



RATING: 92 points

Sottimano

FROM: Cotta Neive,
Barbaresco,
Piedmont, Italy

VARIETY: Nebbiolo

DRINK: 2013 - 2028

ESTIMATED COST: \$60

SOURCE: WA, #197
Oct 2011

There is nothing subtle about the 2008 Barbaresco Cotta. Waves of fruit hit the palate in this rich, juicy Barbaresco. Forward fruit is one of the hallmarks of Cotta, and there is no shortage of it in the 2008. Sweet dark plums, cherries, mint and licorice are some of the notes that flesh out in the glass. The mid-weight style of the vintage nevertheless comes through. With some air, the Cotta is enjoyable even at this early stage. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2028.

This is a stunning set of wines from the Sottimano family. The 2008 Barbareschi are among the wines of the vintage and are not to be missed. The transparency and sheer class of these wines is first-rate.

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-Antonio Galloni

RATING: 94+ points

PRODUCER: Sottimano

FROM: Barbaresco,
Piedmont, Italy

VARIETY: Nebbiolo

DRINK: 2018 - 2028

ESTIMATED COST:

SOURCE: WA, #197
Oct 2011

Sottimano has decided to give the 2008 Barbaresco Curra another year in bottle before releasing the wine. I understand why. The Curra is a huge Barbaresco. An exotic bouquet of tobacco, smoke, tar and incense leads to an intense core of fruit. This is easily one of the most structured wines of the vintage. It shows tremendous depth, detail and thrust from start to finish. The fruit covers every inch of the palate in this dramatic Barbaresco. Sweet floral notes typical of Curra add a measure of lift on the finish, but this remains a big, big wine in need of considerable bottle age. Anticipated maturity: 2018-2028.

(Not yet released)

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RATING: 93 points
PRODUCER: Sottimano
FROM: Barbaresco,
Piedmont, Italy
VARIETY: Nebbiolo
DRINK: 2013 - 2023
ESTIMATED COST: \$60
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Oct 2011

The 2008 Barbaresco Fausoni opens with sweet roses and spices before it blossoms on the palate. This deceptively mid-weight Barbaresco is the most gracious of Sottimano's 2008s, but don't be fooled, there is plenty of fruit and structure in the glass. This is a gorgeous, classy wine from Sottimano. Sweet tobacco, cedar and herbs are some of the notes that wrap around the harmonious finish. This is a feminine, delicate Barbaresco from Sottimano. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023.

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RATING: 93 points
PRODUCER: Sottimano

The 2008 Barbaresco Pajore, from one of the best vineyards in Treiso, is a harmonious, totally complete

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FROM: Pajore Treiso, Barbaresco,
Piedmont, Italy
Nebbiolo
DRINK: 2015 - 2028
ESTIMATED COST: \$60
SOURCE: WA, #197
Oct 2011

wine. It flows from the glass with menthol, spices, pine, dark cherries and licorice in a wonderfully expressive style that captures the essence of this site. It is one of the few 2008s that has fine definition in aromatics, fruit and structure. All of the elements meld together beautifully towards the sweeping finish. This is undeniably attractive. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2028.

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RATING: 90 points
PRODUCER: Sottimano
FROM: Alba, Barbera d'Alba,
Piedmont, Italy
VARIETY: Barbera
DRINK: 2011 - 2017
ESTIMATED COST: \$28
SOURCE: WA, #197
Oct 2011

The 2009 Barbera d'Alba Pairolero is a rich, luscious wine bursting with dark fruit, licorice, tar and violets. While the French oak is very nicely balanced in this vintage, what comes through most is the intensity and personality of the fruit. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2017.

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RATING: 90 points
PRODUCER: Sottimano
FROM: Langhe, Piedmont,
Italy
VARIETY: Nebbiolo

The 2009 Langhe Nebbiolo is a serious wine, which is not surprising as the fruit comes from Basarin, a vineyard several producers use for their Barbaresco. Dark red cherries, flowers, licorice and mint are some of the nuances that waft from the glass, but the tannins

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DRINK:2014 - 2021
ESTIMATED COST:\$23
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are too fierce for the wine to offer much pleasure today. With time this will be an overachiever among its peers. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2021.

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RATING:88 points
PRODUCER:Sottimano
FROM:Piedmont, Italy
VARIETY:Brachetto
DRINK:2012 - 2015
ESTIMATED COST:\$14-\$15
SOURCE:WA, #197
Oct 2011

The 2010 Mate wafts from the glass with sweet herbs, dried flowers and crushed rose petals. This is a mid-weight, understated vintage for Sottimano's dry Brachetto. A clean, refined finish rounds things out nicely, but this remains a delicate, even somewhat frail red best enjoyed over the next 2-3 years. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2015.

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