso; il finale è lungo, persistente, irresistibile.

### **I VINI DI VERONELLI 2012: TRE STELLE / 93 PUNTI**

### **GUIDA AI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA 2012 - D'AGATA & COMPARINI**

Un vino dal fascino antico, austero e reticente sulle prime per poi sfoderare tutta la sua grandezza ed eleganza. Nel calice un colore tipicamente granato, con i piccoli frutti rossi maturi, una bella rosa fresca, agrume e poi mineralità quasi ferrosa, sottobosco e goudron. In bocca ritroviamo questa bella ampiezza, il tutto coadiuvato da tannini decisi ma di classe estrema. Qui del resto è sempre un gran bel bere e oltretutto a prezzi assolutamente interessanti, senza pari per questa qualità!

### **WEIN.PUR 6/13 (Gutes Reifepotenzial für mehrere Jahre; Tipp der Redaktion)**

Alles noch ein bisschen feiner abgestimmt als beim „normalen“ Rabajà, verspielt, feingliedrig, gebündelt, stoffig, mineralisch, toller Tiefgang, auch ein wenig Maggi und vegetale Note, charismatische Ausstrahlung, ganz lang, animierend, toller Wein.



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## BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 2010

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**WINE ADVOCATE - 94 POINTS** "The Cortese winemaking moxie really comes through in the gorgeous 2010 Barbaresco Rabaja. Notable elegance and finesse characterize the wine both in the mouth and on the nose. It shows harmony and clarity with defined nuances of dried berry, cassis, spice, dried mint and licorice that lift beautifully from the glass. The fine texture and polished mouthfeel are especially impressive."

**Jancisrobinson.com - 17+** Just mid ruby with the beginning of orange on a broad rim. Elegant palate weight with sweet fruit and bittersweet, ripe tannins. Will gain in complexity. Elegance and concentration.

**WINE ENTHUSIAST - 93 POINTS** "From one of Barbaresco's top estates, this single-vineyard bottling has intensely floral and balsamic fragrances and delicious cherry-berry and spice flavors. Its tannins are firm but elegant, and while still tightly wound, this will be drinking beautifully after 2015."

**LE GUIDE DE L'ESPRESSO 2014 "VINO DELL'ECCELLENZA" 18,5/20** "Profumi finissimi di rose, fragoline di bosco, cuoio e rabarbaro; palato di rara armonia, dai tannini vibranti, austero nello sviluppo quanto elegante nel fraseggio gustativo, dal finale freschissimo e persistente."

**GUIDA GAMBERO ROSSO 2014 - 3 BICCHIERI** "figlio di un grande cru e molto beninterpretato, raccoglie a pieni voti il massimo riconoscimento. Carattere e personalità sin dal profilo olfattivo, poi una bocca vibrante e molto persistente."

**SLOW WINE GUIDA 2014 - VINO SLOW.** "La quintessenza di langa nel bicchiere: pulizia, bevibilità, complessità, eleganza e armonia."

**WEIN.PUR 5/13 EINER DER BESTEN!!** Ganz jung und zunächst fast verworren wirkend, fruchtbetont, fängt sich mit Luft; frisch, salzig, pure Eleganz, leichtfüßig tänzelnd, ganz lang, delikat, kann viel, braucht Zeit.

**GUIDA BIBENDA 2014 - 5 GRAPPOLI** Austera accessibilità olfattiva, solido equilibrio del sorso, grintosa e saporita persistenza.

**GUIDA ORO I VINI DI VERONELLI 2014: 3 STELLE 92 pts**

**ANTONIO GALLONI /VINOUS 92 pts.** "A deceptively medium-bodied wine, Cortese's 2010 Barbaresco Rabaja wraps around the palate with an exotic melange of aromas and flavors. Smoke, incense, new leather, espresso, rose petals, black cherries, plums and menthol all come through in a powerful, mysterious Barbaresco. The 2010 is quite dark and brooding in its personality, but also relatively approachable for such a serious wine, with less of tannic spine and explosiveness of some previous years. I expect the 2010 will drink well with minimum cellaring since the tannins are already quite soft within the context of Barbaresco. In 2010, Cortese opted to skip their Riserva, so all the best juice went into the straight bottling, which remains one of the best values in top-notch Barbaresco."

**STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR 92+ POINTS** "Medium red. Knockout nose combines raspberry, musky coffee, licorice, smoky minerals, medicinal herbs and blood orange; elegant and complex. Then juicy, tight and youthfully bound-up in the mouth, with strong acidity energizing the wine but keeping its fruit under wraps today. Finishes high-pitched and very long, with serious, tactile tannins calling for at least a few years of patience. This classic vintage of Rabaja should evolve slowly and last very well."

**WINE SPECTATOR- 94 POINTS # 37 of the TOP 100 LIST OF THE YEAR 2014.** "Bright, with cherry, strawberry and floral aromas and flavors, this is backed by a firm yet integrated underlying structure. Beautifully poised for development.... Juicy and long, delivering a lingering aftertaste of cherry, spice and mineral"

**WEIN PLUS-best of Barbaresco: 90 pts.**

**MERUM- Die Zeitschrift für Wein aus Italien** - Begeisternder Wein, von dem kein Vorrat lange hält. / Vino entusiasmante, del quale nessuna scorta durerebbe a lungo **Taschenfuhrer Wein: 3 cuori**

**JAMESSUCKLING.COM, April 18, 2014: 94 pts** "There's a purity of fruit to this young Barbaresco with loads of strawberry and rose-petal character. It's full-bodied, with ripe, silky tannins and very pretty berry and lemon-rind aftertaste."

**WINEFRONT.COM.AU, 9 MAY 2014: 95 pts.** Raspberry, licorice root, sweet new leather, spice and roses – classic and very pretty. Medium bodied, clearly drawn with its fresh clean acidity and light sweet tannin lending gentle powdery grip. Bright red fruit flavours are the order of the day – lighter shade of Barbaresco here. Well defined finish. Long term wine. Very close to the extraordinary 2008 in quality, though different. Left just less than a glass worth in the bottle opened three days ago and it's singing. Emphatic 95, with maybe a plus on that. Superb

**WEINWELTEN** Weintipp - Die besten Barbaresco 2014



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## **BARBARESCO RABAJA' 2009**

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### **WINE ADVOCATE - 93 POINTS**

"The 2009 Barbaresco Rabaja is a fabulous choice for readers who want to drink a Cortese wine while some of the more structured vintages age in the cellar. A compelling range of juicy dark berries, flowers, spices and mint blossom in the glass. Fleshy, radiant and supple, the 2009 embodies all of the best qualities of the vintage. Piercarlo Cortese didn't feel the 2009 could handle four years in cask, so there is no Riserva, all to the benefit of the 'regular' Rabaja bottling. A sexy, gracious finish framed by silky tannins rounds things out in style."

### **SLOWWINE GUIDA 2013 - VINO SLOW**

E' la quintessenza di questo impagabile cru: floreale,minerale,potente e profondo e di beva irresistibile,un'interpretazione di livello assoluto venduta,per giunta,a un prezzo abbordabile. DA NON PERDERE!

### **LE GUIDE DE L'ESPRESSO 2013 "VINO DELL'ECCELLENZA"**

Complessi rimandi aromatici al geranio,alla terra bagnata,alla violetta,attacco netto,centro bocca di grande coesione,incalzante progressione gustativa,chiusura rinfrescante,che invoglia al sorso successivo.

### **I VINI DI VERONELLI 2013 : 3 STELLE 92pts**

### **GUIDA BIBENDA 2013 - 5 GRAPPOLI**

Cru dall'eloquenza giovanile: esordisce con suggestioni vegetali, ed è naturale seguano profumi di fragolina, terra calda, menta. La mineralità basale spiega già la longevità, che la forza del sorso ribadisce; ed i tannini sono un canto gregoriano , rigoroso, con il senso del tempo. Lungo gusto di buono. Botti

### **WINE SPECTATOR, January 31, 2013**

"There's an impression of sweetness initially, buoying the cherry, currant and earth flavors. This red also enjoys a solid base of tannins, adding freshness and length. Show fine balance overall." **90 POINTS**

### **STEPHEN TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR 90 POINTS**

"Moderately saturated medium red. Sweet red berries, mocha, spices and a whiff of coffee on the nose. Sweet and lush in the mouth; slightly high-toned but with good acidity giving shape to the strawberry and spice flavors. Finishes with serious but sweet tannins. In a distinctly confectionery style and perfect for early enjoyment."



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## **BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 2008**

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### **WINE ADVOCATE, Issue 197, October 31, 2011**

"The 2008 Barbaresco Rabajà is without question one of the wines of the vintage in this irregular year. It flows with deep layers of menthol, liquorice and spices, showing tons of power. This is a dazzling wine endowed with marvellous inner perfume, great richness and huge staying power on the palate... Tobacco, liquorice and menthol wrap around the palate on the intense finish. The 2008 is a stunning Rabajà from Cortese." **94 POINTS**

### **WINE SPECTATOR, December 31, 2011 - January 15, 2012**

"A pretty red, this evokes flowers, strawberry and raspberry, with an underlying mineral current. Firmly structured, with precision and a long aftertaste of fruit and mineral." **91 POINTS**

### **WEIN PUR**

Jugendlich, offenherzig, dunkle Waldbeeren, wie junger Burgunder, kompakt, enorm fleischig, reichlich feinstoffiges Tannin, elegant, fast schwebende Finesse und Mineralität, salziger Abgang, bleibt lang, so richtig zum Knabbern, verspielt, toller Wein.

## **BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 2007**

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### **WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE December 2010**

#### **BUYING GUIDE: Piedmont - 90 points**

"Giuseppe Cortese's bold Barbaresco from the Rabajà cru shows a strong bouquet of spice, liquid smoke, mesquite and cola. The natural fruit appears at the back and the wine carries over the palate with enormous freshness and intensity."

### **WINE ADVOCATE, Issue 192 December - 94 points**

"Gorgeous, knock-out aromas emerge from the 2007 Barbaresco Rabajà. Ripe, candied cherries, flowers and minerals emerge seamlessly in the glass, revealing gorgeous inner perfume. In 2007 the Rabajà possesses a touch more textural richness and body than is typically the case, but without abandoning what remains a classic, mid-weight style. This is a terrific showing from Cortese."

### **LE GUIDE DE L'ESPRESSO 2011 "VINO DELL'ECCELLENZA"**

### **WEIN.PUR 6/13**

Vitale Frucht, Orange, Gewürze, kernig, mit leichter Scharfe vom Alkohol, dann rotbeerig, Ribisel, Preiselbeeren, auch Sellerie in Abgang, jugendlich feuriges Finale.



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## **BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 2006**

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### **DUEMILAVINI - 5 GRAPPOLI**

“Cinque meritatissimi Grappoli”

Granato nebbiolesco. Il naso è colpito dalla finezza: mirtillo e lampone, tabacco, liquirizia fresca, pennellate floreali e squisitezze balsamiche.

E in bocca: la frutta rossa è al posto giusto, il tannino è giovane ma ha ricevuto una saggia educazione, la sapidità e la durata sono da campione!

### **WINE ADVOCATE, Issue 185, October 2009 – 92 POINTS**

“The 2006 Barbaresco Rabajà is a soft, beautiful wine. [...] with air the Rabajà opens up to reveal a profile of dark red cherries, tar, smoke and menthol. Despite its medium-bodied frame, the wine offers plenty of depth and concentration in a refined style. The Rabajà is aged in medium-size neutral oak casks.”

### **WEIN.PUR 6/13 (Gutes Reifepotenzial für mehrere Jahre)**

Waldbeeren, Frisch, noch ganz jung, alles extrem gebuddelt und mineralisch, knisternde Salzigkeit, erdig, kalk spürbar; reiche Frucht, feinkörnig, engmaschig und lang; tolles Reifepotenzial.





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## **BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 2005**

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### **WINE SPECTATOR, The June 18, 2008 – 91 POINTS**

Bright aromas of blackberry and strawberry follow through to a full body, with soft tannins and a long, caressing finish. Focused and refined. Best after 2011.

### **VINUM - 17 PUNKTE - TOP TIPP**

Himbeer-und Nougataromen prägen die Nase; am Gaumen saftig, die Saure ist spürbar, die Gerbstoffe wirken robust. Besitzt Eleganz, sollte aber unbedingt noch reifen.

### **Vino di eccellenza premiato con la CORONA dalla guida VINIBUONI D'ITALIA 2009 in collaborazione con Touring Club Italiano**

### **WINE ADVOCATE ISSUE - 179/October 31, 2008 by Antonio Galloni - 92 POINTS**

"The 2005 Barbaresco Rabajà offers greater freshness and vibrancy than the 2004. I suppose that is not too surprising considering the estate did not produce a Riserva in this vintage so the oldest vines were used in the non-Riserva bottling. Today the wine comes across as rather primary, which just hints of its perfumed fruit making an appearance. The tannins need some time to soften, but this energetic, focused Barbaresco offers tons of quality, and is likely to be one of the vintage's best kept secrets."

### **BEST 100 DELLA GUIDA D'AGATA & COMPARINI AI MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA 2009**

### **BARBARESCO: NORTHERN ITALIAN BEAUTIES - 92 POINTS**

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### **WEIN.PUR 6/13**

Frische und lebendige Frucht, einladend, saftiger Trinkfluss, etwas schlankere Bauart, dafür elegant und animierend, legt laufend zu, wird immer harmonischer, lebendiges Spiel mit der Frucht, sehr charmant.



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## **BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 2003**

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### **WINE ADVOCATE, 10-31-06 / Issue 167 - 91 POINTS**

"Cortese's 2003 Barbaresco Rabajà offers deeply expressive aromatics along with generous fruit with notable length on the palate and the rich, intense personality of the vintage. With some air, lovely notes of minerals and menthol emerge from the glass to round off this delicious Barbaresco."

### **WINE NEWS – October/November 2006 – 90 POINTS**

"Ripe berry, floral and spicy scents. Succulent raspberry flavours with undertones of tea and wet earth. Long finish with smooth, but present tannins."

### **SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE - January 19, 2007 – TWO AND A HALF STARS**

"Cortese turns out consistently pretty wines, and here's a modest approach to a very hot vintage. Lots of barnyard hints in the nose, with a sharp edge in the middle."

### **DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS 2006: COMMENDED**

### **WEIN.PUR 6/13**

Bereits gut entwickelt, Nougat., welke Rosen, Kakaobutter, erstaunlich saftig, dann mit gewisser jahrgangsbedingter Leere, feinkörniges Tannin, ein Hauch Maggi und Hagebutte, bereits mit erster reife.

## **BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 2000**

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### **DECANTER WORLD WINE AWARDS – COMMENDED**

### **DECANTER - 5 STARS**

### **WINE SPECTATOR - 94 POINTS - Highly Recommended**

#### **Best wine ever from Cortese**

"Intense aromas of very ripe fruit, with hints of raisin and meat. Full-bodied, chewy and powerful, with masses of fruit and firm tannins. A blockbuster."

### **VINUM - 17 PUNKTE**

## **BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 1998**

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### **WINE SPECTATOR - 90 POINTS**

"Plenty of blackberry, tobacco and floral aromas.  
Full bodied, with firm yet velvety tannins and a long caressing finish."



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## **BARBARESCO RISERVA RABAJÀ 2001**

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### **WEIN.PUR 6/13**

Herrlich einnehmende Frucht, Kirsche, tief und jugendlich, rote Waldbeeren, zart pflanzliche Note, mit beginnender erster Trinkreife, erdig strukturiert, vital und salzig, kompakter und langer Abgang, noch immer im Gleichgewicht und noch etwas jugendlich sperrig.

## **BARBARESCO RISERVA RABAJÀ 1999**

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### **I VINI DI VERONELLI 2007: TRE STELLE / 93 PUNTI**

### **Decanter World Wine Awards 2006 - SILVER MEDAL**

"Complex flavours. Deep core of fruit. Dense, fine tannins. Fleshy textured long length. Some elegance. Nice package, needs time."

### **WEIN.PUR 6/13 (Gutes Reifepotenzial für mehrere Jahre; Tipp der Redaktion)**

Nahe an der Perfektion! Unglaublich reichhaltiger und vielschichtiger Wein mit tollem Tiefgang, dabei gebündelt, mineralisch, saftig, immer noch jugendlich und ganz lang. Faszinierend! Besser geht's kaum noch.



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## LANGHE NEBBIOLO 2012

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**GUIDA VINI BUONI D'ITALIA 2015 – 4 STELLE**

**GUIDA GAMBERO ROSSO 2015 - 2 BICCHIERI**

**SLOW WINE GUIDA 2015** Come sempre, gran gusto: facile da bere ma ricco di sfumature e di bel peso al palato.

**GUIDA ORO I VINI DI VERONELLI 2015: 2 STELLE**

**MIGLIORI VINI D'ITALIA 2015: ATTESTATO DI MERITO 90 PTS.** Tipico da subito, appena versato nel calice, con un rosso rubino luminoso che sa di giovinezza, impreziosito da più austeri riflessi granato. Grande intensità al naso, molto tesa sul frutto, che è ciliegia arricchita da note di viola e di pepe, di timo serpillo, di sottobosco. Grande è pure la freschezza del sorso, con i tannini croccanti a tenerla a bada, bilanciandola. Grande, infine, la persistenza del gusto. Uno dei Langhe Nebbiolo migliori tra quelli degustati, da bere adesso ma anche da mettere in cantina, senza timore, per diversi anni.

**GUIDA BIBENDA 2015 - 4 GRAPPOLI** Rubino trasparente. Viola, peonia, ciliegia ed erbe al naso, intenso. Succoso ed equilibrato, gastronomico, ha tannini precisi e giusta freschezza, con coerenti ritorni floreali e fruttati nel finale.

**WINE ENTHUSIAST 90 pts.** "Showing Nebbiolo's youthful energy and refinement, this full-bodied but easy-drinking wine features aromas of red rose, violet, red berry and a whiff of baking spice. The palate doles out succulent cherry-berry and cinnamon alongside silky, supple tannins."

**ANTONIO GALLONI – VINOUS- 88 pts.** "The 2012 Langhe Nebbiolo lifts from the glass with crushed flowers, mint, spices and raspberries. Feminine, lifted and gracious, the 2012 is an excellent introduction to the year and the house style. The fruit is quite open and expressive, yet the firm grip of underlying Nebbiolo tannin is very much in evidence."



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## **BARBERA D'ALBA 2013**

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### **GUIDA ESSENZIALE AI VINI D'ITALIA – Daniele Cernilli, 87 PTS.**

Da uve barbera. Affinato in acciaio. Rubino intenso. Viola, mora, amarena al naso. Salino, acidulo, teso, facile da bere e di buona persistenza.

### **GUIDA VINI BUONI D'ITALIA 2015 – 3 STELLE**

### **SLOW WINE GUIDA 2015** Di bella beva!!

### **GUIDA ORO I VINI DI VERONELLI 2015: 2 STELLE**

**GUIDA VITAE 2015- 2 viti-** Rubino fitto. All'inizio pare un roseto, poi senti l'humus fresco, il ribes nero, il pepe. Ha una freschezza tagliente, temperata da una solida massa fruttata, e va via ch'è un piacere.

**GUIDA BIBENDA 2015 - 3 GRAPPOLI** Porpora, profuma di visciole sotto spirito, sottobosco e humus. Fresca ed equilibrata, chiude pulita.

**ANTONIO GALLONI – VINOUS- 88 pts.** "The 2013 Barbera d'Alba jumps from the glass with bright red cherries, plums, spices and hard candy, all supported by beams of lively supporting acidity. This is another delicious everyday wine from Cortese."

## **BARBERA D'ALBA MORASSINA 2012**

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### **GUIDA VINI BUONI D'ITALIA 2015 – 3 STELLE**

**GUIDA GAMBERO ROSSO 2015 - 2 BICCHIERI** Sottile trama di frutti rossi e bevibilità agile, sapida e succosa.

**SLOW WINE GUIDA 2015** Speziata e polposa, di bella acidità e frutto succoso.

### **GUIDA ORO I VINI DI VERONELLI 2015: 2 STELLE**

**GUIDA VITAE 2015- 3 viti-** Rubino impenetrabile. Sarebbe ora di considerarlo una volta per tutte un top wine, perché è sempre un gran sorso. Profuma di rosa e mirtillo, terra fresca e tabacco, pepe nero e noce moscata. Ha un ingresso fresco e potente, una gran massa che avvolge, accompagna e fatica a sparire, dal palato e dal ricordo. Buonissima.

**GUIDA BIBENDA 2015 - 4 GRAPPOLI** Rubino che vira al porpora, profuma di amarene, more e mirtilli, felce e menta fresca, con un lieve tocco speziato. Strutturata, morbida e vibrante, sbuffi balsamici in chiusura.



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## **DOLCETTO D'ALBA 2013**

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**GUIDA VINI BUONI D'ITALIA 2015 – 3 STELLE**

**SLOW WINE GUIDA 2015** Tutto giocato sul frutto primario!!

**GUIDA ORO I VINI DI VERONELLI 2015: 2 STELLE**

**GUIDA VITAE 2015- 2 viti-** Purpureo. A noi il Dolcetto piace così: intenso di ciliegia nera e mirtillo, ammandorlato il giusto e percorso di vibrazioni di sottobosco; soprattutto schietto, lineare, carnoso quanto basta, diretto, senza sovrastrutture né eccessi alcolici: da bere, accidenti, da bere!

**GUIDA BIBENDA 2015 - 3 GRAPPOLI** Porpora. Bouquet di frutti rossi e note vegetali. Fresco e polposo, con ritorni coerenti.

**ANTONIO GALLONI – VINOUS- 88 pts** “The 2013 Dolcetto d'Alba is a pretty, pliant Dolcetto loaded with plenty of varietal character. Blueberries, spices, menthol and lavender are all laced together, with a pretty undercurrent of slight bitterness that is one of the hallmarks of Dolcetto. If readers want to know what the signatures are of Dolcetto, they are all here.”

## **LANGHE CHARDONNAY 2013**

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**GUIDA BIBENDA 2015 - 4 GRAPPOLI** Paglierino, accarezza il naso con mughetto e fresia, susina goccia d'oro e mela, felce. Sorso fresco e sapido, con ritorni di erbe di campo e sfalcio d'erba.

## **LANGHE CHARDONNAY SCAPULIN 2013**

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**GUIDA GAMBERO ROSSO 2015 - 2 BICCHIERI**

**GUIDA ORO I VINI DI VERONELLI 2015: 2 STELLE**

**GUIDA VITAE 2015- 2 viti-** Paglierino intenso. Rispetto ad altre annate risulta meno speziato, esaltando l'influenza minerale dei terreni di langa. La permanenza in legno si nota soprattutto nella grassezza della struttura, sempre vibrante.

**GUIDA BIBENDA 2015 - 4 GRAPPOLI** Riflessi dorati. Erbe di campo, mela golden e pesca giallona, un tocco di zafferano ed un'elegante note fumé all'olfatto. Fresco e sapido, goloso, finale persistente, appena boisé.