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## **Piemonte : a completely new approach to Barolo style**

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The discovery (for me) of the day : Barolo Preve 2001 from Gianni Gagliardo.

I did taste today a very new wine in a style close to no one. Definitely a wine to be tasted ASAP and in comparison with the best you have in your cellar in the vintage 2001.

This cru "Preve" from Casa Gianni Gagliardo is a full new approach to Barolo, in a key position between the classic barolists and the new wave driven at this moment by Parusso. It has the finesse of the best Giacomo Conterno, the aromas of the great Sandrone, the silk-sweetness of Azelia or Clerico, but, overall, an excellent equilibrium that is unique (to my knowledge) actually in Piemonte. It does not have the "over-power" of some Parusso, the "toowoody" character of many new barolists, neither the so-so taste of old barrels of old style wines.

First of all, Stefano Gagliardi, the winemaker and son of the owner, wanted to give to his wine all the characteristics of a classic barolo, but with some nice "flesh" around a strong structure. Success is total, 100 % beautiful wine, the purest I haven't drink for long.

The wine is so easy to be understood that it is obvious, from the first seconds, that you have in your glass something unique, original, which will definitely become a benchmark in this glorious DOCG.

Chapeau bas ! A thrilling wine. I do hope that you will get the same feeling about it.

Any way, if you are in vacation in Piemonte, please go there, between Alba and La Morra, and go there for lunch since they have a very simple restaurant driven by a former one star michelin Chef.

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Tout ce qui est excessif est dérisoire

" Alba Wines Tastings : day one"

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This morning was the first day of the 4 days of tastings organised for UNIONE PRODUTTORI VINI ALBESI by WELLCOM, a communication company based in Alba.

It was dedicated to wines from DOC Nebbiolo d'alba and Roero - Roero Superiore. Vintage 2003 and 2004. Total of 65 wines , blind.

Average points : 84,61

Moi primi, equal or superior to 90 points :

93 Malvirà trinità canale roero 2003 superiore  
92 abbona marziano ed enrico bricco barone monforte d'alba nebbiolo d'alba 2012  
92 malabaila castelletto canale roero 2003 superiore  
92 giacomo vico vezza d'alba roero 2003 superiore  
91 porello marco vezza d'alba nebbiolo d'alba 2004  
91 deltetto braja s.stefano roero roero 2003 superiore  
90 tenuta langasco sorì coppa alba nebbiolo d'alba 2004  
90 battaglia fabrizio vigna colla vezza d'alba nebbiolo d'alba 2026  
90 monchiero carbone printi canale roero 2003  
90 Malvirà mombeltrano canale roero 2003 superiore  
90 tenuta carretta bric paradiso piobesi d'alba roero 2003 superiore

Of course, many wines from well-known producers were not presented in this organisation.

Tasting conditions were close to perfect : space, quiet, service very professional and with perfect temperature of the wines.

We will have tomorrow Barbaresco and then Barolo.

This first day feeling : if we have some progress around the wood-control, many wines are without the "knack" you expect from Piemonte. Dalmonte, from Malvirà was the best Producer by far, especially with his cru Trinita.

Il Bricco Barone from Abbona Marziano ed Enrico was also a discovery of the day.

Tomorrow, barbaresco.

Daniel Thomasses is on the journalists list and so, I do hope we will get his report.

Best to all,

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Barbaresco : not very exiting. Of course, all the big names are not in this organisation, but anyway : most of the wines were too tannic, too alcohol, too harsh and far from giving a decent pleasure. of course, it is a young vintage (2003), but some of them are the proof that it was possible to do fine wines.

Here my first in 90 level :

poderi colla roncaglie Barbaresco 93  
Batasiolo 93  
antichi poderi dei gallina gallina Neive 92  
Cascina Luisin sori paolin Neive 92  
Penna sori sartù 92  
tenute cisa asinari dei marchesi di gresy Gaiun Martinenga 92  
rabajà di bruno rocca rabajà Barbaresco 91  
sottimano cottà Neive 91  
cascina saria Neive 91  
nada fiorenzo rombone Treiso 91  
Terrenostre Treiso 91  
tenute cisa asinari dei marchesi di gresy martinenga Barbaresco 90  
cascina luisin rabajà Barbaresco 90  
rivetti massimo froi Neive 90  
Paitin SORI' PAITIN Neive 90  
Fattoria san giuliano Neive 90  
tenuta carretta cascina bordino Treiso 90  
ada nada valeirano Treiso 90

Tomorrow : Barolo : we hope it will be better !

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