



GIOVANNI ROSSO

BAROLO
CERRETTA



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SERRALUNGA D'ALBA - ITALY

VINTAGE 2021

BAROLO D.O.C.G. CERRETTA

Wine Enthusiast

96/100

Ripe blackberries and black plums wait patiently in their bowl, their sweetness mingling with wild mint, bay leaf, and allspice's peppery warmth. This wine carries itself like a five-star prospect in triple-A ball: all the raw talent is there, structured with fine-grained tannins and pure fruit, just waiting for its moment. Give it time in your cellar's minor leagues and watch this rookie develop into a perennial all-star, delivering greatness for decades to come. Jeff Porter

James Suckling

95/100

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The Wine Journal Eros Teboni

95/100

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Davide Rosso's 2020 Barolo Cerretta is laced with sweet dark cherry, spice, lavender, cedar, pipe tobacco and dried herbs. Medium in body, with compelling sweetness and inner perfume, the 2020 has much to recommend it. Readers will find an especially open Barolo that is typical of this sector in Serralunga, where the wines are a bit more forward and less potent than those from vineyards closer to the center of the town. This is beautifully done.

Robert Parker Wine Advocate

94/100

The Giovanni Rosso 2020 Barolo Cerretta, with fruit from Serralunga d'Alba, is quite generous and ripe, owing to sunny vintage conditions. It opens to a dark ruby color and pretty concentration with perfumes that are fine and elegant; they recall lavender, wild berry, plum and rusty nail. The Cerretta vineyard delivers a lingering sense of sweetness, and that becomes a signature for this wine. These results are immediate and up front.

Kerin O'Keefe

96/100

Bright and delicious, the 2020 Cerretta is a stunner. It opens with heady aromas of dog rose, red wild berry, eucalyptus and culinary spice that on the delicious

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palate become defined as succulent strawberry, raspberry compote, vanilla and cake spice. It's well balanced, with velvety tannins and fresh acidity.

James Suckling

95/100

Pale ruby with a dark, complex and vibrant nose of prunes, roses, violets, balsamic, licorice and restrained peach peel. On the palate this is concentrated, with a full body, firm yet ripe tannins and crisp acidity. Overall, more powerful than elegant, but very refined in the finish. It could use a bit more depth, but with bottle aging it will increase in complexity.

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FORBES MAGAZINE

92/100

Cerretta is an MGA situated at the northern part of the Serralunga commune. Aromas of morel cherry, hint of paprika and tobacco seed, with notes of brown spice. Medium-full with very good concentration. Medium weight, elegant tannins, very good acidity, red spice notes in the finish. Very well balanced, with a nice sense of place; peak in 12-15 years. Tom Hyland

Gardini Notes

98/100

A fundamental vineyard for the project of the house, equipped with calcareous soil. Nose of Cherry Queen, with touches of Valdostan mint and wild iris. The palate is dense and thick, with iodized-brackish tannins, a mentholated return and fruity notes.

The WineHunter Award

Gold

The Wine Journal Eros Teboni

96/100

Falstaff Magazine

96/100

Brilliant, medium-dense ruby garnet. It opens with aromas of ripe plums, hints of dark bread crust, truffle, and wild raspberries. The tannins are compact and layered, beautifully intertwined with a sweet, creamy texture. Firm and structured, it finishes with a rich, textured feel. Otmar Kiem, Simon Staffler

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VINTAGE 2019

Vinoway
96/100

Viate La Guida Vini AIS
4 viti

Scuro nel colore, delicato nel profumo, succoso nella frutta rossa di ciliegia e fragola matura, ma anche fiori passiti e di campo, erbe di montagna e confetture. In bocca colpisce per gusto e precisione: corpo preciso e armonico.

Decanter
96/100

After 30 to 36 months in big oak casks, this 2019 vintage of one of Serralunga's most celebrated MGAs shines for its restrained nose of Parma violets, wild strawberry, orange juice and a super-intense, stunning rhubarb root character. It's floral as well on the palate, elegant and refined, very classic, with polished, velvety tannins that are dusty on the finish. The structure defies time here; the potential is great. Aldo Fiordelli

Vinous Antonio Galloni
94/100

The 2019 Barolo Cerretta is soft, delicate and classy. Dried rose petal, cinnamon, blood orange, mint and dried flowers fill out the layers. This effortless, layered Barolo opens nicely with a bit of time in the glass. There's gorgeous resonance and plenty of class here.

Kerin O'Keefe
95/100

Enticingly fragrant, the Giovanni Rosso 2019 Cerretta starts off with aromas of woodland berry, wild rose, camphor and spice. It's elegantly structured and smooth, delivering flavors recalling raspberry jam, licorice, almond liqueur and a hint of mocha. Polished, fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity provide support and balance. While it's already almost accessible, it will also age well.

The Drinks and Business
93+/100

Subtle and refined and requiring something of a mental recalibration after the Etna wines tasted just before. One is struck first by the spiciness – there's lots of cinnamon and clove here. There's a lovely note of rose petals too. This is radiant, elegant and quite ethereal. The palate is charming and quite crystalline – light, delicate and yet tender. There's decent amplitude in the mouth and this feels lithe, fluid and dynamic, if a little restrained. It's light and airy. The result is that the fruit is a little dominated by the spice, but that brings interest and character. Quite focussed on the finish, with a nice tight sense of grip.

Falstaff Magazine
96/100

Bright ruby with a shiny core. On the nose, deep, earthy and irony, with delicate herbal tones and very discreet raspberry notes. Seems cool, like cold wax. On the palate, very textured, with pronounced, tightly woven tannin. The wine is vivid, persistent and juicy with candied orange on the finish. Othmar Kiem & Simon Staffler

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VINTAGE 2018

The Wine Journal Eros Teboni
95/100

Jeb Dunnuck
95/100

The 2019 Barolo Cerretta is an attractive red with a supple perfume and a balanced sheen and purity. It displays elegance and grace, though it still has a great Serralunga structure. With the ripe, sweet tannins that are characteristic of these wines. This is a really wonderful wine that can be drunk now or over the next 15 to 20 years.

Gardini Notes
97/100

A vineyard historically owned by the family, with southeast exposure, amphitheater shape, calcareous soil. Nose of sour cherries, with touches of Valdostan mint and wild rose. The palate is dense and thick, with iodized-brackish tannins and a fruity-mentholated return.

Viate La Guida Vini AIS
4 viti

Impatto nobile e austero. Poi scioglie frutti rossi e scuri, polpa dolce, marasca, menta, cioccolato, confetture, sukai. La bocca è gustosa, molto equilibrata e lunga. L'eleganza di Serralunga. Dal 2033. Guanciale di manzo in umido con polenta.

Wine Spectator
93/100

This red is tightly wound and austere, displaying a glimpse of cherry and strawberry fruit, along with hay, tar and mint. This is also fresh and persistent, so give it time. Best from 2025 through 2040. Bruce Sanderson

Wine Enthusiast
95/100

Iris, hay, woodland berry and botanical herb aromas come to the forefront on this fragrant, delicious red. The focused, vibrant palate picks up where the nose leaves off, delivering juicy Morello cherry, strawberry compote, star anise and tobacco framed in tightly wound, fine-grained tannins and bright acidity. Drink 2026–2033.

Falstaff Magazine
96/100

Sparkling ruby with a fine garnet shimmer. Intensely fragrant nose with notes of plums, rose petals and some incense. Gripping, hearty tannin, builds up well, after raspberries and coriander seeds, good grip in the finish. Othmar Kier and Simon Staffler

Vinoway
97/100

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Gardini Notes
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James Suckling

94/100

Dried strawberry and tar with some flowers on the nose. Full-bodied and very chewy with sweet berries and tangy tannins at the end. Needs a couple of years to soften. Drink after 2025.

Decanter

95/100 (Georgina Hindle)

94/100 (Aldo Fiordelli)

Cerretta is a clay and chalk soil MGA 'which produces more feminine wines, mostly compared to Serra,' according to Giovanni Rosso's winemaker, Andrea Delpiano. The Barolos here age for 30 months in large oak casks. The 2018 Cerretta is bright garnet in the glass, scented of fresh rose, violet and pomegranate juice. The palate is darker, with cherry, blood orange and great weight and concentration. With moderate acidity, its plentiful fruits flow to a chalky finish.

Drinking Window 2023 – 2038 Aldo Fiordelli

New to the Place de Bordeaux this year. Sweet baked fruit and floral scents on the nose, so expressive and nuanced - it smells divine. Supple, bright and vibrant - you get the mix of crushed velvet tannins giving a mouthfilling texture then the brightness and lift from the red fruit and touches of dryness from the minerality. Excellent definition and character here, supremely balanced and full of life. Just a pleasure to drink. The cleanness / precision comes across more than anything - so focussed. A soft, silky expression with lovely poise on show. It's not shouting but calmly displaying its excellent qualities. Fermentation 25 days in contact with the skins in concrete tanks. Georgina Hindle

Tono dolce, profondo e generoso. Tanta ciliegia e frutta rossa in polpa, grande comunicatività. Bocca ampia, lunga, appena tannica. Davvero eccellente. Dal 2028. Piccione al forno con cipollotti.

Wein Plus

92/100

Aroma chiaro e abbastanza profondo di bacche rosse e un po' nere con sfumature pepate, un po' di pomodoro e toni terrosi e moderate note di botte. Frutto maturo, succoso, giovanile, aromi di nocciola e un po' etereo-speziati, presente, tannino friabile, un po' di erbe mediterranee, toni di nocciola, sale e un accenno di fumo in sottofondo, persistente, ha potenza, sentori pepati, ancora giovane, un po' di profondità, molto buono, piuttosto succoso e di nuovo etereo-speziato, con una certa tensione e una crescente dolcezza di frutta.

I vini di Veronelli

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The Wine Journal Eros Teboni

95/100

VINTAGE 2017

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Falstaff Magazine

94/100

Sparkling ruby with fine garnet. Opened with notes of black truffle, then rose hip, lingonberry and plum, with blood orange in the background. Gripping, hearty tannin, spreads out full, warm and round, fine raspberry fruit. Othmar Kiem, Simon Staffler

Gourmet Traveller Wine

96/100

This holds a floral, violet-like layer on the nose with attractive blueberry and cassis fruit aromas as well as fresh-picked wild herbs, cedar, tobacco and sweet red cherry. A succulent palate with grainy tannin gripping smoothly in fine layers. Impressive structural detail and the acidity elevates this through the finish. Drink over the next decade. Nick Stock

Wine Enthusiast

95/100

Underbrush, blue flower and new leather aromas form the nose. Tightly wound and youthfully austere, the firmly structured palate features blood orange, pomegranate and licorice alongside assertive, fine-grained tannins and fresh acidity. It closes on a tobacco note. Drink 2027–2042. Kerin O’Keefe

Wine Spectator

95/100

This expressive red shows energy backing its cherry, raspberry, earth, sanguine and tobacco flavors. Beefy tannins put a lock on the finish, yet this is long and the ripe fruit is the lasting impression. Best from 2025 through 2045. Bruce Sanderson

Weinkultur Ernst

97/100

In der Nase tiefe, dunkle Frucht mit Noten von eingelegten Kirschen, getrockneten Rosen und weißem Pfeffer.

Am Gaumen fest, sehr harmonisch mit geschliffenen Tanninen und klarer, süßer Frucht mit Aromen von Blutorange und Brotgewürzen.

Wine Advocate

93/100

From a sun-drenched slope in Serralunga d’Alba, the Giovanni Rosso 2017 Barolo Cerretta shows a rich and dark appearance with black cherry, dried blackberry and a touch of apricot. Those hot-vintage fruit aromas cede to spice, metallic earth, rusty nail and licorice. The wine is lovely in terms of mouthfeel, with good freshness and lasting structure. Monica Larner

VITAE La Guida Vini AIS

4/4 VITI

Wine Enthusiast 2020

97/100, Cellar Selection 2020

“Rose, red-berry, camphor and dark-spice aromas slowly emerge in the glass. Showing Serralunga’s hallmark of firm structure and finesse, the fullbodied,

VINTAGE 2016

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youthfully tense palate delivers juicy red cherry, raspberry compote, dried mint and licorice set against a backbone of noble tannins. Bright acidity keeps it impeccably balanced.” Kerin O’Keefe

The Drinks Business
GOLD

VITAE La Guida Vini AIS 2021
4/4 VITI

Wine Spectator
94/100

Fragrant and rich, this red offers a core of strawberry, cherry, floral, mint and hay aromas and flavors playing the solidly-built frame. The spine of acidity and tannins quickly shuts down the finish, yet the balance is there. It’s long and satisfying. Best from 2023 through 2040. B.S.

Falstaff Magazine Tasting 2020
94/100

Luminous garnet red with a brightening edge. Slightly clouded nose of tar and iodine, behind it full of ripe plums. Hearty and gripping on the palate, lots of grippy tannin, but the fruit remains in the background. Othmar Kiem, Simo Staffler

Tom Cannavan’s Wine Pages
96/100

“This cuvée spends three years in large French oak ‘botti’. Deep ruby with a softening on the rim, this is polished and refined on the nose, a graphite and pencil-shaving precision and elegance, notes of fine herbs, a touch of bloodiness and discreet red fruits. In the mouth it’s a gorgeous wine, powerful and dense in terms of concentration and texture, but edged by supple tannins and cherry-pit dry acidity that gives a cool, very precise feel. The fruit is sweet and smoothly supple too, but there’s a restrained grip and serious intent here, in a baby Barolo that will cellar for decades without a doubt.” Tom Cannavan

Slow Wine 2021
Bottiglia, Top Wine

Wine Advocate
92/100

I Vini di Veronelli
95/100
Tre Stelle Oro (3 Stars Gold)

VINOUS Antonio Galloni
95/100

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VINTAGE 2015

The 2016 Barolo Cerretta is another impressive wine from Davide Rosso. Ample and resonant in the glass, with terrific freshness, the Cerretta captures all the best the vintage has to offer. Sweet red berry fruit, blood orange, cinnamon, wild flowers and mint emerge from the glass, but only with some reluctance. Time really brings out the wine's textural depth nicely. I would give the 2016 a few years in bottle. Antonio Galloni

Guida Essenziale ai Vini Doctor Wine

94/100

Da uve Nebbiolo. Due anni e mezzo in botti grandi. Granato intenso. Profilo olfattivo nitido e avvolgente, speziato, con note di cassia tabacco biondo, viola e accenni appena boisé. Sapore austero, caldo, con tannini serrati, giovanili e promettenti, corpo solido, salino, ricco. Finale molto lungo.

Gardini Notes,

96+/100

This nice and distinctive family-run cellar project is characterized by an assiduous attention to identity. This Serralunga cru consists in parsimoniously used French oak, so that the rebel spirit does not vanish in the very thick grapes blend. Its complex nose reveals rose and violet petals, liquorice root and medicinal herbs' notes. Its vigorous and inviting drinking can do nothing but envelope you entirely. Luca Gardini

Wine Enthusiast, December 2019

93/100

Red berry, eucalyptus, new leather and tobacco aromas lift out of the glass. On the taut palate, firm, fine-grained tannins support tart cherry, blood orange, rusty nail and licorice. Fresh acidity keeps it balanced, but this needs more time to fully develop. Drink 2025–2035. KERIN O'KEEFE

I Vini di Veronelli 2020

94/100, Excellent wine

Wie Spectator

92/100

"Broad, featuring plum, cherry, tar and woody flavors, embraced by the dense structure. Tightly packed now, this stays fresh and focused as the finish unwinds. Best from 2023 through 2042." BS

VINTAGE 2014

Decanter

91/100

Cerretta is a large cru within Serralunga, but its diverse exposures make it hard to pin down any typicality - although Rosso's version is always elegant. The sweet raspberry nose has finesse and poise, and the attack is sleek and lively. This is nicely textured and concentrated, without excessive extraction. The tannins are ripe and the acidity lifts the finish. It shows a light touch, but is balanced and well made.

Guida vini Associazione Italiana Sommelier

4/4 VITI

WINE ADVOCATE April 2019

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VINTAGE 2013

92/100

From the one of the most celebrated crus in Serralunga d'Alba, the 2014 Barolo Cerretta reveals a delicate but firm personality with pretty intermingled notes of wild berries and fresh violets. This wine is still very much in a state of primary fruit intensity with pretty brightness and glossary inner shine. This wine speaks to the most fruit-driven side of the vintage. Monica Lerner

*"Tabacco and mineral flavors. Though firmly structured, this stays juicy, with a tar element on the finish. Best from 2023 through 2038."*BS

Guida vini AIS

4/4 VITI

Wine Spectator, December 2017

95/100

Cherry, strawberry, rose and spice flavors are augmented by tobacco and iron notes in this elegant, detailed red. The aromatic and sweet fruit elements are deftly matched by refined, ripe tannins. Terrific length. Best from 2019 through 2035. Bruce Sanderson

VINTAGE 2012

Gambero Rosso

3 Bicchieri

Wine Spectator

93/100

A solid matrix of tannins underlines the cherry, plum, leather and tobacco flavors in this tight, athletic red. Balanced in a lean way, with a long aftertaste that evokes fruit, licorice and savory elements. Best from 2020 through 2035. Bruce Sanderson

Guida Oro Veronelli

93/100

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VINTAGE 2011

Wine Spectator, November 2015

94/100

Cherry, raspberry and floral notes are the main themes in this graceful red, accented by licorice, tobacco and mineral hints. Harmonious and complex, with a long aftertaste echoing the fruity, floral and mineral elements. Best from 2018 through 2030. Bruce Sanderson

Guida vini Associazione Italiana Sommelier

4/4 VITI

VINTAGE 2010

Guida vini Associazione Italiana Sommelier

4/4 VITI

This is rich and broad, exhibiting cherry, tobacco, tar and iron notes on a dense frame. Chewy and a bit monolithic now, with a long finish of loam and savory. Best from 2017 through 2032. Bruce Sanderson

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VINTAGE 2008	<p>Decanter 95/100 (1 of 3 excellent Barolo of the year) Wine Spectator, Web Only 2013 90/100 <i>This red is open despite the firm structure, with cherry, licorice and tar notes appearing on the latticed frame. Finishes on the earthy side, showing dense, dusty tannins. Best from 2016 through 2035. Bruce Sanderson</i></p>
VINTAGE 2007	<p>Wine Spectator, April 2012 95/100 <i>Simply compelling from start to finish, exhibiting raspberry, cherry and floral aromas and flavors that are pure and focused, with support from the solid yet ripe tannins. This shows fruit and a silky texture up front, with structure on the back end, coming together on the long, fruit- and spice-tinged aftertaste. Best from 2015 through 2032. BS</i></p>
VINTAGE 2006	<p>Wine Spectator, November 2010 91/100 <i>There's a core of pure cherry to this red, with a vibrant structure and fine tannins. A supple wine, with nuances of licorice, tobacco and spice that linger on the aftertaste. Best from 2012 through 2025. Bruce Sanderson</i></p>
	<p>Gambero Rosso Vini d'Italia 3 bicchieri</p>
VINTAGE 2004	<p>Wine Spectator 91/100 <i>Floral, strawberry and sandalwood aromas, with a hint of new wood, along with aniseed. Medium- to full-bodied, with fine tannins and a subtle finish. There's a solid core of everything. Best after 2010.</i></p>
VINTAGE 2003	<p>Wine Spectator 91/100 <i>Intense berry and tar aromas, with hints of asphalt. Full-bodied, with soft tannins that turn chewy and long on the finish. Needs time. JS</i></p>

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