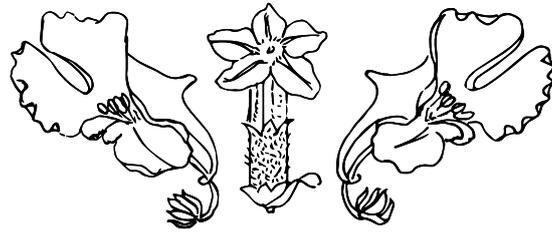


LUIGI BAUDANA



PRESS REPORT

2021

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

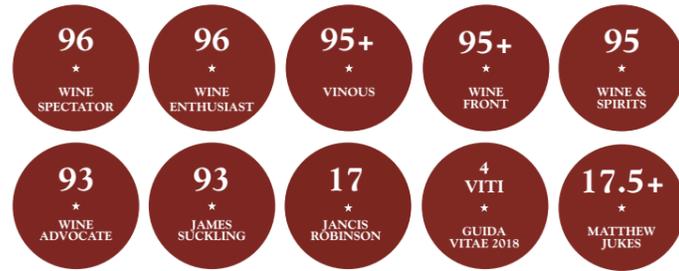
“Aldo Vajra, his wife Milena, and their children Giuseppe, Isidoro and Francesca, have done a magnificent job in resuscitating Baudana (...). The Baudana wines are naturally richer and more powerful than the wines the Vajras make in Barolo, reflecting their Serralunga origins. (...)”

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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



BAROLO CERRETTA



93 2017 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, Jun 2021

From a historic vineyard in Serralunga d'Alba, the Luigi Baudana 2017 Barolo Baudana takes an extra minute to open and ultimately reveals a consistent and compact package of aromas centered on dark fruit, rusty earth and crushed flowers. It's quite nice the way the wine holds its cards closer to its proverbial chest. It lets its guard down one little piece at a time. There is some sweetness, too, and the wine feels weighty and powerful. I'd definitely give it a few more years of cellar aging so that the wine finds time to focus and flesh out.

96 2017 - Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast, Jun 2021

Balsamic aromas of camphor and cedar mingle with rose and leather on this full-bodied, savory red. Structured and delicious, the juicy palate is still youthfully austere, delivering ripe Marasca cherry, crushed raspberry, baking spice and licorice framed in noble tannins before a black tea finish.

93 2017 - James Suckling, May 2021

A chewy, tannic wine with dark berry, walnut and some tar. Full-bodied and flavorful. Firm and intense yet fine-grained tannins. Give it two or three years to come together.

17 2017 - Jancis Robinson, Barolo 2017, Mar 2021

Pale to mid garnet (less orange than the Vajra 2017s). Intense autumn leaf mulch on the nose. Sweeter and beefier - with even a hint of meat extract - than the Vajra wines. Pretty dry and with sandy tannins on the end. Quite a powerhouse.

95+ 2017 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2017 Barolo: Here We Go Again, Feb 2021

The 2017 Barolo Baudana is such a gorgeous wine. It, too conveys the power of Serralunga, but with a bit less heft than is typically the case. Sweet dark cherry, iron, cedar, rose petal, mint and white pepper give the 2017 its effusive, inviting personality. This is such a tremendous showing.

96 2016 - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator

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

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

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

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

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

93 2017 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, Jun 2021

The Luigi Baudana 2017 Barolo Cerretta is the most downplayed of these three wines and the least complicated from an aromatic point of view. A first wave of aromas is focused on wild rose and crushed flowers. More robust tones of ripe cherry, rusty earth and dark spice follow in time. This edition of Cerretta is surprisingly delicate and fine, going against almost everything we know about robust fruit from Serralunga d'Alba and the powerful 2017 vintage. The wine is counterintuitive in a way only Nebbiolo can be.

94 2017 - Kerin O'Keefe, Wine Enthusiast, Jun 2021

Forest floor, prune, leather and pipe tobacco aromas make their way to the forefront. Showing the heat of the vintage, it's full-bodied and concentrated, offering cherry marinated in spirits, licorice and the warmth of evident alcohol. Tightly knit, enveloping tannins provide firm, velvety support.

96 2017 - James Suckling, May 2021

This is really perfumed and enticing, offering intense floral and citrus character with some cherry. It's full-bodied, yet tight and very reserved, with a long, racy finish. Fantastic depth of fruit here. Outstanding purity, too.

17+ 2017 - Jancis Robinson, Barolo 2017, Mar 2021

Mid garnet. Some floral notes and great breadth of fruit. Quite galumphing in its impact with pretty dry tannins on the end. These Baudana wines seem more backward than the Vajras. Real texture and mouthfeel and somehow an impression of purple (rather than black or red) fruit. There's a sweet perfume here and something a bit wild. Intense and earthy.

95 2017 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2017 Barolo: Here We Go Again, Feb 2021

A dark, somber wine, the 2017 Barolo Cerretta shows the more potent, brooding side of Serralunga. Black cherry, gravel, smoke, cured meats, cloves and menthol add to an impression of virile intensity and pure power. Readers will have to be patient here, but there is certainly a ton to look forward to. This is another impressive showing from Baudana and the Vajra family.

96 2016 - Monica Lerner, The Wine Advocate, Lockdown Wines, Jul 2020

96 2016 - Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, Sep 2020

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

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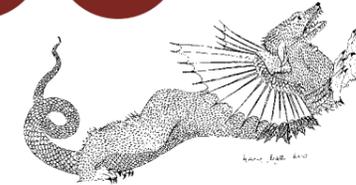
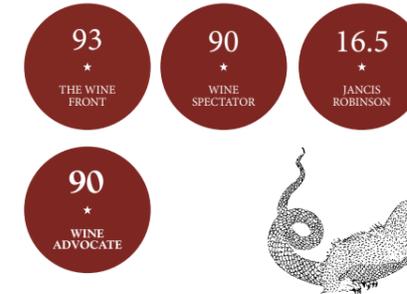
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BAROLO SERRALUNGA



LANGHE BIANCO DRAGON



92 2017 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, Jun 2021

The Luigi Baudana 2017 Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba reveals a robust and fruit-forward bouquet, with pressed blackberry and plum, followed by licorice, iron ore and some of the candied orange aromas that often come with fruit from Serralunga d'Alba. The wine is tight in terms of structure, and you feel its strength, but ultimately the sensations are polished and smooth. There are no rough edges to these well-managed tannins, and this is especially impressive in an unruly vintage such as 2017.

93 2017 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2017 Barolo: Here We Go Again, Feb 2021

The 2017 Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba may very well turn out to be one of the best wines of the year in its peer group. Dark and wonderfully expressive, yet also light on its feet for a Serralunga Barolo, the 2017 has so much going on. Black cherry, plum, spice, gravel, cured meats, lavender and sage all meld together in this dark yet translucent Barolo.

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

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

93 2014 - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator

92 2014 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2014 Barolo: Surprise, Surprise, Feb 2018

91 2014 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, #237, Jun 2018

17+ 2013 - Matthew Jukes, The Piemonte Report 2017

94 2013 - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator

92 2013 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2013 Barolo: Sublime Finesse & elegance, Feb 2017

90 2020 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, Jun 2021

The Luigi Baudana 2020 Langhe Bianco Dragon is mostly Chardonnay with Sauvignon Blanc, Nascetta and a touch of Riesling. These results are glossy and shiny in this vintage, showing enormous purity and lifted intensity. The bouquet is really very beautiful, with orchard fruit, preserved lemon and an elegant touch of natural rubber that works perfectly. In fact, you can smell the wine even when the glass is placed far away. To the palate, it is silky and smooth, and something you might want to bring on a special fly-fishing trip to pair with your evening dinner of lemon-pepper trout.

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. [...]