



**BRUNO GIACOSA**

NEW VINTAGE RELEASE EP





## *The Estate*

Bruno Giacosa's legacy was defined by his astonishing ability to identify Piedmont's greatest terroirs. He is often labelled a traditionalist, but this is misleading. He was a trailblazer, in the truest sense of the word, identifying the perfect locations for complex, long-lived Nebbiolo, from which he coaxed some of the most extraordinary expressions of Barbaresco and Barolo.

In the early days, Bruno did not own his vines, but he championed single-Cru wines at a time when most estates blended across vineyards. He would later acquire vines in three of the finest vineyards not just in Italy but the world: Falletto (a spectacular Giacosa monopole in Serralunga d'Alba, Barolo), and Asili and Rabaja in Barbaresco. Bruno passed away in 2018, but his pioneering work secured his legacy and laid the groundwork for the wines we are lucky to taste today.

Bruno's daughter Bruna continues this work, crafting a family of wines that rivals, and in some instances exceeds, the legendary bottlings of what many consider to be Bruno's prime. A bottle of contemporary Giacosa is a wine without compromise: tense, tannic and often backward in its youth, but complete and electric, on course to reach its prime after aging gracefully in the cellar.



# Vintage Reports

## 2020 Vintage Barbaresco Asili Riserva

When comparing the 2020 vintage to the previous ones, we see an early budding which was caused by a mild winter with regular rain and above average temperatures. Thanks to a good water supply, well-distributed rainfall, and temperatures that reached seasonal averages, the vines were able to develop regularly throughout all the phenological phases. This helped with the control of fungal pathogens (Iodum and Peronospora) in the vineyards. Despite the early budding of the vines, the time of harvest was in line with other vintages thanks to the excellent climatic conditions during the months of September and October. There was a good difference in temperature between daytime and nighttime, beneficial to both technological (sugars, acidity, pH) and phenolic (anthocyanins and tannins) maturity. We expect great structure and balance from these wines.

## 2021 Vintage Barolo, Barolo Falletto, Barbaresco Rabajà

A classic vintage wine made for extended ageing - beautifully balanced and harmonious. Among the finest of the last decade, comparable to 2016, with echoes of the exceptional 2000 and 2001 vintages.

## 2022 Vintage Barbaresco Asili

The 2022 vintage offers warmth and beauty, likely suited for earlier enjoyment, though it may hold surprises with time. The team focused on meticulous canopy management and green harvesting, with rigorous selection at harvest to ensure the highest quality. The result is a vintage that's exceptionally appealing and charming.







## *Vintage 2024*

### **Roero Arneis 2024**

Bruno Giacosa, alongside Alfredo Currado of Vietti, pioneered the development of Arneis in the 1970s. Known as “white Nebbiolo”, it was planted alongside Nebbiolo as a distraction for hungry birds and insects, and sometimes vinified with it. Whilst today there are 1,500 acres of Arneis planted in Piedmont, Giacosa’s expression remains an essential reference point. Still in tank, the 2024 Arneis offers a lively nose of stone fruit, complemented by notes of refreshing peach, citrus, and ripe orchard fruit on the palate. Drink from 2025-2028.

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### **Dolcetto d’Alba 2024**

Dolcetto is the first red grape to be harvested. Bruna sought to preserve the purity of fruit, and the grape’s lively precision and tension. Following maceration and fermentation, the wine is resting in stainless steel throughout the winter. Bruna is delighted with the healthy quality of the grapes, and this makes a lovely option to drink from release. Drink from 2025 to 2029.



# Vintage 2023

## Barbera d'Alba 2023

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The 2023 vintage was characterised by extreme rain in June and July, followed by severe heat towards the end of August and continuing into September. Whilst the vines were challenged, Bruna only selected fruit of superior quality.

The Barbera is open and fragrant on the nose. The palate is nicely concentrated, firm in structure and tannin, but not overripe. This is a delightful Barbera to enjoy young. Drink from 2025 to 2032.

## Nebbiolo d'Alba Valmaggiore 2023

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From a single vineyard of 40+ year old vines. The impact of a solar vintage is present in the Nebbiolo, but thanks to the sandy soil of the Valmaggiore vineyard, it is always on the pretty, flamboyant and charming side. Whilst it offers excellent tannic grip, it remains juicy and velvety in texture. A single site Nebbiolo that punches well above its weight. Recommended. Drink from 2026 to 2035.





## *The Single Vineyards* *Vintage 2021*

### Barolo 2021

Of three remarkable recent vintages, 2021 may be the most refined and complete. The nose, though initially reserved, reveals a subtle minerality that reflects one of the world's finest terroirs. Dense yet balanced, its tannic structure is seamlessly integrated, offering an approachable elegance that captures the essence of Giacosa's craftsmanship. The young-vine Barolo from Falletto stands as a testament to Giacosa's class and precision, delivering an unforgettable experience in an outstanding vintage. Best enjoyed from 2026 to 2040.

### Barolo Falletto 2021

A stunning, extraordinary wine - complete, complex, and pure, with captivating minerality and delicate floral notes. Dense yet refined, it balances freshness with elegance, delivering a truly unique, almost miraculous experience. This wine is a masterpiece in its own right, a fitting prelude to the highly anticipated Riserva, destined to be one of the most memorable releases in recent decades. It reaffirms Bruno Giacosa's reputation as one of Italy's most terroir-driven and distinctive producers. Best enjoyed from 2030 to 2065.

### Barbaresco Rabajà 2021

The nose is initially closed, with restrained mineral notes, yet embodies Giacosa's hallmark complexity and purity, reflecting remarkable elegance and character. The palate is tense and textured, with savoury, saline elements and an extraordinary, velvety tannic structure. Full-bodied and crystalline, it offers an impressively long, lingering finish. Best enjoyed from 2030 to 2065.





*The Single Vineyards*  
*Vintage 2022*

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**Barbaresco Asili 2022**

The nose is initially reserved, yet beautifully perfumed and refined - a quintessential Giacosa. With remarkable purity and precision, it reveals floral complexity and depth. On the palate, it's superb: fleshy and generous, yet fresh, racy, and savoury, with a firm, high-quality tannic structure. Best enjoyed from 2027 to 2050.





# Barbaresco Asili Riserva 2020



*"Gorgeous perfumes of flowers and dark fruit with orange peel. Full-bodied with plenty of fruit and firm and integrated tannins. Thick silky texture. Fresh in the finish. It goes on for minutes. Available in 2025. Best after 2029."*

98 Points, James Suckling

*"A fantastic nose - superb, unique, and deeply evocative. Aromas of sage, juniper, and violet blend with earthy, mineral undertones. The tannic structure is remarkable, exuding distinct character and a sense of singularity. Fresh and elegant, with precision and purity, this is a stunning achievement for Giacosa's long-anticipated Riserva release since 2017. Enjoy from 2028, with endless ageing potential."*

Nicolas Clerc MS, Armit Wines

£2,350 per 6x75cl IB  
£2,350 per 3x150cl IB  
£1,570 per 1x300cl IB





# The Wines

## 2024 Vintage

Roero Arneis  
£129 per 6x75cl IB

Dolcetto d'Alba  
£114 per 6x75cl IB

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## 2023 Vintage

Barbera d'Alba  
£162 per 6x75cl IB

Nebbiolo d'Alba Valmaggione  
£289 per 6x75cl IB

Expected availability Summer 2025

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## 2022 Vintage

Barbaresco Asili  
£990 per 6x75cl IB

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## 2021 Vintage

Barolo  
£990 per 6x75cl IB

Barolo Falletto  
£1,300 per 6x75cl IB  
£1,300 per 3x150cl IB

Barbaresco Rabajà  
£1,350 per 6x75cl IB  
By allocation only

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## 2020 Vintage

Barbaresco Asili Riserva  
£2,350 per 6x75cl IB  
£2,350 per 3x150cl IB  
£1,570 per 1x300cl IB

Expected availability Spring 2025





To enquire about your allocation for the 2024 releases from Bruno Giacosa, please contact your account manager or email [clients@armitwines.co.uk](mailto:clients@armitwines.co.uk) at your earliest convenience.

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