

	Vintage	(Hover for Commentary) Producer	Name	Tasting Notes	Score ↓	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
2011	Sottimano	Barbaresco Pajoré	Sottimano's 2011 Barbaresco Pajoré bursts from the glass with licorice, smoke, sweet spices and leather. Dense and powerful, yet also light on its feet, the 2011 is remarkably well-balanced. Sweet rose petal, raspberries and spice notes meld into the intensely perfumed, balsamic finish. This is a decidedly feminine, floral Pajoré with more red-toned fruit than is typically the case. In 2011, the Pajoré speaks to polish above all else.	95	2017 - 2031	\$62.00	Oct 2014	
2011	Sottimano	Barbaresco Currà	The 2011 Barbaresco Currà is fabulous. Rich, deep and expressive, the 2011 impresses for its nearly seamless personality and exceptional balance. Here, the warm vintage has softened some of the more angular contours that are often present. Sweet floral and spice notes resonate on the finish, but above all else, the Currà is a wine of texture. Over the last few years, the Currà is the most improved wine at Sottimano, so it's hardly a surprise it is often the last Barbaresco poured at the estate. I tasted the 2011 twice from bottle; it was compelling on both occasions. Readers should not miss the 2011, as it is fabulous!	95	2017 - 2031	\$75.00	Oct 2014	
2010	Sottimano	Barbaresco Currà	Firm tannins provide the backbone for the 2010 Barbaresco Currà. A wonderfully layered, rich wine, the 2010 impresses for its resonance, beauty and class. Nothing in particular stands out, the 2010 is a wine of total harmony and symmetry. The Currà is quite floral, high-toned and spiced, not unlike the Fausoni, but with a little more mid-palate pliancy. At the same time, the tannins remain a bit firm, so a measure of patience is required.	95	2016 - 2030	\$62.00	Oct 2013	
2007	Sottimano	BARBARESCO COTTÁ	The 2007 Barbaresco Cottá is terrific, perhaps because the qualities of the vintage are so well suited to those of the vineyard. The 2007 is an intensely perfumed, floral Cottá laced with freshly cut roses, dark fruit, sweet baking spices and minerals. In many vintages the Cottá can lean towards a fruit-driven style, but in 2007 the aromatics, fruit and structural components are as well	95	2015 - 2027	\$55.00	Dec 2010	

balanced and seamlessly integrated as I have ever encountered here. This is a truly magnificent Barbaresco from Sottimano.

2007	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO</u> <u>PAJORÉ</u>	The Pajoré is the most complete of these 2007 Barbarescos. Sweet baking spices, menthol, minerals and new leather lead to a powerful core of dark fruit. This is a massive, powerful Pajoré endowed with tons of fruit and the commensurate tannic structure that will allow it to age gracefully for many years. As is often the case, I am drawn in by the sepia-toned, balsamic nuances that are layered so beautifully into the wine's fabric. This is an utterly beguiling, large-scaled Barbaresco that will require patience.	95	2017 - 2027	\$55.00	Dec 2010
2010	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco</u> <u>Cottà</u>	The 2010 Barbaresco Cottà shows considerable breadth and body, but it is the wine's striking inner perfume and sheer beauty that stands out most. Dark red cherries, plums, mocha, spices and leather blossom in a wine endowed with serious depth. A rich, generous finish rounds things out in style. This is another drop-dead gorgeous wine from Sottimano.	94+	2016 - 2030	\$55.00	Oct 2013
2012	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco</u> <u>Currà</u>	The 2012 Currà is the most promising of Sottimano's 2012 Barbarescos. Bright, floral at the outset, the Currà has a level of explosiveness and intensity the other 2012s in the range don't have, at least today. Rose petal, bright red fruit and cinnamon add nuance as this precise, classy Barbaresco shows off its tremendous appeal. Layers of bracing Currà vibrancy through the mid-palate and finish leave a lasting impression.	94	2017 - 2032	\$80.00	Oct 2014
2011	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco</u> <u>Cottà</u>	An overachiever in this vintage, the 2011 Barbaresco Cottà is one of the most refined wines I have tasted from this site, where the wines are usually much more overt and powerful in style. Sweet floral and spice notes meld into a core of dark red and black hued stone fruits, tobacco, smoke and new leather. The characteristic pliant, juicy Cottà fruit is there, but it is complemented by expressive floral overtones. There is a pure immediacy to the Cottà that is impossible to miss.	94	2016 - 2031	\$62.00	Oct 2014

2010	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO PAJORÉ</u>	The 2010 Barbaresco Pajoré resonates off every corner of the palate with layers of rich, intense fruit. Here, too, the balance of fruit and tannin is simply masterful. The pure pedigree of the vintage comes through in spades. Pajoré is the only Sottimano Barbaresco made from vines in Treiso (rather than Neive), so it always stands a bit apart from the other wines in their lineup. The 2010 is shaping up to be a jewel.	(93-95)	2018 - 2030	Not Available	Oct 2012
2010	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO CURRÀ</u>	The estate's 2010 Barbaresco Currà stands out for the finesse and silkiness of its tannin. Here, the difference between the 2009 and 2010 is amply illustrative of the differences between the two years. In top years the signature of Currà is refinement, and there is plenty of that here. Even though the 2010s are younger, the overall impression is of far greater integration of the tannins.	(93-95)	2018 - 2030	Not Available	Oct 2012
2010	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Pajorè</u>	The 2010 Barbaresco Pajorè jumps from the glass. An exotic melange of spice, tobacco and new leather hits the palate, followed by waves of intense dark fruit. Today, the Pajorè is the most implosive and closed of the wine's but the sheer depth and richness of the fruit are compelling. Still, it is impossible to miss the wine's exceptional finesse and power.	94	2015 - 2025	\$55.00	Oct 2013
2010	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Fausoni</u>	The 2010 Barbaresco Fausoni is a wine of extraordinary class. Freshly cut flowers, red raspberries, mint and anise are some of the many notes that develop in the glass. A model of understated elegance, the 2010 impresses for its balance and finesse. The tannins are remarkably polished and sophisticated for such a young Barbaresco. Floral notes reappear on the finish, adding lift to this red-hued fruit in this impeccable, gracious Barbaresco.	94	2015 - 2030	\$55.00	Oct 2013
2008	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO CURRÀ</u>	Sottimano has decided to give the 2008 Barbaresco Currà another year in bottle before releasing the wine. I understand why. The Currà 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	94+	2018 - 2028	Not Available	Oct 2011

inch of the palate in this dramatic Barbaresco. Sweet floral notes typical of Currá add a measure of lift on the finish, but this remains a big, big wine in need of considerable bottle age.

2008	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO RISERVA</u>	The 2008 Barbaresco Riserva is pure silk and elegance from start to finish. Violets, flowers and sweet Pinot-like fruit meld together in this sensual, mid-weight Barbaresco. The 2008 boasts striking inner perfume, great textural richness and fabulous depth, all backed by silky, polished tannins. It is as impressive in bottle as the separate components were when I tasted them from barrel as young wines. Sottimano's Riserva is an old-vines bottling from Cottà and Pajoré.	94	2016 - 2028	\$105.00	Oct 2012
2007	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO CURRÁ</u>	The 2007 Barbaresco Currá is a touch more austere and reserved than the Fausoni, but equally compelling. A wall of tannin hides a core of bright red berries, flowers, sweet herbs and licorice that will need at least several years of cellaring to fully emerge. This, too, possesses exceptional length and fabulous overall balance in a textured, captivating style for the year. With time in the glass, this wine explodes on the palate with layers of refined fruit structure from a fabulous wine! the epitome of finesse.	94	2017 - 2027	\$55.00	Dec 2010
2006	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO FAUSONI</u>	The 2006 Barbaresco Fausoni reveals a gorgeous core of cherries in liqueur, menthol, spices and flowers in a surprisingly rich, round style for the vintage. The wine possesses terrific harmony and balance, with a round, polished finish. Floral notes reappear on the finish, giving the wine a pretty sense of lift. In 2006 the Fausoni is all about elegance.	94	2014 - 2026	\$65.00	Oct 2009
2005	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Riserva</u>	The 2005 Barbaresco Riserva is a dense, powerful, fruit-driven Barbaresco that is virtually impenetrable at this stage. This old-vines selection from Cotta and Pajore remains incredibly primary and youthful. Dark fruit, smoke, leather and tar are just some of the notes that linger on the massive yet impressively round, harmonious close.	94	2015 - 2030	\$90.00	Dec 2010

2004	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO RISERVA</u>	this series of 2004 Barbarescos closes with the estate's newest wine, the 2004 Barbaresco Riserva. Made from a selection of old vines in Pajorè and Cottà vineyards, this rich, weighty Barbaresco is bursting with aromatics and layers of old-vine fruit, smoke, tar and licorice. Despite its size, it remains beautifully focused and proportioned. To be released in 2008.	94	2013 - 2018	Not Available	Oct 2007
2012	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Pajoré</u>	The 2012 Barbaresco Pajoré shows the pedigree of this great site in its balance of fruit, acidity and tannin. Like all the wines in this vintage, the Pajoré is a mid-weight Barbaresco, but here it is the wine's textural finesse that impresses above all else. Chalky tannins underpin flowers, spices, tangerine peel and star anise on the expressive, floral finish.	93	2017 - 2032	\$65.00	Oct 2014
2011	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Fausoni</u>	The 2011 Barbaresco Fausoni is unusually supple, sexy and radiant. Freshly cut flowers, sweet red berries, tobacco and mint all lift from the glass. Fausoni often shows firmer, livelier tannins, but the warm 2011 vintage has softened the contours and yielded an inviting, resonant Barbaresco to drink now and over the next handful of years. Sweet floral notes from these soils rich in sand add the final nuances of complexity. What a gorgeous wine this is.	93	2016 - 2031	\$62.00	Oct 2014
2010	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO FAUSONI</u>	Absolutely nothing is missing in the 2010 Barbaresco Fausoni. It boasts great balance of fruit, acidity and tannin, with a long, perfumed finish and tons of pure energy.	(92-94)	2018 - 2030	Not Available	Oct 2012
2010	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO COTTÀ</u>	Sottimano's 2010 Barbaresco Cottà captures the essence of this Neive vineyard and the vintage in its round, seamless fruit and explosive personality. It is another gorgeous, highly promising wine.	(92-94)	2018 - 2030	Not Available	Oct 2012
2009	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO PAJORÉ</u>	The 2009 Barbaresco Pajoré boasts stunning depth, power and richness, all supported by the saline minerality of these poor, white soils. The Pajoré is the most fiercely tannic of the 2009s. Layers of menthol, spices, licorice and a host of balsamic notes wrap around the juicy, opulent finish. This is a gorgeous wine, but it also shows the limits of the vintage in tannins that will probably never fully	93	2016 - 2024	\$62.00	Oct 2012

integrate.

2008	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO FAUSONI</u>	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.	93	2013 - 2023	\$60.00	Oct 2011
2008	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO PAJORE</u>	The 2008 Barbaresco Pajore, from one of the best vineyards in Treiso, is a harmonious, totally complete 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.	93	2015 - 2028	\$60.00	Oct 2011

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2008	Sottimano	Barbaresco Currà	Sottimano's 2008 Barbaresco Currà is just starting to open up. Sweet red berries, spices and licorice blossom in the glass in a wine that impresses for its overall balance and class. Rich, dark and enveloping, the 2008 has developed beautifully since I first tasted it some years ago. This is the first vintage in which the current Sottimano style of late malos and low new oak comes into play. A few years later, the early results of that change in direction are clearly evident, even if the wines were always striking from barrel. This is a beautiful wine to drink now and over the next decade or so.	93	2016 - 2028	Not Available	Oct 2013	
2006	Sottimano	BARBARESCO CURRA	The 2006 Barbaresco Currá is a powerful, intense wine that impresses for its focus, length and balance. The Currá doesn't have the immediacy or roundness of the Fausoni, but it compensates with incredible drive and persistence. Tobacco, licorice, roses, spices and red cherries add layers of nuance on the close.	93	2014 - 2026	\$65.00	Oct 2009	
2006	Sottimano	BARBARESCO COTTA	The 2006 Barbaresco Cottá is the most open and round of these 2006 Barbarescos. The wine shows plenty of softness in its dark fruit, licorice, tar and smoke in a generous, enveloping style, capped off with a long, resonating finish. As is often the case the Cottá is the most accessible and sensual of these 2006s.	93	2013 - 2022	\$65.00	Oct 2009	
2005	Sottimano	BARBARESCO COTTA	The 2005 Barbaresco Cottà is the most open of these wines. This round, generous wine flows with masses of ripe dark fruit intermingled with sweet toasted oak and balsamic nuances. There is wonderful integrity of fruit here, all supported by well-integrated tannins and a vein of acidity that frames the wine beautifully. This is another superb wine from Sottimano.	93	2013 - 2025	\$70.00	Oct 2008	
2005	Sottimano	BARBARESCO PAJORE	The 2005 Barbaresco Pajorè has put on enormous weight since I last tasted it nearly a year ago. This massive, brooding Barbaresco	93	2015 - 2025	\$70.00	Oct 2008	

flows from the glass with waves of ripe dark fruit, menthol, spices, minerals and French oak. The tannins are broad, but the wine has more than enough stuffing to provide balance. This is the freshest and most vibrant of these 2005 Barbarescos, and will accordingly require the most patience, but it is a gem.

2004	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO CURRA</u>	The 2004 Barbaresco Currà is richer and sweeter than the Fausoni, with a captivating, gorgeous core of fruit that blossoms on the palate with stunning beauty. Remarkably expressive for this vineyard, it offers superb length and a polished personality. Elegance, power, length and finesse. Those qualities and more are all evident in the stunning 2004 Barbaresco Currà, which is the best vintage yet of this wine.	93	2013 - 2019	\$62.00	Oct 2007
2004	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO PAJORE</u>	The 2004 Barbaresco Pajorè is a more mineral-driven Barbaresco. Initially, it comes across as somewhat austere and clenched, but with air dark cherries, spices and violets emerge from this compelling wine. This is a big, structured Barbaresco with superb concentration and a finish that lasts forever. It will require bottle age, but will amply reward those who are patient enough to wait.	93	2013 - 2022	\$62.00	Oct 2007
1999	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Pajorè</u>	The 1999 Barbaresco Pajorè has maintained considerable freshness, vibrancy and energy, which is not surprising, as those are all attributes of this top-flight vineyard in Treiso. Dark stone fruits meld into expressive spiced and balsamic overtones in a rich, layered Barbaresco endowed with fabulous depth and pure sensuality. The French oak is now nicely integrated. All things considered, the 1999 Pajorè has responded quite well to the much more forceful style of winemaking that was the norm here fifteen years ago.	93	2012 - 2019	Not Available	Aug 2014
2012	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Fausoni</u>	The 2012 Barbaresco Fausoni is a very pretty, up-front wine with lovely fruit and precision. Crushed raspberries, flowers and sweet spices grace the palate as the wine opens up in the glass. The flavors are nicely layered in a soft, delicate Barbaresco that shows the more perfumed, aromatic side of Nebbiolo. In 2012, the Fausoni is all about immediacy.	92	2016 - 2027	\$65.00	Oct 2014

2012	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Cottà</u>	The 2012 Barbaresco Cottà shows its typical profile of round, ample fruit and generosity, but with a touch less richness than is the norm. Broad, ample textures fill out the wine's frame nicely. Pine, menthol and dark spices wrap around a core of super-expressive dark red stone fruits. All of the typical Cottà signatures are in place, but in miniature, which is to say this is a highly representative wine for the year.	92	2016 - 2027	\$65.00	Oct 2014
2010	Sottimano	<u>BARBERA D'ALBA PAIROLERO</u>	One of the many highlights among these new releases, the 2010 Barbera d'Alba Pairolero is all about tension and inward minerality. Firm yet well-integrated tannins and the freshness of a very late harvest mark this vivid, utterly breathtaking Barbera. Readers will want to cellar the 2010 for a few years, and drink the 2009 earlier. A pure, crystalline finish rounds things out in style.	92	2013 - 2019	\$28.00	Oct 2012
2009	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO FAUSONI</u>	A sweet, floral bouquet infused with a note of mint announces the 2009 Barbaresco Fausoni. This mid-weight, gracious Barbaresco is all about finesse, detail and nuance. I very much like the sense of energy here. Firm yet well-balanced tannins frame the long finish. The balance of fruit, acidity and structure is about as harmonious as it gets in 2009.	92	2014 - 2024	\$62.00	Oct 2012
2009	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO COTTÀ</u>	Playing very much true to type, the 2009 Barbaresco Cottà is the richest and roundest of these 2009s. As always, it has the most overt fruit to match its generally supple personality. Here, too the richness of the fruit goes head to head with the formidable tannins all the way through to the finish. This dark, fleshy Barbaresco should enter its sweet spot in another five years or so.	92	2017 - 2027	\$62.00	Oct 2012
2009	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO CURRÀ</u>	Sottimano's 2009 Barbaresco Currà is striking in this vintage. The Currà is often hard when it is young, but in 2009 the wine has a little more volume and richness, which serves to cover the tannins. Bright red berries, flowers, mint and sweet spices flesh out in this radiant, textured Barbaresco. High-toned floral notes flow through to the inviting close.	92+	2014 - 2024	\$72.00	Oct 2012

2008	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO COTTA</u>	There is nothing subtle about the 2008 Barbaresco Cottá. Waves of fruit hit the palate in this rich, juicy Barbaresco. Forward fruit is one of the hallmarks of Cottá, 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 Cottá is enjoyable even at this early stage.	92	2013 - 2028	\$60.00	Oct 2011
2007	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO FAUSONI</u>	The Fausoni is usually one of the lighter-weight Barbaescos here, but not in 2007. Dark red fruit, crushed flowers, licorice and sweet baking spices come together beautifully in this ripe, sensual Barbaresco. There is a wonderful richness to the fruit that virtually covers the tannins, all while avoiding any sense of heaviness. Simply put, the Fausoni is an overachiever in this vintage.	92	2015 - 2027	\$55.00	Dec 2010
2007	Sottimano	<u>BARBERA D'ALBA PAIROLERO</u>	The 2007 Barbera d'Alba Pairolero is sumptuous and rich in its massive dark fruit, flowers, minerals and spices. This is one of more intense, full-bodied Barberas readers will come across in 2007, and it is utterly delicious. It will be even better in another year or so, when all of the elements come together more fully. The 2007 Pairolero is an inspired effort!	92	2013 - 2017	\$30.00	Oct 2009
2006	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO PAJORE</u>	Sottimano's 2006 Barbaresco Pajoré shows its tell-tale notes of spices, menthol, minerals and dark fruit, on a medium bodied, sinewy frame. The Pajoré offers terrific balance with notes of tar, smoke and licorice that come to life on the finish. Patience is the key here, but this remains the most compact and clenched of the 2006s.	92	2016 - 2026	\$65.00	Oct 2009
2005	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO FAUSONI</u>	The 2005 Barbaresco Fausoni is remarkably dense and fruit-driven in this vintage. Raspberries, flowers, menthol and sweet spices flow from this medium-bodied Barbaresco. The wine offers outstanding length and well-integrated tannins. A few years of bottle age should help the wine settle down a bit.	92	2013 - 2022	\$70.00	Oct 2008

2005	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO CURRA</u>	The 2005 Barbaresco Currà is drop dead gorgeous. Like the Fausoni, it offers a profile of ripe red fruit, menthol, flowers and spices, but there is greater detail, clarity and precision here. With air suggestions of leather, tobacco and licorice develop, adding further complexity. The tannins build on the finish, suggesting the wine is in need of further cellaring. The use of French oak is masterful. Simply put, this is an outstanding effort.	92	2013 - 2025	\$70.00	Oct 2008
2004	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO COTTA</u>	Sottimano's 2004 Barbaresco Cottà is perhaps slightly less elegant than the Currà, but it reveals a more immediate personality in its powerful, fruit-driven style, with sweet dark fruit, toasted oak and mentholated, balsamic notes. Despite its generous ripe fruit this wine has plenty of length and supporting structure underneath. It is fairly approachable today, but should also age gracefully.	92	2013 - 2022	\$62.00	Oct 2007
2004	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Pajorè</u>	The 2004 Barbaresco Pajorè has developed nicely. Tobacco, leather, smoke, incense and spice notes all flesh out in the glass. Stylistically, the 2004 is of course deeply reflective of an era where fermentations were shorter and French oak played a greater role. There is no question today's wines are both more complex and interesting, but all things considered the 2004 has held up well.	92	2014 - 2019	Not Available	Oct 2013
2001	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO PAJORE</u>	The 2001 Barbaresco Pajorè, from one of the most famous vineyards in the area, appears to be the most multi-dimensional and complex of the wines. It features an intensely spiced nose followed by an enveloping palate of cherries in alcohol, minerals, tar, licorice and mint with an exquisitely long finish. It is wine of extraordinary power and elegance.	92	2013 - 2015	\$61.00	Oct 2006
1999	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Fausoni</u>	Sottimano's 1999 Barbaresco Fausoni is an absolutely beautiful wine. Dark, powerful and brooding, the 1999 Fausoni emerges from the glass with black cherries menthol, licorice and sage. The 1999 has aged quite well, with gorgeous balance of aromatics, fruit, structure and oak. The firm tannins typical of Fausoni remain, but overall, this is a terrific showing from Sottimano.	92	2012 - 2019	Not Available	Aug 2014

2010 Sottimano LANGHE
NEBBIOLO

Sweet red berries, crushed flowers and rose petals are some of the notes that emerge from the 2010 Langhe Nebbiolo. This racy, perfumed Nebbiolo impresses for its finessed personality and fabulous overall balance. The pedigree and potential of this great Piedmont vintage come through in spades. Sottimano fans know the estate's Nebbiolo is made from a plot in Basarin and could be technically sold as Barbaresco.

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2010	Sottimano	<u>Barbera d'Alba Pairolero</u>	The 2010 Barbera d'Alba Pairolero shows what a great vintage can do. Darker, richer and more powerful than the 2011, the 2010 jumps from the glass with dark cherries, plums, spices, menthol and licorice, all supported by clean, incisive veins of minerality. The flavors are wonderfully alive and vibrant in this impeccable, hugely delicious Barbera.	91	2013 - 2020	\$25.00	Oct 2013	
2009	Sottimano	<u>BARBERA D'ALBA PAIROLERO</u>	The 2009 Barbera d'Alba Pairolero is pure class and elegance. Layers of silky, perfumed fruit caress the palate from start to finish. The 2009 is another classy, polished wine from the Sottimano family. The rich, opulent style of years past has been replaced with a pure, stunning expression of fruit. This is a fabulous showing.	91	2013 - 2019	\$28.00	Oct 2012	
2008	Sottimano	<u>BARBERA D'ALBA PAIROLERO</u>	The estate's Barbera d'Alba Pairolero is beautiful in 2008. Minerals, crushed rocks, violets, blackberries and cassis are just some of the nuances that emerge from this precise, chiseled Barbera. In 2008 the minerality of the wine is particularly in evidence, while the overt fruit and oakiness of previous vintages is nowhere to be found. This is beautiful, chiseled Pairolero with superb overall balance and an understated, beguiling personality that makes it impossible to resist a second taste.	91	2013 - 2018	\$28.00	Dec 2010	
2007	Sottimano	<u>LANGHE NEBBIOLO</u>	The 2007 Langhe Nebbiolo is a rich, textured offering laced with dark fruit. Sottimano's Langhe Nebbiolo is made from young vines in the Basarin vineyard in Barbaresco and spends 14 months in French oak. It is a Barbaresco in everything but name and is one of the few Langhe Nebbiolos that could use another year or two in bottle to help soften the tannins. This is a very serious bottle of wine for \$25. The powerful finish is long, sweet and harmonious. I re-tasted this wine among several 2005 Barolos and 2006 Barbarescos and it compared exceptionally well, let's leave it at that. For now, the 2007 Langhe Nebbiolo is very indicative of what	91	2013 - 2017	\$25.00	Oct 2009	

is shaping up to be a fantastic vintage at Sottimano.

2004	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO FAUSONI</u>	The 2004 Barbaresco Fausoni is floral and perfumed, with sweet red fruit, menthol and spices on a medium-bodied frame. This beautiful Barbaresco offers superb length and elegant tannins to round out the finish. Fausoni is always the most approachable of the Sottimano Barbarescos.	91	2013 - 2019	\$62.00	Oct 2007
2003	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO PAJORE</u>	With his 2003 Barbaresco Pajorè Sottimano has produced another gem and this wine is clearly on another level from the preceding wins. It opens with a deeply expressive, nuanced nose offering a multitude of spice and mineral aromas. On the palate it displays notable length as well as an awesome combination of finesse and power, with layers of ripe fruit that gradually come to the fore as the wine opens up in the glass. The older vines and more compact soil composition at Pajorè helped the fruit maintain more freshness than is evident in the estate's other Barbarescos.	91	2013 - 2018	\$61.00	Oct 2006
2001	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO CURRA</u>	Also from Neive, the 2001 Barbaresco Currà is the most austere of the wines, although after some time in the glass, the wine opens beautifully, showing flavors of cherries in liqueur, mint, and toasted oak. This wine has an exotic quality that I can't put my finger on, but which makes it a fascinating Barbaresco for contemplation. The more times I taste this wine the more it becomes one of my favorites of the group. Rino Sottimano considers Currà the most classic of his wines.	91		\$61.00	Oct 2006
2011	Sottimano	<u>MATE (BRACHETTO)</u>	The 2011 Mate (Brachetto) emerges from the glass with sweet rose petals, spices and red berries. Still Brachetto remains a rarity, but this gorgeous, perfumed wine boasts tons of class and pure harmony, all in a vinous, refreshing style perfect for drinking over the next few years.	90	2013 - 2015	\$17.00	Oct 2012
2011	Sottimano	<u>DOLCETTO D'ALBA</u>	Another house speciality, Sottimano's 2011 Dolcetto d'Alba is packed with juicy blueberries, flowers and sweet spices. Classic Dolcetto notes are given a little extra volume because of the	90	2013 - 2015	\$17.00	Oct 2012


warmth of the year. This round, fleshy Dolcetto is pure pleasure.

2011	Sottimano	<u>Barbera d'Alba Pairolero</u>	Sottimano's 2011 Barbera d'Alba Pairolero flows across the palate with dark red cherries, plums and cloves. A decidedly medium-bodied, graceful wine, the 2011 is one of the more polished wines in a year in which so many Barberas are on the bombastic side. Fine, silky tannins support the finish. This is a terrific showing.	90	2013 - 2019	\$25.00	Oct 2013
2009	Sottimano	<u>LANGHE NEBBIOLO</u>	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 are too fierce for the wine to offer much pleasure today. With time this will be an overachiever among its peers.	90	2014 - 2021	\$23.00	Oct 2011
2008	Sottimano	<u>BARBERA D'ALBA PAIROLERO</u>	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.	90	2013 - 2017	\$28.00	Oct 2011
2007	Sottimano	<u>DOLCETTO D'ALBA BRIC DEL SALTO</u>	The 2007 Dolcetto d'Alba Bric del Salto reveals balsamic overtones wrapped around a core of dark red fruits, spices and minerals. Made in a totally elegant and finessed style, it represents the essence of first-rate Dolcetto from Barbaresco.	90	2013+	-\$18.00	Aug 2008
2007	Sottimano	<u>MATE (BRACHETTO)</u>	The 2007 Mate (Brachetto) is a quirky wine, but it is drop-dead stunning. An exotic array of strawberry jam, spices, sweet amaro medicinal herbs and pink peppercorns emerge from this medium-bodied yet intense wine. The wine is best served slightly chilled and is an ideal match to fine salumi and prosciutti. It is a gem.	90	2013+	\$18.00	Aug 2008
2006	Sottimano	<u>DOLCETTO D'ALBA BRIC DEL SALTO</u>	Sottimano's 2006 Dolcetto d'Alba Bric del Salto is easily one of the best wines of the vintage. It offers plenty of fruit in a style that is both opulent but also well-balanced by the underlying notes of minerality that provide support. This pristine, serious Dolcetto is sure to offer much pleasure over the next few years.	90	2013+	-\$18.00	Aug 2008

2006	Sottimano	<u>LANGHE NEBBIOLO</u>	Sottimano's 2006 Langhe Nebbiolo is made from the Basarin vineyard, which historically was known as a source for top-flight Dolcetto. The wine possesses the super-ripe qualities of the vintage in its candied cherries, flowers and spices. A wine that would give many producers' Barbarescos a run for their money, Sottimano's Langhe Nebbiolo is a first-class effort in every way. It is one of the most compelling values in wine today. Simply put, it is awesome.	90	2013 - 2021	-\$25.00	Aug 2008
2006	Sottimano	<u>DOLCETTO D'ALBA BRIC DEL SALTO</u>	The 2006 Dolcetto d'Alba Bric del Salto is easily one of the best wines of the vintage. It offers plenty of fruit in a style that is both opulent but also well-balanced by the underlying notes of minerality that provide support. this pr istine, serious Dolcetto is sure to offer much pleasure over the next few years.	90	2013+	\$18.00	Oct 2007
2004	Sottimano	<u>BARBERA D'ALBA PAIROLERO</u>	Sottimano's 2004 Barbera d'Alba Pairolero is equally outstanding. It presents generous ripe fruit and sweet toasted oak with notable intensity on the palate and a vibrant, layered personality. Drink this voluptuous, sexy Barbera over the next few years.	90	2013+	\$30.00	Oct 2007
2003	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO CURRA</u>	The 2003 Barbaresco Currà is a larger-framed wine with darker, riper perfumed fruit and outstanding length supported by a linear structure that combines the classic nature this wine typically shows with the full-bodied quality of the vintage.	90	2013 - 2015	\$61.00	Oct 2006
2003	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO COTTA</u>	The Barbaresco Cottà is, as usual, the most overtly fruit-driven of the wines. It offers a rich, luxurious texture and a potent expression of this site and the vintage with enough super-ripe dark fruit to balance the wine's considerable tannic clout. As it sits in the glass balsamic, mentholated nuances emerge to complete this very strong effort.	90	2013 - 2018	\$61.00	Oct 2006
2001	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO FAUSONI</u>	The 2001 Barbaresco Fausoni is the most delicately nuanced, aromatic and seductive of the Sottimano Barbarescos, and shows aromas of mint, eucalyptus and spices, followed by a classic	90	2013+	\$61.00	Oct 2006

Nebbiolo palate of red fruits. It is also typically the earliest maturing of the wines.

1999	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Currà</u>	Like the Fausoni, the 1999 Barbaresco Currà seems to have aged mostly on its spine of firm tannins. Here the expression of fruit is linear and energetic, but not especially generous or sweet, as the best wines from this site can be. Although a bit compact, the 1999 has nevertheless aged quite nicely.	90	2012 - 2019	Not Available	Aug 2014
2012	Sottimano	<u>Dolcetto d'Alba Bric del Salto</u>	The 2012 Dolcetto d'Alba Bric del Salto is incredibly finessed in this vintage. Sweet red berries, freshly cut flowers, spices and mint are all woven together in a wine of incredible finesse and elegance. The aromatic and flavor profile is noticeably floral and red-toned, which is unusual for this wine.	89	2013 - 2018	\$17.00	Oct 2013
2012	Sottimano	<u>Maté</u>	Savory herbs, tobacco, crushed rose petals and red berries waft from the glass in the 2012 Maté. Medium in body and intensely fragrant, the 2012 impresses for its balance and overall harmony. In 2012, the tannins are just a touch dry, but that is a relatively small critique for a wine that delivers so much pleasure at this price point.	89	2013 - 2016	\$17.00	Oct 2013
2011	Sottimano	<u>Langhe Nebbiolo</u>	The 2011 Langhe Nebbiolo is an attractive wine to drink over the next handful of years. Raspberries, spices, mint and crushed flowers are all woven together in the glass. Far from an easygoing wine, the 2011 has a lovely tannic spine and plenty of personality. Sottimano's Langhe Nebbiolo emerges from a Barbaresco-designated parcel in Basarin.	89	2013 - 2021	\$23.00	Oct 2013

	Vintage	(Hover for Commentary) Producer	Name	Tasting Notes	Score ↓	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
2009	Sottimano	<u>DOLCETTO D'ALBA BRIC DEL SALTO</u>	The 2009 Dolcetto d'Alba Bric del Salto flows effortlessly from the glass with rich layers of dark, varietal fruit. Soft and enveloping on the palate, the Bric del Salto impresses for its balance, finesse and persistence. Year in year out, this is one of the most delicious Dolcettos to emerge from Piedmont, as it is again in 2009. love teh crystalline purity of the finish.	89	2013+	\$17.00	Dec 2010	
2009	Sottimano	<u>MATE</u>	The 2009 Maté, a dry Brachetto, shows lovely depth in its dark red fruit, sweet herbs, cloves and minerals. Most Brachettos tend towards the ethereal, but Sottimano's Maté impresses for its gorgeous texture and fine overall balance.	89	2013+	\$17.00	Aug 2010	
2008	Sottimano	<u>LANGHE NEBBIOLO</u>	The 2008 Langhe Nebbiolo offers up tobacco, plums, spices and licorice. This is a fascinating wine, as it appears somewhat tired and faded upon opening, but then freshens up very nicely with air. Classic Nebbiolo dried roses, flowers, spices, licorice and tar emerge over time. Piedmont fans know Sottimano's Langhe Nebbiolo comes from young vines in the Basarin vineyard in Neive, and that technically it could be issued as a Barbaresco. Readers will want to keep that in mind, as in 2008 the Langhe Nebbiolo is far from the easy going wine its appellation and price suggest. It needs to be opened at least an hour in advance, and will benefit from at least another year or two in bottle.	89+	2013+	\$23.00	Aug 2010	
2006	Sottimano	<u>BARBERA D'ALBA PAIROLERO</u>	Sottimano's 2005 Barbarescos have always shown superb balance. They are on average slightly fresher than the 2004s, with a touch less concentration, something that is very much in keeping with the qualities of the vintage. The 2006 Barbera d'Alba Pairolero is a dense, full-bodied wine endowed with masses of ripe dark fruit. Still quite primary, the wine reveals only shades of the chocolate, spice and mineral nuances that are buried below the fruit. Today the 2006 doesn't appear to have quite the delineation of the very finest vintages here. yet this remains a delicious. mouth-filling	89	2013+	\$34.00	Oct 2008	

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2001	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO COTTA</u>	Made from vines that are over 50 years old, the 2001 Barbaresco Cottà is the roundest and most supple of the wines and offers a potent nose of truffles and wet earth along with a brooding palate of dark, extracted fruit. Along with the Fausoni, it is one of the more approachable Sottimano Barbarescos when young.	89	2013+	\$61.00	Oct 2006
2010	Sottimano	<u>MATE</u>	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.	88	2013 - 2015	\$17.00	Oct 2011
2008	Sottimano	<u>MATE</u>	Sottimano's 2008 Maté is Brachetto made in a dry style, rather than the more traditional red sparkling wine that has traditionally been the norm. Sweet red cherries, flowers and spices emerge in a medium-bodied style. The wine offers excellent concentration and depth, but the tannins lack the degree of polish that informs the finest vintages of this wine. The finish is subtle and complete, with hints of bitter chocolate and licorice that add a touch of complexity.	88	2013+	\$17.00	Aug 2009
2003	Sottimano	<u>BARBARESCO FAUSONI</u>	Sottimano's 2003 Barbaresco Fausoni opens with a finessed, perfumed nose followed by notes of super-ripe red fruit and menthol on a medium-bodied frame that is somewhat overwhelmed by the late-arriving hard, unripe tannins. Owing to higher percentage of sand at Fausoni, this is the wine most adversely affected by the extreme heat of the vintage and it clearly lacks the balance of the best vintages.	88	2013 - 2015	\$61.00	Oct 2006
1999	Sottimano	<u>Barbaresco Cottà</u>	Sadly, the 1999 Barbaresco Cottà has not handled its elevage anywhere near as gracefully as the Pajorè. Here the flavors are dried out and the wine has lost much of its depth. The Cottà had so much immediacy when it was young, but those qualities have now faded and any remaining bottles should be finished off sooner rather than later. The 1999 never really seems to have come together in bottle, perhaps because the French oak was a bit much.	88	2012 - 2014	Not Available	Aug 2014

2011	Sottimano	<u>BARBERA</u> <u>D'ALBA</u>	The 2011 Barbera d'Alba is a new, entry-level offering from Serracapelli in Neive that will be less expensive than the flagship Pairolero Barbera. Layers of dark, perfumed fruit caress the palate on this juicy, forward early-drinking Barbera.	(87-88)	2013 - 2015	Not Available	Oct 2012
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