

Barbaresco, Province of Cuneo

Established: 1995

Owner: Marco Rocca

Winemaker: Marco Rocca

Production: 50,000 bottles

Hectares under vine: 14

Viticulture: Organic



"La Ca' Növa remains one of the true undiscovered jewels of Barbaresco. Marco Rocca crafts intense, classically proportioned Barbarescos full of personality." Antonio Galloni

Marco's vineyards are located in the commune of Barbaresco and include the prestigious crus of Monetefico and Montestefano, two of the best sites that are often referred to as being 'baroloesque' owing to their backbone and ageing capability. Located on the Eastern side of the commune and separated by a few hundred metres, Montestefano is a few hundred metres south of Montefico and was the first to be bottled as a single vineyard wine, by the legendary Beppe Colla (of Poderi Colla) in 1961. Montestefano typically combines elegance and richness with a firm structure whilst Montefico is more austere with bracing tannins. The viticulture is sustainable and the wines are all made the same way, with 20-25 days of skin contact and aging for 20 months in large neutral botti. Best of all, they remain great value for money.

Barbaresco DOCG

2017. The 2017 Barbaresco is a fabulous wine in its peer group. Rich and boisterous, the 2017 is a Barbaresco of real impact. I suppose the 2017 is not as finessed as some recent editions, but there is a spirit of authenticity that is so attractive. Big, burly tannins wrap around a core of intense red fruit, chalk, cinnamon, mint and white pepper notes. The heady, substantial finish makes it impossible to resist a second taste. I suggest opening the 2017 well in advance. 92 points, Antonio Galloni.

Barbaresco DOCG Montestefano

2017. The 2017 Barbaresco Montestefano is a dark, brooding beauty. Super-ripe black cherry, plum, mocha, cloves, leather and licorice add to a real sense of gravitas that runs through the 2017. Readers need to be patient with the Montestefano. I suspect it will always remain something of a brute, but it is endowed with tremendous presence and a ton of personality. 94+ points, Antonio Galloni

Barbaresco DOCG Montefico Vigna Bric Mentina

2017. The 2017 Barbaresco Montefico balances the structural framework typical of this site with the radiance of the year so well. Powerful and intensely mineral, the Montefico is a bit wild in its first approach, yet it has so much character. Bright red berry fruit, chalk, mint, sage and white pepper give the Montefico a brilliant upper register to play off its natural cut. I would plan on cellaring the 2017 for at least a few years. 94 points, Antonio Galloni

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