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WINE SPECTATOR INSIDER SPECIAL REPORT: BAROLO

TO DATE, I have tasted more than 120 Barolos from the 2008 vintage, a selection of which are in this *Wine Spectator Insider*. The wines have structure and assertive tannins matched to linear profiles, yet with ripe, pure red fruit and floral flavors. The best show beautiful balance and will age well over the next 20 to 25 years.

The 2008 vintage in Barolo came at the end of a long, cool growing season, one that Luca Currado of Vietti described as similar to the best years of the 1980s. After a cold winter, cool, wet weather in June caused uneven flowering. This naturally reduced yields. The weather from August through the harvest ripened the Nebbiolo fruit, but it was necessary to wait for the tannins to ripen. Many growers finished picking their Nebbiolo grapes at the end of October. See six Hot Wines from the likes of Aldo Conterno, Vietti and Gaja on page 4.

—Bruce Sanderson

ITALY Piedmont

Tra i produttori degustati, la Cantina Bruna Grimaldi spicca con un ottimo 94 punti assegnato al Barolo Badarina 2008. Ecco la recensione originale di Wine Spectator

BRUNA GRIMALDI

Barolo Badarina 2008

94 points | \$52 | 300 cases imported | Red

Aromatic, showing mint, cherry, licorice and clove notes backed by a thick base of tannins. A savory, mineral element enters at midpalate and lingers on the complex aftertaste. Shows fine balance overall. Best from 2017 through 2037.—B.S.