



**94 Points 2007 Vietti  
Barbera d'Alba  
Scarrone Vigna Vecchia**

The 2007 Barbera d'Alba Scarrone Vigna Vecchia flows onto the palate with a stunning and totally irresistible expression of dark, round fruit. Tar, smoke, licorice and new leather linger on the round, polished finish. The Vigna Vecchia remains exceedingly young, but it is a spectacular effort and should develop nicely in the bottle. This is a wonderful, sensual and compelling Barbera from Vietti. - *Antonio Galloni*



### **93 Points** 2007 Vietti **Barbera d'Alba Scarrone**

The 2007 Barbera d'Alba Scarrone is an insanely beautiful, layered Barbera. Silky tannins frame a core of perfumed dark fruit, spices, licorice and minerals. This opulent yet impeccably balanced Scarrone possesses awesome richness and tons of style. Sweet floral notes ring out on the finish.

- *Antonio Galloni*



## **93 Points 2006 Vietti Barbaresco Masseria**

The 2006 Barbaresco Masseria is focused and energetic in its ripe, red fruits, menthol, spices and minerals. There is lovely depth in the glass, not to mention tons of balance. This is a beautiful, poised Vietti from Barbaresco. The Masseria will require considerable patience but its balance is impeccable. - *Antonio Galloni*



### **93 Points 2006 Vietti Barbera d'Asti la Crena**

The 2006 Barbera d'Asti la Crena is a dense, brooding effort loaded with mineral-infused dark fruit, violets, graphite, flowers and French oak. This is an especially seamless yet mid-weight la Crena built on elegance rather than power, with an impeccably clean, polished finish that rounds things out. La Crena remains one of the most under-the-radar wines in Piedmont. - *Antonio Galloni*



## **90 Points** 2007 Vietti Barbera d'Asti Tre Vigne

Smoke, tar, licorice and amarena cherries are some of the nuances that emerge from the 2007 Barbera d'Asti Tre Vigne. Clean mineral notes frame the long, silky finish. This over-achieving, juicy Barbera is totally delicious and a great value as well. It is not to be missed. The Barbera d'Asti Tre Vigne is made from four parcels in Agliano with vines ranging from 7 to 70+ years (the second selection from the La Crena vineyard). - Antonio Galloni



## **90 Points 2007 Vietti Barbera d'Alba Tre Vigne**

Vietti's 2007 Barbera d'Alba Tre Vigne is a more seamless, round wine than the Asti Tre Vigne. There is a wonderful purity to the fruit here, along with a supple, creamy finish. This, too, is a very serious effort, especially for the money. The 2007 Barbera d'Alba Tre Vigne is made predominantly from vineyards in Castiglione Falletto (including a portion from Scarrone), with a touch of fruit from Ravera. It is another compelling value from Vietti. - *Antonio Galloni*



**88 points Vietti 2007 Dolcetto  
D'Alba Tre Vigne**

Vietti's 2007 Dolcetto D'Alba Tre Vigne is a dense full-bodied wine bursting with dark, perfumed fruit. A long, polished finish rounds out this strong effort.—*Antonio Galloni*



### 2005 Vietti Barolo Brunate

Rating: 94  
Drink: 2013-2035

The estate's 2005 Barolo Brunate is a brooding, mysterious wine that possesses a level of sheer concentration and richness that is exceedingly rare in this vintage. It is also an incredibly primary, full-bodied Barolo that will require significant patience, but all of the signature Brunate notes are in the glass, and this Barolo should develop into a splendid wine over the coming years. This is another awesome effort from Vietti. I may be underestimating this wine, as it is ridiculously great even at this early stage. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2035.

Vietti has long been an elite, reference-point producer in Piedmont but in recent years brothers-in-law Luca Currado and Mario Cordero have taken major steps to further elevate the quality of their wines across the board. My tasting with Luca Currado encompassed 20-plus Barolos covering vintages 2005 through 2008, including multiple parcels the estate uses for its multi-vineyard Barolo Castiglione. All of the wines were potentially outstanding and some will doubtless turn out to be profound. Vietti fans have much to look forward to in coming years, the biggest decision here will be making choices among a large number of truly special wines. For starters, the 2005s aren't too far

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### 2005 Vietti Barolo Castiglione

Rating: 92  
Drink: 2011-2025

The 2005 Barolo Castiglione is especially taut and focused in this vintage. Floral notes are intermingled with dark red fruit, spices and new leather in this gorgeous, poised offering. The 2005 Barolo Castiglione uncharacteristically needs some bottle age but it offers integrity of fruit that is remarkable. Over the last few years Luca Currado has stepped up the quality of the Castiglione bottling in a major way. Any parcels in this multi-cru Barolo that don't meet his exacting standards are declassified and used in the Lange Nebbiolo Perbacco (see above). In 2005 the main vineyards in the Barolo Castiglione are Ravera, Bricco del Fiasco, Fossati, and Ciabot Berton; while the fruit from Bussia, Bricco Boschis and Bricco Ravera (Ginestra) ended up being used in that year's Perbacco. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2025.

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### 2005 Vietti Barolo Lazzarito

Rating: 94  
Drink: 2012-2035

What a joy it is to taste the 2005 Barolo Lazzarito. A dramatic, large-scaled wine, the Lazzarito sweeps across the palate with awesome density and richness. Classic Serralunga notes of melted road tar, menthol, new leather, spices, plums and black cherries emerge from this breathtaking, powerful Barolo. Currado has backed off the French oak and gradually lengthened maceration times in this bottling which has resulted in a Barolo of uncommon elegance and transparency to site. Despite the wine's sheer opulence, the finish is long and fresh, with lingering notes of tobacco and autumn leaves, suggesting the Lazzarito has years of fine drinking ahead of it. This is a superb effort. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2035.

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### 2005 Vietti Barolo Rocche

Rating: 95  
Drink: 2012-2035

The 2005 Barolo Rocche is the most finely detailed and nuanced of these 2005 Barolos. The wine reveals spectacular richness and clarity as layers of sweet perfumed fruit, menthol and spices emerge from the glass. The Rocche is an especially complex, multi-dimensional wine with tons of fruit and simply incredible balance. While this is easily one of the finest Barolos in 2005, the wine also appears to need at least a few years of bottle age. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2035.

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