Massolino,

# Barolo `Parafada` 2020

## Barolo, Piemonte, Italy




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| Grape Varieties | **100% Nebbiolo** |
| Winemaker | **Franco and Roberto Massolino** |
| Closure | **Natural Cork** |
| ABV | **15%** |
| Residual Sugar | **0.91g/L** |
| Acidity | **5.95g/L** |
| Wine pH | **3.57** |
| Bottle Sizes | **75cl,150cl** |
| Notes | **Vegetarian, Vegan** |

## PRODUCER

This 55 hectare estate has been in the Massolino family since 1896. Since 1994 the style of the wines has undergone a subtle transformation. Winemaker Franco Massolino has done a wonderful job of marrying change with a respect for tradition, something that sets him apart from most of the younger producers in Barolo today. This is in part dictated by the nature of the vineyards that the Massolino family owns in the commune of Serralunga d'Alba - the source of some of the greatest, most structured, robust and long-lived Barolo wines.

## VINEYARDS

Fruit for this wine is grown in the 1.13 hectare Parafada vineyard, situated at an altitude of 330 metres above sea level. The chalky, marl soil in this south-facing vineyard produces excellent quality grapes. The vineyard is protected from the wind by a ridge formation which helps the grapes ripen fully even in cooler vintages. The vines are Guyot trained and are planted at a density of 5,800 vines per hectare and the yield, 4.5 tonnes per hectare. The average age of these vines is 55 years.

## VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage had an early start due to mild temperatures at the end of winter. While frost caused some minor damage, spring was dry and sunny which helped the vines recover. Rain in May and July provided enough water to prevent drought, but required efficient vineyard management to avoid diseases. Verasion came early but cool September nights balanced ripening, resulting in excellent acidity and structure.

## VINIFICATION

This wine underwent a long fermentation and maceration in oak fermenters (“tini”) at temperatures around 30°C; the wine thenaged in large Slavonian oak casks for up to 30 months beforebeing left to mature in bottle for about a year in cool, dark cellars.

## TASTING NOTES

This Barolo is deep garnet red in colour with bright hues. The bouquet is intense and complex, with red fruit aromas and floral and spicy notes. On the palate, this wine shows the elegance and charm that is typical of the Nebbiolo grape, with flavours that are robust, rich and yet still elegant.