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2000 Vietti Barolo Brunate

Vietti
A Nebbiolo Dry Red Table wine from Brunate, La Morra, Barolo, Piedmont, Italy

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Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate # 195 Jun 2011	Antonio Galloni	89	Drink: 2011 - 2015	\$123-\$153
<p>The 2000 Barolo Brunate presents aromatics that are more advanced than the wine's fruit and tannins, a common state for the less successful 2000s. Sweet balsamic notes develop in the glass, adding some complexity, but the wine remains excessively marked by French oak. Some wines from this period have absorbed the oak (the 1998 Lazzarito comes to mind) but not here. Dry, woody tannins frame the finish. There isn't too much upside from cellaring bottles further. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2015. 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.</p> <p>Importer: Dalla Terra, Napa, CA; tel. (707) 259-5405</p>				
Wine Advocate # 160 Aug 2005	Daniel Thomases	90	Drink: 2005 - 2015	\$123-\$153 (80)
<p>The 2000 Barolo Brunate offers the classic roundness and elegance of the Nebbiolo of this cru, a touch of oak spice and vanilla, a bit prominent at the moment but not to excess, and much finesse and softness on the close. It will provide good drinking for another decade.</p> <p>Importer: Remy Amerique, New York, NY; tel. (212) 424-2202</p>				
In the Cellar # G2 Apr 2005	Antonio Galloni	91	Drink: 2008	\$123-\$153
<p>2000 Vietti Barolo Brunate—Burnished ruby. The nose is very fresh and redolent of flowers, toasted oak, crushed raspberries, and eucalyptus. There is good persistence and length here with plenty of sweet ripe fruit and a supple, caressing structure. This took some time to open up. 91 points/drink after 2008, 12/04</p>				
In the Cellar # G1 Dec 2004	Antonio Galloni	93	Drink: 2006 - 2016	\$123-\$153
<p>2000 Vietti Barolo Brunate—Brunate is fat, rich and minerally with a persistent note of licorice that defines the lingering finish of this wine. 93 points/drink 2006-2016</p> <p>Vietti is one of the most representative estates in Piedmont, producing textbook wines from</p>				

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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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About Maturity and Drink Dates: Most reviews in The Wine Advocate include a period during which the wine should ideally be consumed. We express it as a range of years (Drink Dates) and we use that range to calculate a 'Maturity' for the wine as of the current date. Maturity values are: Young - the early drink date is in the future; Early - first third of the drink date range; Mature - middle third of the range; Late - last third of the range; Old - the late drink date is in the past.

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