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The Barolo 2010 vintage is already considered one of the classic years of this wine region following the great performing vintages of 2001, 2004 and 2007 among the outstanding years since the beginning of the new millennium. Yet to me, judging from the tasting and even talks with several Barolo wineries, this new release 2011 augured extremely well this early. It may not be 2010 quality, but it does not seem to be too far off, too.



The Palladino winery has two entries in my top Barolo 2011 selection including this Parafada single vineyard; the 2009 I tasted was also excellent

Barolo 2011 vintage – out of 268 wines tasted from this 2011 release, I feel that this is a real winning vintage for Barolo. Across the different Barolo communes, the wines tasted very consistent with excellent fruit concentration and acid backbone. The Barolo 2011 wines I tasted are already delicious to drink, but they possess huge potential to age and further improve. I gave good scores to 41 percent of the wines. Based on the different Barolo communes (which were correctly segregated by the organizer) I tasted, I thoroughly enjoyed almost every single bottle from the smaller Novello commune. Wines from Serralunga d’Alba and Barolo communes also got better average marks from me than those from La Morra and Castiglione Falletto on this vintage. My mammoth list (first 60 out of 108) of highly

marked Barolos is stated below in no particular order – all from vintage 2011:

1. Abbona Anna Marie Barolo, 2. Sobrero Barolo Ciabot Tanasio, 3. Reva Barolo, 4. Sordo Giovanni di Sordo Giorgio Barolo Parussi, 5. Cascina Adelaide Barolo Pernanno, 6. Vietti Barolo Rocche di Castiglione, 7. Giacosa Fratelli Barolo Scarrone Vigna Mandorlo, 8. Silvano Bolmida Barolo Bussia, 9. Giacomo Fenocchio Barolo Bussia, 10. Deltetto Barolo Bussia, 11. Costa di Bussia Tenuta Arnulfo Barolo Vigna Campo dei Buoi, 12. Mauro Veglio Barolo Castelletto, 13. Monti Barolo del Comune di Monforte, 14. Conterno Fantino Barolo Sori Ginestra, 15. Conterno Diego Barolo Ginestra, 16. Rocche dei Manzoni di Valentino Barolo, 17. Gianfranco Alessandria Barolo, 18. Clavesana Siamo Barolo Olo, 19. Oreste Stefano Barolo Perno, 20. Gianfranco Alessandria Barolo San Giovanni, 21. Vajra - G.D. Vajra Barolo Baudana, 22. Brovia Barolo Brea Vigna Ca Mia, 23. Giovanni Rosso Barolo Cerretta, 24. Germano Ettore di Germano Sergio Barolo Cerretta, 25. Giovanni Rosso Barolo del Comune di Serralunga, 26. Fontanafredda Barolo Vigna la Rosa Fontanafredda, 27. Gabutti di Boasso Franco Barolo Gabutti,



Chiara Abbona of Abbona Marziano; the Abbona Marziano Barolo 2011 Ravera from Novello commune got 95 points on my blind tasting score sheet – one of my favorites among over 300 Barolos

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28. Pira Luigi di Gianpaolo Pira Barolo Marenca, 29. Gabutti di Boasso Franco Barolo Margheria, 30. Azelia Barolo Margheria, 31. Pira Luigi di Gianpaolo Pira Barolo Margheria, 32. Paolo Manzone Barolo Meirame, 33. Guido Porro Barolo V. Lazzairasco, 34. Fontanafredda Barolo, 35. Palladino Barolo Ornato, 36. Pio Cesare Barolo Ornato, 37. Palladino Barolo Parafada, 38. Giovanni Rosso Barolo Serra, 39. San Biagio Barolo Sorano, 40. Le Cecche Barolo Sorano, 41. Grimaldi Luigino EC Barolo San Biagio, 42. Marcarini Barolo Brunate, 43. Batasiolo Barolo Cerequio, 44. Ravello F.Lli Barolo Conca, 45. Renato Ratti Barolo Conca, 46. Ciabot Berton Barolo del Comune di La Morra, 47. Voerzio Alberto Barolo La Serra, 48. Bosco Agostino Barolo La Serra, 49. Negretti Barolo, 50. Brandini Barolo, 51. Rizieri Barolo, 52. Trediberri Barolo, 53. Alessandro Veglio Barolo, 54. Aurelio Settimo Barolo, 55. Demarie Barolo, 56. Rocche Costamagna Barolo Rocche dell' Annunziata, 57. Gagliasso Mario Barolo Rocche dell' Annunziata, 58. Serradenari - Giulia Negri Barolo Serradenari, 59. Gagliasso Mario Barolo Torriglione, 60. Sylla Sebaste Barolo Bussia.



Fifth generation family member Federica Boffa of Fratelli Serio & Battista Borgogno – one of three wineries I gave high ratings to on both Barolo Classico 2011 and Barolo Riserva 2009

Amazingly, because of multiple entries, there are 20 wineries where I selected two wines from, and there was only one winery from where I selected three Barolos. The only winery where I selected three gorgeous wines from is Giovanni Rosso. The ones with two Barolos each are: Batasiolo, Bosco Agostino, Cantina del Nebbiolo, Cantine Dei Marchesi di Barolo, Cascina Adelaide, Comm. G.B. Burlotto, Fontanafredda, Gabutti di Boasso Franco, Gagliasso Mario, Giacomo Fenocchio, Gianfranco Alessandria, Le Strette, Michele Chiarlo, Morra Diego, Negretti, Palladino, Pira Luigi do Gianpaolo Pira, Reva, Vietti and Virna Borgogno.

The rest of the list (61 to 108) will be supplied in part two of this column. I will also discuss the Barolo Riserva 2009.

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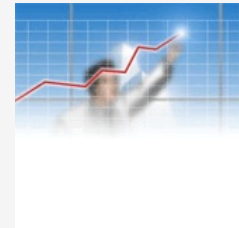
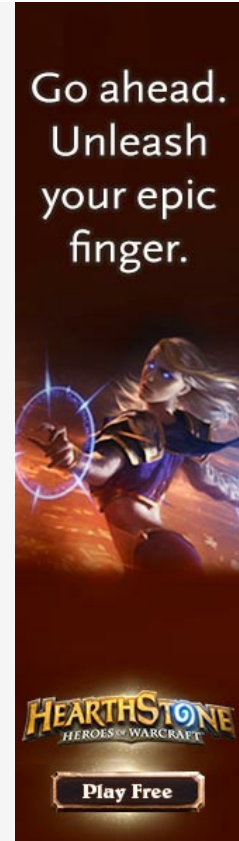
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