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### 2000 Vietti Barolo Rocche

Vietti

A Nebbiolo Dry Red Table wine from Rocche di Castiglione Falletto, Castiglione Falletto, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy

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Wine Advocate # 195 Jun 2011	Antonio Galloni	92	Drink: 2011 - 2020	
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The 2000 Barolo Rocche has fared better than the Brunate, but it is a far cry from some of the truly legendary Rocches I have tasted here and elsewhere. The 2000 is rather burly Rocche, with little of the finesse that is this wine's calling card. Sweet mint and floral notes add freshness on the finish. Though not especially vibrant, the 2000 Rocche should last another decade or so on the strength of its fruit. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2020. Long-time readers know the late 1990s and early 2000s were a period of transition at Vietti. It was a time of experimentation with winemaking that led to the growth that now informs the spectacular wines of more recent vintages.

Importer: Dalla Terra, Napa, CA; tel. (707) 259-5405

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In the Cellar # 0805 May 2008	Antonio Galloni	93	Drink: N/A	
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The 2000 enjoyed a stellar showing. Although it revealed many qualities that were reminiscent of the 1997, it also appeared to offer better balance and harmony as it was less obvious in its expression of the hot vintage.

Vietti is one of Barolo's historic properties. Husband and wife team Alfredo Currado and Luciana Vietti were pioneers in the 1960s. They were among the first producers to recognize the unique qualities of their vineyards, many of which are among the finest in the region, even today.

Wine Advocate # 160 Aug 2005	Daniel Thomases	93	Drink: 2006 - 2018	\$80 (80)
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The 2000 Barolo Rocche is an unqualified success with its strikingly floral nose of roses and iris, velvety and caressing body, silky tannins, and its admirable balance of force and finesse.

Importer: Remy Amerique, New York, NY; tel. (212) 424-2202

In the Cellar # G1 Dec 2004	Antonio Galloni	91	Drink: 2006 - 2018	
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2000 Vietti Barolo Rocche—Rocche, which is mostly aged in cask, is more structured, and shows more depth, yet is really clean and elegant, with flavors of plums and mint. Needs some

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bottle age to show at its best. 91 points/drink 2006-2018

Vietti is one of the most representative estates in Piedmont, producing textbook wines from many of the region's most prestigious appellations. Luca Currado's philosophy is simple: each cru is vinified in the manner he feels best brings out that vineyard's character. The use of small barrels versus large, or new oak versus used varies from wine to wine.

To compare vintages, Currado opened up a 1999 Barolo Rocche, which was showing beautifully. An additional year of bottle age had done wonders for this delicate and aromatic Barolo that was soft, and caressing with a gorgeously elegant finish. Vietti also makes two of the best Barberas in Piedmont, Barbera d' Alba Scarrone Vigna Vecchia, and Barbera d'Asti La Crena, both of which are worth seeking out.

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