



90
points
Drink: 2013-2018

2010 Vietti Barbera d'Asti la Crena

The 2010 Barbera d'Asti Superiore Nizza La Crena delivers a dark, penetrating color with appropriately ripe aromas of plum, black fruit and even a touch of dried apricot. There's a leathery, savory quality to the wine that gives it an austere and mysterious personality. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2018.

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2009 Vietti Barbaresco Masseria

Luca's 2009 Barbaresco Masseria shows rich fruit and dark spice backed by elegant shadings of crushed mineral and dried tobacco. It shows a delicate nature in the mouth with lean, compact texture. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025.

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2009 Vietti Barolo Castiglione

The 2009 Barolo Castiglione delivers a radiant but subdued quality with polished notes of dry mineral, black fruit, tar, licorice, leather and many more levels of complexity. This entry-level Barolo demonstrates that great results are achieved in 2009. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025.

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2009 Vietti Barolo Rocche

The 2009 Barolo Rocche is a solid, unwavering expression that brings the intensity meter even higher. Sweet red fruit, licorice, leather and moist pipe tobacco are some of the many layers that peel back from the bouquet. The balance, structure and persistence of the wine are all superb. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2036.

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2006 Vietti Barolo Villero Riserva

The last wine of the flight is the outstanding 2006 Barolo Riserva Villero. It literally bursts open to full force intensity and beauty. It's a mind-blowing interpretation of the often austere and brooding Nebbiolo grape that shows abundant life and vigor. Dark leather, cured beef, pressed rose petal, candied fruit, prune, cola, dried herbs and crushed mineral emerge from the glass like an aromatic marching band. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2035.

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2009 Vietti Barolo Brunate

From one of the region's most celebrated vineyards, the 2009 Barolo Brunate lavishes on smoky, granite and mineral notes that make this wine absolutely irresistible. Even the drawing of a snail on the label seems to hammer home one obvious point: This wine is built for longer cellar aging. Its rich texture, velvety feel and firm structure are guarantees that it will become increasingly elegant and finessed with time. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2030.

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2009 Vietti Barolo Lazzarito

Luca recently purchased more land in the Lazzarito cru. The 2009 Barolo Lazzarito delivers subdued notes of red rose and violet that build in intensity as the wine takes on more air in the glass. Black fruit, plum, cassis, leather, tar and licorice soon follow suit. This wine is an absolute, drop-dead stunner. Its tannic crispness makes it feel lively and buoyant in the mouth. The wine shows heft and importance that become firmly etched in the mouth. Each time I went back to the glass, the wine told a new story. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2035.

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