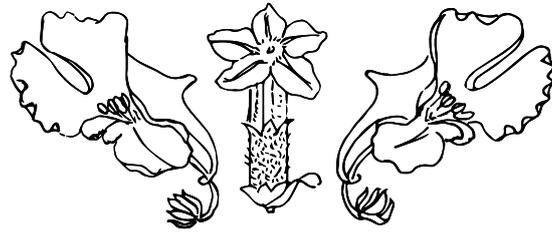


LUIGI BAUDANA



PRESS REPORT

2020

ON THE WINERY

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Antonio Galloni

February 2020

2016 Barolo: Right Place, Right Time

“The Vaira family has turned out a magnificent set of Barolos at both their own winery and at Baudana. (...) At Baudana, the wines are naturally more muscular, but that is Serralunga, after all. Most importantly, the Vairas have developed a personal style that melds classicism with a level of approachability that makes these wines so alluring, even upon release.”

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February 2018

2014 Barolo: Surprise, Surprise...

“These are some of the finest wines I have tasted from the Vajra family’s Luigi Baudana estate in Serralunga. All three Barolos are endowed with a real sense of Serralunga structure that distinguishes them from the Barolos the Vajras make under their historic family label.”

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September 2014

2010 Barolo: Flying High Again

“The Vajra family continues to do terrific work in their resurrection of the Baudana estate in Serralunga. These three 2010 Barolos are all fabulous and well worth seeking out.”

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January 2014

2010 Barolo: Flying High Again

“Aldo Vajra, his wife Milena, and their children Giuseppe, Isidoro and Francesca, have done a magnificent job in resuscitating Baudana (...). The Baudana wines are naturally richer and more powerful than the wines the Vajras make in Barolo, reflecting their Serralunga origins. (...).”

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The Wine Spectator

Bruce Sanderson

June 2019

“The Luigi Baudana estate, owned by the Vajra family of G.D. Vajra in Barolo, is located in the small hamlet of Baudana. The winery makes two traditionally-styled crus, Cerretta and Baudana, from less than 6.5 acres of vineyards. It also make a Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d’Alba from both vineyard’s younger Nebbiolo vines. The Cerretta is the most vertical of the two, coming from the cooler Cerretta Piani section of the cru. showing fine depth of fruit and aging potential. The Baudana, equally capable of longevity, typically reveals more density and muscle.”

BAROLO BAUDANA



96 2016 - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator

Macerated cherry and raspberry fruit is supported by rose, iron and eucalyptus flavors in this red, which is complex and intense, with an elegant frame and beautifully integrated tannins. Just as this feels approachable, the fine-grained tannins take hold, ending with a very long finish.

95+ 2016 - Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, Sep 2020

Quite pretty, floral, dried roses, dried cherry, a bit of mineral. Full-bodied, but kind of light on its feet, succulent, dried strawberry, fresh and lively, a juicy orange and dried mint character, tannin grips gently, but feels dry and mineral, and the finish is again all red fruits layered in with spice. And long. Quite the charmer.

95 2016 - Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast, Sep 2020

Balsamic aromas of camphor mingle with pressed rose, new leather and small red berry. Firmly structured and youthfully austere, the linear palate features dried cherry, licorice, cinnamon and tobacco alongside assertive but noble tannins and fresh acidity.

95 2016 - Monica Lerner, The Wine Advocate, Lockdown Wines, Jul 2020

The Luigi Baudana 2016 Barolo Baudana opens to a saturated and dark garnet color. Of these three Baroli from Luigi Baudana, this is perhaps the most complete and round. It shows the mineral signature that we got in the Cerretta (also from Serralunga d'Alba) with a bigger fruit profile, complete with sweet cherry and blackberry preserves. In fact, this wine feels a bit riper, sunnier and sweeter than the others in this grouping.

95 2016 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2016 Barolo: Right Place, Right Time, Feb 2020

The 2016 Barolo Baudana is laced with sweet red cherry, floral overtones and silky tannins, all of which make it one of the more refined, sensual Serralunga Barolos readers will come across. In this tasting, the Baudana impresses with its haunting aromatics and transparent expression of Nebbiolo. Like all of these wines, it needs time in bottle but it is super impressive, even in the early going.

17.5 2016 - Walter Speller, Jancis Robinson, 2016 Barolo - still shining bright, Aug 2020

95+ 2015 - Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, Apr 2019

95 2015 - Bruce Sanderson, Hot Wines, Wine Spectator, Jun 2019

94+ 2015 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2015 Barolo...The Bigger Picture, Feb 2019

93+ 2014 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, #237, Jun 2018

17.5 2014 - Jancis Robinson, Barolo 2014 - last tranche of a surprising vintage, Apr 2018

95 2014 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2014 Barolo: Surprise, Surprise, Feb 2018

94 2013 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2013 Barolo: Sublime Finesse & Elegance, Feb 2017

BAROLO CERRETTA



- 96 2016 - Monica Lerner, The Wine Advocate, Lockdown Wines, Jul 2020**
Cerretta is one of my personal favorite growing sites in Serralunga d'Alba, thanks to that more pronounced mineral signature of rusty nail or crushed stone that comes into plain view. White marl soils cover reddish clay not too far under the surface. Those territorial markers are especially well defined in this classic vintage. The Luigi Baudana 2016 Barolo Cerretta unfolds slowly in the glass to reveal orange peel, blue flower and camphor ash. There is generous black fruit in there as well, carefully woven into the greater texture of the wine. The tannins are accessible and integrated, and that's an important fact to know when measuring the wine's drinking window. You could age it longer or even contemplate a cork-popping in the not-so-distant future.
- 96 2016 - Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, Sep 2020**
Dark cherry, earth, brooding, lavender, floral things, dried herbs, sweet almond and spice. Ferrous, full-bodied, a heap of quality black tea and gravel tannin, but married to succulence of sweet red cherry and freeze dried raspberries, plenty of 'mineral' character here, and a long rose oil laced finish. And almonds. Plenty of almonds. The quality of tannin on the finish, and the length, compels me to bump the score up a point.
- 95 2016 - Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast, Sep 2020**
This full-bodied firmly structured wine opens with aromas of ripe dark-skinned berry, rose petal, new leather and eucalyptus. Showing its Serralunga pedigree, it features tightly wound, noble tannins that provide assertive but seamless support for juicy Marasca cherry, crushed raspberry, tobacco and licorice before a minty close. Give it time to fully develop.
- 95 2016 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2016 Barolo: Right Place, Right Time, Feb 2020**
The 2016 Barolo Cerretta is dark, virile and imposing. Black cherry, lavender, scorched earth, cloves, leather and a range of balsamic notes give the Cerretta its somber, virile feel. Ample and powerful yet also medium in body, the Cerretta captures so much of what makes Nebbiolo so captivating, specifically the ability for a wine to constantly transform in the glass.
- 95 2016 - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator**
This is perfumed, featuring graphite, white pepper and underbrush aromas, with a core of cherry and currant flavors. Elegant and linear, with firm tannins giving support on the finish, showing fine balance and length.
- 17+ 2016 - Walter Speller, Jancis Robinson, 2016 Barolo - still shining bright, Aug 2020**
- 96 2015 - Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, Apr 2019**
- 95 2015 - Bruce Sanderson, Hot Wines, Wine Spectator, Jun 2019**
- 95 2015 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2015 Barolo...The Bigger Picture, Feb 2019**
- 93 2014 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, #237, Jun 2018**

BAROLO SERRALUNGA



93 2016 - Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast, Sep 2020

Fragrant aromas of blueflower, forest-berry menthol form the enticing nose. Smooth, taut and delicious, the focused palate delivers juicy Marasca cherry, spiced cranberry and star anise alongside firm, polished tannins and bright acidity.

93 2016 - Monica Lerner, The Wine Advocate, Lockdown Wines, Jul 2020

The 2016 Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba achieves a loose and open fiber that gives this wine the most accessible personality among these three Baroli released by Luigi Baudana (owned by G.D. Vajra). On the Barolo scale, the fruit is sharp and straightforward with easily identifiable tones of black cherry, plum and cassis. The intensity of that characteristic Nebbiolo licorice and cola is downplayed in this wine, as dark fruit is the leading force. However, this vintage introduces the acidity and natural structure to play the wine forward for 10 years or more.

93 2016 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2016 Barolo: Right Place, Right Time, Feb 2020

The 2016 Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba is a gorgeous entry-level wine in this range. Sweet floral and savory notes open up first, followed by hints of scorched earth, graphite, iron and blood. Deceptive in its mid-weight structure, the 2016 packs a serious punch of both Serralunga depth and complexity of aromas and flavors. This is very nicely done.

92 2015 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2015 Barolo...The Bigger Picture, Feb 2019

93 2014 - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator

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17+ 2013 - Matthew Jukes, The Piemonte Report 2017

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91 2011 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, Aug. 2014

LANGHE BIANCO DRAGON



93 2018 - Gary Walsh, *The Wine Front*, Apr 2020

Lovely lovely version of this wine. Gooseberry, papaya, slight grass and spice. Juicy, a little chalky, just right acidity to shape it. but nothing harder. Finish has length and pink grapefruit zing, along with a pineapple and passionfruit exotica.

93 2017 - Mike Bennie, *The Wine Front*, Apr 2019

Fragrant wine of great interest, vivacity and fruitiness. Scents of frangipani, candied citrus, fresh apple juice, bath salts. Palate is sweet-ish, fruity as can be, a touch sweet but cut nicely with lemony acidity, indeed, almost Warhead Lolly tang here. It's a little wild and savoury underneath that, which keeps things interesting. I like this. Exotic.

90 2015 - Bruce Sanderson, *Wine Spectator*

This is delicate aromatically, boasting floral, peach, apple and lemon notes. There's more weight on the palate, where the peach and apple flavors reign, playing out with citrus and spice accents. Shows fine harmony and texture. Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Nascetta and Riesling. Drink now through 2020. 1,800 cases made. -BS

2015 - Will Lyons, *The Times, Wine: A sample of la dolce vita*, Jan 2017

A sensational white from Italy's northern Langhe region, this is ever so slightly perfumed on the nose with a searingly dry, complex finish. A shoo-in for those days when you are gathered round a bowl of steaming seafood pasta.

16.5 2014 - Walter Speller, *Jancis Robinson, Walter's mixed Italians - the North*, May 2016

Riesling, Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Nascetta. Riesling dominates the nose. Honeyed lemony peach with a touch of lees, and a little lifted. Lovely viscous palate with long-lasting peach fruit. Well made.

16.5 2012 - Jancis Robinson, *Wine of the Week* April 4, 2014

This distinctive white really caught my attention at a recent tasting of wines the Wine Society in the UK is especially proud of. Not only did it strike me as being particularly complex and good value, I was intrigued by what had gone into it. It was described as a Chardonnay but - and I hope the great god of Chardonnay will forgive me for writing this - it tasted much more interesting than this. It was so aromatic that I was convinced there was some Riesling in it. [...]

