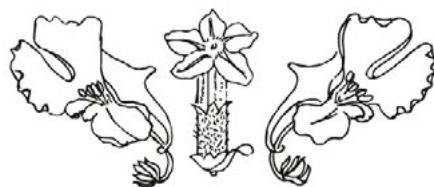


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97 points on 2022 Barolo Baudana

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Luigi Baudana #50 Top 100 Wines of Italy 2025

by James Suckling

97 points on 2021 Barolo Baudana



IAN D'AGATA WINE REVIEW

**Luigi Baudana #52 Ian D'Agata's
100 Best Italian Wines 2025**

95 points on 2021 Barolo Cerretta

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**Luigi Baudana made the Wine&Spirits
Top 100 Winery of 2023!**

98 points on 2019 Barolo Cerretta

ON THE WINERY



The World of Fine Wine

Andrew Jefford

May 2026

2021 Barolo: Structure, drive, energy, freshness

“Congratulations, by the way, to the team crafting the Luigi Baudana wines from Serralunga—both Baudana itself and Cerretta. This tiny cantina of just 2.6ha (6.4 acres) has been managed by GD Vajra since 2009. No other submission to our tastings has featured so regularly among our winners, with top-ten finishes in 2016 (for Baudana), 2017 (for both wines), 2018 (for both wines, with Baudana in joint first place), 2019 (for Cerretta in joint first place), and 2022 (for both wines, in joint third place)—an astonishingly consistent performance for these much-admired wines.”

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Antonio Galloni

January 2023

2019 Barolo: Back on Track

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“These are some of the most impressive wines I have tasted from Luigi Baudana, the Serralunga estate the Vajra family has managed since 2009. [...] All three Barolos are exceptional, from the village wine to the two crus.”

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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.”

The Wine Spectator

Bruce Sanderson

June 2019

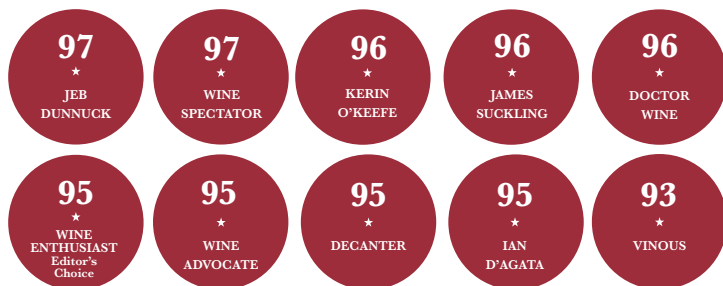
“The Luigi Baudana estate, owned by the Vajra family of G.D. Vajra in Barolo, is located in the small hamlet of Baudana. The winery makes two traditionally-styled crus, Cerretta and Baudana, from less than 6.5 acres of vineyards. It also make a Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d’Alba from both vineyard’s 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



- 94 2022 - Monica Larner, Wine Advocate, July 2026**
From a prized MGA in Serralunga d'Alba, the Luigi Baudana 2022 Barolo Baudana shows an etched, chiseled personality with a prominent mineral vein that comes across a rusty nail, accented by light fruit tones of dried cherry and cassia alongside notes of pressed rose and violet on the bouquet. The Baudana cru sits on compact, iron-rich soils in Serralunga d'Alba, which often translate into the firm structure and mineral tension evident in the glass. I like the tension and forward drive of this cutting wine, which leaves the palate clean and satisfying.
- 96 2022 - Jeb Dunnuck: New Releases from Barolo with a Focus on 2022, April 2026**
Pouring a jeweled ruby hue, the 2022 Barolo Baudana is beautifully perfumed with notes of framboise, violets, and fresh lavender. Medium-bodied, it carries remarkable energy across the palate, with an expanding mid-palate and refined tannins that reveal more structure with air. Balanced acidity and impressive persistence complete the wine.
- 96 2022 - James Suckling: Barolo Sheds its Skin: 2022 Vintage Forces a Reset, April 2026**
An incisive, compelling nose, showing wild berries, a touch of smoke and an equally vivid eucalyptus note. The deep palate has pronounced, integrated acidity and juicy yet delicate, transparent fruit so typical of the vintage. Balanced, focused tannins combine with freshness, adding further dimension. This needs a couple of years to come together. From vines planted in 1960.
- 94 2022 - Kerin O'Keefe, Barolo 2022: The Definitive Report, April 2026**
Aromas of rose, violet, camphor and crushed red berry form the nose on the Luigi Baudana 2022 Barolo along with a whiff of pine forest. Full-bodied and already accessible, the enveloping palate reveals succulent Morello cherry, strawberry jam, blood orange and licorice accompanied by velvety tannins and tangy acidity.
- 96 2021 - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator, August 2025**
This red hits all the marks, from its macerated cherry and strawberry fruit to its savory, eucalyptus and herbal notes to its fluid feel and dense structure. Balanced, with plenty of support and fine potential to develop over time.
- 95 2021 - Jeff Porter, Wine Enthusiast, November 2025**
The wine unfolds like a complex origami piece, each fold revealing new dimensions. Aromas rise gently: crushed red fruits, rhubarb and strawberry intermingle with thyme and mixed spices, each layer adding to the intricate design. The palate shows elegant craftsmanship, defined by tart red fruits encircled by a savory halo. Super fine tannins and focused acidity provide the structural foundation, like precise creases in paper. While beautiful in its current form, this is a wine that will continue to unfold and reveal new complexities with time.
- 95 2021 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2021 Barolo Changing Times, January 2025**
The 2021 Barolo Baudana is another super-sensual wine from the estate. Silky tannins wrap around a core of red cherry/red plum fruit, blood orange, cinnamon and flowers. A wine with striking inner perfume, the 2021 is captivating from start to finish.

BAROLO CERRETTA



95 2022 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, July 2026

The Luigi Baudana 2022 Barolo Cerretta, with fruit from Serralunga d'Alba, shows a ferrous mineral note alongside a sweeter impression of dried cherry and a savory edge recalling carob and tobacco. The Cerretta MGA is celebrated for its combination of structure and aromatic depth, often yielding wines that balance Serralunga's firmness with a more open-knit, expressive profile. The wine's young tannins are present but subdued by the warm vintage, which prioritizes volume and richer texture.

97 2022 - Jeb Dunnuck: New Releases from Barolo with a Focus on 2022, April 2026

A jeweled ruby color, the 2022 Barolo Cerretta is expressive and layered with aromas of ripe cherries and delicate spice. Full-bodied, it reveals velvety, well-defined tannins with greater richness and depth compared to the Baudana bottling. The palate is long and structured with impressive persistence.

96 2022 - Kerin O'Keefe, Barolo 2022: The Definitive Report, April 2026

The Vajra family did a commendable job with their 2022 Barolos including its fantastic Luigi Baudana 2022 Cerretta. Fragrant and loaded with class and finesse, the nose entices with scents of cedar, eucalyptus, blue flower and perfumed berry. Made with organically farmed grapes, as are all the Barolos made by G.D. Vajra, this is utterly delicious, delivering flavors of succulent Morello cherry, wild raspberry, cinnamon and star anise before a blood orange close. Taut, velvety tannins provide support while fresh acidity keeps it tangy and lifted.

96 2022 - James Suckling: Barolo Sheds its Skin: 2022 Vintage Forces a Reset, April 2026

Expressive, showing an enveloping touch of roses and dried flowers with underlying sandalwood and blood oranges. The medium- to full-bodied palate—leaning toward medium—is very composed. Complemented by ethereal fruit, the fine-grained, expansive tannins focus toward the finish, lending definition.

97 2021 - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator, August 2025

A pretty red, this evokes strawberry, cherry, pomegranate, rose, mineral and menthol aromas and flavors. Elegant yet firmly built and layered, this should evolve nicely as all of its elements integrate and the tannins soften. Terrific length.

97 2021 - Jeb Dunnuck: New Releases from Barolo and Barbaresco, May 2025

The 2021 Barolo Cerretta sports a bright red hue and is deeper aromatically, offering notes of candied flowers, raspberry liqueur, hints of tiny blue flowers, and a quiet note of polished leather underneath that will come through with time. The palate offers broader tannins, more rounded fruit on the midpalate, and more depth and remarkable transparency. Its noble structure comes through on the finish, and while it has a complete feel all around, it demands more time.

95 2021 - Ian D'Agata: The Outstanding 2021 Barolos, May 2025

[...] call me crazy, but this actually reminded me a little of wines made with Chatus. Long and clean on the minerally edged finish [...].

BAROLO SERRALUNGA



92 2022 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, July 2026

The Luigi Baudana 2022 Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba opens with a pop of cherry alongside subtle tones of blood orange, ferrous earth and a spicy hint of ginger, while a warm-vintage note of dried plum also emerges. The Baudana estate, now farmed by the Vajra family, is rooted in Serralunga d'Alba, where compact soils and a cooler hilltop position often lend Barolo both structure and aromatic precision. This is a classic expression of Serralunga d'Alba with enough power to pair with important dishes, yet the warmth of the vintage brings tamer, sweeter tannins and a more accessible profile.

94 2022 - James Suckling: Barolo Sheds its Skin: 2022 Vintage Forces a Reset, April 2026

Aromas of sour cherries, hibiscus and dried flowers. The palate is very cohesive and delicate, with transparent red fruit, polished focused tannins and gentle acidity. Very harmonious and approachable.

94 2022 - Jeb Dunnuck: New Releases from Barolo with a Focus on 2022, April 2026

A bright medium ruby hue, the 2022 Barolo Del Comune Di Serralunga D'Alba delivers appealing intensity while remaining pure and lifted. Aromas of ripe cherry, pie spice, crushed flowers, and subtle licorice emerge from the glass. Medium-bodied, it fills the palate with silky tannins, refreshing acidity, and a lingering finish with a gentle citrus oil nuance.

93 2022 - Kerin O'Keefe, Barolo 2022: The Definitive Report, April 2026

Aromas of forest floor, citrus, iris and cedar form the nose on the Luigi Baudana 2022 Barolo del Comune di Serralunga d'Alba. Firmly structured, the rather austere palate offers tart cherry, bitter orange, ground clove and tobacco alongside close-grained tannins that leave a grippy finish.

94+ 2021 - Ian D'Agata: The Outstanding 2021 Barolos, May 2025

Vivid red. Blood orange, minerals and sour red cherry on the nose and in the mouth. Vibrant acidity leaves a nicely juicy impression and a saline nuance on the finish.

94 2021 - Jeff Porter, Wine Enthusiast, November 2025

Warmed dark cherries sitting in a bowl, juicy and aromatic, fill the room with their presence. Cinnamon and sage interweave through the fruit, while the concentrated core of the nose speaks pure Serralunga depth and gravitas. Power and restraint dance together in one fell swoop. Unmistakably Serralunga, the dark fruit core remains steadfast, but the soul of the palate belongs to crushed chalk minerality, fine yet present tannins, and a structure that whispers of future greatness.

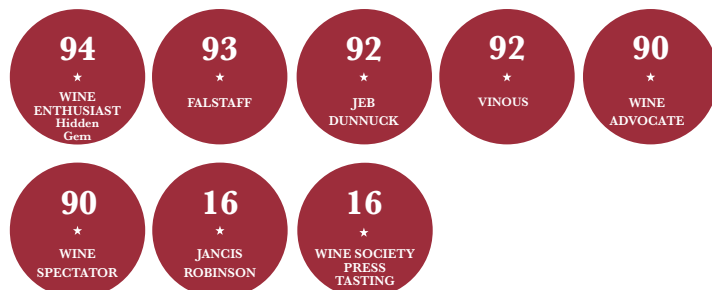
94 2021 - James Suckling, January 2025

This wine shows aromas of flowers, pressed roses, dried cherries, red currants and balsamic. Medium-bodied, it shows firm, dusty tannins with prominent freshness and a tight aftertaste.

94 2021 - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator, August 2025

A lean, linear style, this red exhibits macerated cherry, raspberry, plum, iron and menthol flavors. Fresh and balanced, with all of the components converging on the finish.

LANGHE BIANCO DRAGON



- 93 2025 - Othmar Kiem & Simon Staffler, Falstaff Trophy 2026, April 2026**
Bright straw yellow, glossy. On the nose it smells of crisp pear, crunchy apple, a hint of hay, meadow herbs, and freshly picked sage. On the palate it has lively acidity and crisp fruit, good length, and shows excellent tension—lots of wine for the money!
- 93 2024 - Jeff Porter, Wine Enthusiast, November 2025**
A skateboarder in a three-piece suit nails the perfect trick, that's this audacious blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon, Nascetta, and Riesling's spirit. Fresh citrus and alpine flowers glide with surprising grace, while crisp apricots and lemon zest cruise into a salty mineral finish that makes traditionalists nod and newcomers grin. Each grape variety brings its A-game to this Piedmontese party, proving that breaking the rules isn't just fun, it's the path to delicious innovation.
- 92 2024 - Jeb Dunnuck: New Releases from Barolo with a Focus on 2022, April 2026**
A jeweled ruby color, the 2022 Barolo Cerretta is expressive and layered with aromas of ripe cherries and delicate spice. Full-bodied, it reveals velvety, well-defined tannins with greater richness and depth compared to the Baudana bottling. The palate is long and structured with impressive persistence.
- 92 2024 - Othmar Kiem & Simon Staffler, Falstaff, Piemonte Bianco 2025, April 2025**
Bright straw yellow with greenish reflections. Elegantly restrained on the nose, reminiscent of lemon zest, Granny Smith, wet stone and white pepper. Elegant and harmonious on the palate, more citrus fruit, refreshing acidity, salty finish.
- 90 2024 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, July 2026**
The Luigi Baudana 2024 Langhe Bianco Dragon is a creative blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Nascetta and Riesling that prioritizes bright floral aromas, sharpness, freshness and accessibility. You can't go wrong with a playful wine such as this, especially as summer temperatures begin to rise. The inclusion of native and international grapes adds an aromatic layer of wild herbs and citrus blossom that sets this easy-drinking white apart from more conventional blends from the Langhe.
- 92 2023 - Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 2021 Barolo Changing Times, January 2025**
The 2023 Langhe Bianco Dragon is mostly Chardonnay, with touches of Sauvignon Blanc, Nascetta and Riesling. Pear, white flowers and tangerine oil inflections grace this expressive, mid-weight Bianco. Creamy, silky contours wrap it all together. Baudana's Dragon has come a long, long way in recent years.
- 91 2022 - Monica Lerner, Wine Advocate, April 2024**
A blend of Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Nascetta and Riesling, the Luigi Baudana 2022 Langhe Bianco Dragon makes a very pretty appearance in the glass with brilliant luminosity. The wine plays its cards well with complexity, a tropical side with star fruit, minerality and sliced honeydew melon (the ripe side of the cut).

REVIEW DATABASE

BAROLO DOCG BAUDANA

2022: 96 JD, 96 JS, 94 KO, 94 ML/WA

2021: 97 KO, 97 JS, 96 JD, 95 BS/WS, 95 JP/WE, 95 ML/WA, 95 AG/VN, 95 ID, 94 MM/DE

2020: 97 KO, 95 BS/WS, 95 JP/WE, 95 FS, 94 ML/WA, 93 AG/VM, 18+ MJ, 92 JS

2019: 97 GW/WE, 96 SJ/W&S, 96 AG/VM, 95 KO, 18+ MJ, 17.5 JR

2018: 94 BS/WS, 93 AG/VM, 17+ JR, 92 ML/WA, 18+ MJ

2017: 96 KO/WE, 95+ AG/VM, 95 GW/WE, 93 BA/WS, 93 ML/WA, 93 JS, 17.5 MJ, 17 JR

2016: 96 BS/WS, 95+ GW/WE, 17.5 MJ

2015: 18 MJ

2014: 17.5++ MJ

BAROLO DOCG CERRETTA

2022: 97 JD, 96 KO, 96 JS, 95 ML/WA

2021: 97 KO, 97 JD, 97 BS/WS, 96 JS, 95+ ML/WA, 95+ ID, 95 AG/VN, 95 MM/DE, 95 JP/WE

2020: 97 KO, 96 FS, 95 BS/WS, 94 ML/WA, 94 JP/WE, 94 AG/VM, 93 JS, 19+ MJ

2019: 98 SJ/W&S, 97 AG/VM, 96 KO, 96 GW/WE, 18.5+ MJ, 17.5 JR

2018: 94 ML/WA, 93 AG/VM, 18.5+ MJ, 17.5 JR

2017: 96 BA/WS, 94+ GW/WE, 18+ MJ

2016: 17.5+ MJ

2015: 17.5+ MJ

2014: 17.5++ MJ

BAROLO DOCG COMUNE DI SERRALUNGA D'ALBA

2022: 94 JS, 94 JD, 93 KO, 92 ML/WA

2021: 96 KO, 94+ ID, 95 JP/WE, 94 JS, 94 ML/WA, 93 BS/WS, 93 JD, 92 AG/VN

2020: 96 KO, 94 JP/WE, 93 BS/WS, 93 ML/WA, 93 JS, 18 MJ

2019: 96 SJ/W&S, 93 AG/VM, 93 GW/WE

2018: 91 AG/VM, 18 +MJ

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2017: 94 GW/WF, 93 AG/VM, 92 ML/WA

2016: 93 AG/VM, 93 ML/WA, 93 KO, 17.5+ MJ

2015: 93 AG/VM, 17.5 MJ

2014: 93 BS/WS , 92 AG/VM, 91 ML/WA, 17+ MJ

2013: 94 BS/WS, 17+ MJ

LANGHE DOC BIANCO DRAGON

2025: 93 FALSTAFF

2024: 92 JD, 93 JP/WE, 92 FALSTAFF, 90 ML/WA

2023: 92 AG/VM

2022: 91 ML/WA, 91 FS

2021: 90 ML/WA

2020: 90 ML/WA, 16 JR/WSPT

2018: 93 GW/WF

2017: 93 MB/WF

2015: 16.5 W.Lyons/The Times, 90 BS/WS



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GR	Gambero Rosso
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JR	Jancis Robinson
JS	James Suckling
KO	Kerin O'Keefe
MJ	Matthew Jukes
SW	Slow Wine
VM	Vinous Media
WA	Wine Advocate
WF	The Wine Front
WE	Wine Enthusiast
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