

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 Monetestefico and Montetestefano, 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, Montetestefano is a few hundred metres south of Monetestefico and was the first to be bottled as a single vineyard wine, by the legendary Beppe Colla (of Poderi Colla) in 1961. Montetestefano typically combines elegance and richness with a firm structure whilst Monetestefico 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

2020 *The 2020 Barbaresco is a relatively soft, open-knit wine. Sweet macerated cherry, kirsch, mint and orange peel open first, with effusive floral and spice notes that grace the finish. Medium in body, with relatively soft contours for a young Barbaresco, the 2020 will drink well right out of the gate. 91 points, Antonio Galloni.*

Barbaresco DOCG Montetestefano

2020 *The 2020 Barbaresco Montetestefano is a dense, plush wine, in other words classic Montetestefano. Like all the Barbarescos here, the Montetestefano is relatively open, which surely please readers who can't or don't want to cellar their wines. Dark Nebbiolo fruit intermingled with spice, leather, incense and licorice build into the creamy, resonant finish. The 2020 is a gorgeous wine. 95 points, Antonio Galloni*

Barbaresco DOCG Monetestefico Vigna Bric Mentina

2020 *The 2020 Barbaresco Monetestefico Vigna Bric Mentina is a very pretty wine that captures all the magic of this great site, but without all of the explosive tension of the very best years. I doubt that will matter much to most consumers, though. A beguiling mix of macerated cherry, rose petal, dried leaves and spice builds into vibrant, salivating finish. In 2020, the Monetestefico is perhaps just a touch slender, but it makes up for that with its superb energy. 94 points, Antonio Galloni*

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