



To save you the time and effort of slogging through endless lists, Uncorked has joined forces with WineBlueBook. That enterprising e-newsletter compiles and averages the scores of major wine critics for more than a thousand wines. We cull those results and offer the top 10 scores for one varietal each week.

Highest scores, \$90 and under

Giovanni Rosso

Nebbiolo Barolo la Serra

Year: 2007

Avg. Score: 93

Avg. Price: \$90

Critics' Consensus: Ripe and fresh, it evokes cherry, mint, spices, flowers, raspberry and tar notes, with dusty tannins underneath. There is just enough fruit to balance the wine's wiry, structured, personality. (WA/WS)

Massolino

Nebbiolo Barolo Margheria

Year: 2007

Avg. Score: 93

Avg. Price: \$82

Critics' Consensus: A bit aromatically compressed on the nose, with the warm vintage and oak element dominating. Then ripe and explosive in its dark red fruit, leather, licorice and anise with floral, minty notes on the finish. (ST/WA)

Vietti

Barbera Barbera d'Alba Scarrone Vecchie Vigne

Year: 2009

Avg. Score: 92

Avg. Price: \$81

Critics' Consensus: Fresh, floral aromas of boysenberry, black plum, cherry and wild herbs, with complementary oak tones. Dense, rich and deep, it has excellent concentration, a generous mid-palate with layers of fruit and a harmonious acidity. (LIW/ST)

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Podere Rocche de Manzoni

Nebbiolo Barolo Rocche

Year: 2007

Avg. Score: 92

Avg. Price: \$81

Critics' Consensus: Sweet, loamy aromas of red raspberry, menthol and caramel oak. Sweet, soft and easy, with inviting red fruit perfume. Finishes with a fine dusting of sweet tannins.**(ST)**

Bruno di Rocca

Nebbiolo Barbaresco Rabaja

Year: 2008

Avg. Score: 92

Avg. Price: \$81

Critics' Consensus: Aromas of cedar, vanilla, wild cherry, plum liqueur, clove, raspberry, flowers and menthol. Juicy, tight and lightly medicinal but with much more sweetness and flavor definition. **(ST/WA)**

Highest scores, \$59 and under

Azelia

Nebbiolo Barolo Bricco Fiasco

Year: 2007

Avg. Score: 94

Avg. Price: \$55

Critics' Consensus: Wild, smoky aromas of super-ripe red fruits, dark chocolate and game, with a suggestion of tropical fruits. This shows superb purity on the mid-palate, where hints of tar and licorice add complexity. A mineral, saline finish rounds things out in style. **(ST/WA)**

Sottimano

Nebbiolo Barbaresco Pajore

Year: 2008

Avg. Score: 93

Avg. Price: \$59

Critics' Consensus: Shows both depth and balance, displaying cherry, licorice, spices, pine, menthol, and mineral flavors. Chewy, with well-integrated tannins and a mix of sweet and savory notes on the finish. **(WA/WS)**

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Coppo

Barbera Barbera d'Asti Riverva Della Famiglia

Year: 2004

Avg. Score: 90

Avg. Price: \$53

Critics' Consensus: Loads of spice, dark fruit, and oak-related aromas. Rich and smooth, delivering intense black currant and black cherry flavors. Spice, tobacco and bitter almond notes contribute to its complexity and the tannins remain firm and dense. **(WA/WE)**

Ca'Viola

Barbera Barbera d'Alba Bricchet

Year: 2009

Avg. Score: 90

Avg. Price: \$31

Critics' Consensus: Shows power and intensity, with a base of tannins supporting the blackberry and black cherry flavors. Present, yet seemingly weightless, this ends with plump fruit and a hint of chocolate. **(WA/WS)**

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Conterno Fantino

Barbera Barbera d'Alba Vignota

Year: 2009

Avg. Score: 90

Avg. Price: \$25

Critics' Consensus: Rich and polished, laced with sweet spices, violet, black currant and black cherry aromas and flavors. Vibrant and pure, this glides to a lingering aftertaste of cherry and spice. **(WA/WS)**

Key

LIW - LearnItalianWines.com

ST - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

WA - *Wine Advocate*

WE - *Wine Enthusiast*

WS - *Wine Spectator*

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