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MY PICKS OF THE WEEK

Barbera from Italy's Piedmont is one of my go-to reds during the summer. I love the intense fruit and bright acidity of the wines. They go well with just about any dish from grilled fish to cold meat, not to mention salad and pasta. The great news is that the 2011 is a fabulous year for Barbera d'Alba as well as Barbera d'Asti. It reminds me of such other classic Barbera years as 2007 and 2003, but the wines from 2011 have a little more freshness thanks to extremely cool nights and hot days during the grape growing season. Two of the Barberas I picked this week scored 95 points.

My Five Top Weekly Wine Picks

Elvio Cogno Barbera d'Alba Pre-Phylloxera 2011, Piedmont, Italy

Giacomo Conterno Barbera d'Alba Cascina Francia 2011, Piedmont, Italy

Vietti Barbera d'Alba Vigna Vecchia Scarrone 2011, Piedmont, Italy

Elio Grasso Barbera d'Alba Vigna Martina 2011, Piedmont, Italy

Pio Cesare Barbera d'Alba Fidus 2011, Piedmont, Italy



(Click the wine names to read tasting notes.)

Video Pick

If you love great Barolo then you really need to take a look at the two videos posted recently on the masters of the Nebbiolo grape -- [Roberto Conterno](#) of Giacomo Conterno and [Bruno Giacosa](#).

The two videos were re-released to coincide with my blog on their different views on the 2010 vintage. Check out [my free blog](#) as well.



Blog Pick

Do you know who is probably the greatest wine collector in the world? He lives in Hong Kong and owns hundreds of thousands of cases of wine in his cellars. Check out the post on [an article I wrote for Hong Kong Tatler](#) and the rest of the luxury magazines in the group throughout Asia. It's fascinating insight into a great wine lover.

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