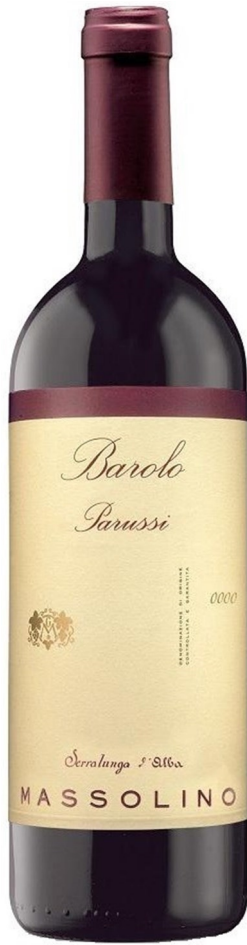


Massolino,
Barolo `Parussi` 2020
 Barolo, Piemonte, Italy



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 Barolo is sourced from the 1.65 hectare Parussi vineyard in Castiglione Falletto, situated at an altitude of 290 metres above sea level. Purchased in 2007, this is Massolino's first vineyard outside of Serralunga d'Alba. The excellent south-east/south-west exposure of the vineyard, situated on the crest of the hill, guarantees the production of excellent quality grapes. Soil is predominantly calcareous clay and sand. Deeper and richer in sandy components than the soil in Serralunga d'Alba, it conveys remarkable elegance and mineral notes combined with silky tannins. The vines are Guyot-trained and are planted at a density of 5,000 vines per hectare. The average age of the vines is 40 years old. The average yield is 4.5 tonnes per hectare.

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

A long fermentation and maceration was carried out in oak fermenters at controlled temperatures around 30°C. The wine was aged in large slavonian oak casks for up to 30 months followed by a year in bottle prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

Deep garnet in colour, this wine has intense aromas of sandalwood, tobacco, leather and sweet spices. The palate has great structure and soft tannins with a very persistent finish.

Grape Varieties	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Franco and Roberto Massolino
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	0.86g/L
Acidity	5.61g/L
Wine pH	3.43
Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan