

**94 Gianni Gagliardo 2007 Cannubi (Barolo); \$138.** Gianni Gagliardo is part of an elite group of vintners that represents a new and exciting generation in Barolo. This Nebbiolo from the Cannubi cru is a top-shelf wine, with elegant and austere tones of berry fruit, menthol, cola, balsam, teriyaki sauce and tar. Hold for 10 years or more. Imported by Enotec Imports, Inc. **Cellar Selection.** —M.L.

**94 Grimaldi Bruna 2007 Badarina (Barolo); \$52.** Barolo Badarina deserves praise for the intensity of its aromas and the fine quality of its mouthfeel. Bold oak tones of spice and toasted hazelnut will soon fall to the back of the wine's bright fruit and cola flavors. Give it time, patience and drink after 2018. Imported by Premium Brands. **Cellar Selection.** —M.L.

**94 La Querciola 2007 Donna Bianca (Barolo); \$55.** What a wonderful surprise! Barolo Donna Bianca is a beautiful wine with a long list of special attributes. First is the wine's complexity, which shines through in the many aromas, from pressed violets to Indian spice. Second is the wine's natural richness and smoothness of texture. Third is its ability to age a long time in your cellar. Imported by Vignaioli. **Cellar Selection.** —M.L.

**94 Marchesi di Barolo 2007 Sarmassa (Barolo); \$130.** The Sarmassa cru consistently delivers some of the best Barolos on the market, and this opulent expression from Marchesi di Barolo proves the point. The wine exhibits modern aromas of chocolate, black cherry, coffee and Spanish cedar. The mouthfeel is soft, plush and rich. Imported by Wine Wave. —M.L.

**94 Pio Cesare 2007 Ornato (Barolo); \$115.** Ornato is an opulent, modern expression of Barolo with lush oak tones that will require at least 10 more years to find perfect harmony. The 2007 vintage offers extra pulp and chewy cherry concentration that this wine upholds very successfully. You'll love the plumpness and overall chocolate richness available here. Imported by Maisons Marques & Domaines USA. **Cellar Selection.** —M.L.

**94 Podere Rocche dei Manzoni 2007 Vigna d'la Roul (Barolo); \$NA.** A wine to fall immediately in love with, this vineyard-designated Barolo opens with dark extraction and superintense aromas of cola, cedar, licorice, plum and teriyaki sauce. Oak elements of spice and toast are also evident and will fall into the background as the wine ages in your cellar. Save for 5–10 years. Imported by Robert Chadderdon Selections. **Cellar Selection.** —M.L.

**94 Poderi Luigi Einaudi 2007 Costa Grimaldi (Barolo); \$86.** You'll want to give this beautiful Barolo 5–10 more years to age in your cellar. At this early stage in its life, Costa Grimaldi shows amazing potential thanks to its aromas of big red fruit and spice. Don't let those initial impressions mislead you. After a few minutes in the glass, the wine shows impressive complexity and endurance. Imported by Empson (USA) Ltd. —M.L.

**94 Renato Ratti 2007 Conca (Barolo); \$80.** For full review see page 74. **Cellar Selection.**

**94 Renato Ratti 2007 Rocche (Barolo); \$95.** This thick, and darkly concentrated Barolo offers a wide range of aromas and evident complexity. It boasts a very polished, smooth feel in the mouth that is reinforced by the natural firmness of the noble Nebbiolo grape. Imported by Dreyfus, Ashby & Co. —M.L.

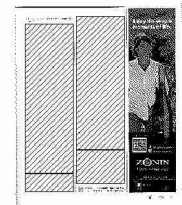
**94 Rivetto 2007 Serralunga (Barolo); \$50.** An up-and-coming star of Barolo Serralunga, Rivetto delivers a supersized wine with immense concentration and rock-solid structure. In fact, this wine needs another 10–15 years of aging to complete its long evolution. Already present, however, are tonic tones of red cherry, coffee, mocha, spice and cured meat. Imported by Vintage Imports, Inc. **Cellar Selection.** —M.L.

**94 Silvio Grasso 2007 Bricco Luciani (Barolo); \$74.** This is a beautiful wine that exhibits seductively dark concentration and bright aromas of red berries, cola and licorice that are characteristic of the Nebbiolo grape. The tannins show a polished, silky nature and will continue to evolve over long years of cellar aging. A Marc de Grazia selection; various American importers. **Cellar Selection.** —M.L.

**94 Vietti 2007 Brunate (Barolo); \$130.** Vietti's iconic Barolo from the Brunate cru deserves a special spot in your cellar collection. The wine delivers power and heft thanks to ideal vineyard conditions in 2007. It also exhibits the vintner's unique style, in which oak tones are set against the delicate aromas associated with quality Nebbiolo. Imported by Dalla Terra Winery Direct. **Cellar Selection.** —M.L.

**94 Vietti 2007 Lazzarito (Barolo); \$130.** This is a delicious wine on all levels. Lazzarito opens in a bold, masculine style with overtones of ripe cherry fruit, leather and cured beef jerky. The wine then segues to soft, textured tannins with power and extra length on the close. It's impossible not to fall in love with a wine of this caliber. Imported by Dalla Terra Winery Direct. —M.L.

**93 Andrea Oberto 2007 Vigneto Rocche (Barolo); \$100.** There's a special elegance and



finesse evident in this pretty expression of Nebbiolo. Fine aromas of cola, white cherry and black pepper are featured on the bouquet. In the mouth, this Barolo delivers strength, structure and endurance. Imported by Chambers & Chambers. —M.L.

**93 Aurelio Settimo 2007 Barolo; \$55.** You'll love the powerful richness and natural concentration of this beautiful Barolo. It boasts masculine renderings of cherry liqueur, carob pod, red rose and sassy cinnamon spice. The wine shows great aging potential (10 years or more) thanks to its firm tannins and fresh acidity. Imported by Masciarelli Wine Co. —M.L.