

**91 Rainoldi Valtellina Superiore Grumello 2019 \$40** An elegant red, showing a subtle, plump juiciness to the sun-dried cherry, cranberry and red currant fruit, with fragrant hints of menthol, licorice and milled white pepper. Well-knit, chewy tannins emerge on the salty finish. Drink now through 2029. 545 cases made, 200 cases imported.—A.N.

**91 Rainoldi Valtellina Superiore Inferno Riserva 2017 \$68** A medium-bodied red, with a robust, chewy frame and rich texture to the flavors of baked cherry, fig cake, dark chocolate and tobacco. An overtone of tarry smoke wafts through this wine and lingers on the fresh finish. Drink now through 2029. 2,370 cases made, 100 cases imported.—A.N.

**90 Rainoldi Valtellina Superiore Sassella 2019 \$47** Fragrant with tar, dried tea rose and licorice, this firm, fresh red layers dried cherry and plum reduction notes with taut, well-knit tannins. Light- to medium-bodied, with a spiced finish. Drink now through 2027. 650 cases made, 200 cases imported.—A.N.

**89 ArPePe Rosso di Valtellina 2019 \$42** A well-knit, light- to medium-bodied red, with juicy notes of dried raspberry and wild strawberry accented by dried flowers, graphite, eucalyptus and cocoa powder. Reveals fine, chalky tannins on the finish. Drink now through 2025. 4,000 cases made, 1,320 cases imported.—A.N.

**89 Ca' dei Frati Lugana-Lombardy Brolettino 2020 \$25** Delivers a mineral streak of salinity that underscores a citrusy range of grapefruit and Meyer lemon flavors, with notes of fresh tarragon, crunchy peach and almond blossoms. Sleek and mouthwatering. Drink now. 80,000 cases made, 500 cases imported.—A.N.

**88 Ca' dei Frati Lugana-Lombardy I Frati 2021 \$20** A juicy white, bright and buoyant on the palate, with a lively mix of blood orange, pink grapefruit sorbet, lemon thyme and wild strawberry. Drink now. 250,000 cases made, 2,000 cases imported.—A.N.

**88 Ca' dei Frati Vino da Tavola-Lombardy Ronchedone 2019 \$22** A fresh red, with aromas of tarry smoke, menthol and loamy earth serving as a savory overtone to fig cake and baked raspberry flavors. Medium- to full-bodied, with chalky tannins and a spiced finish. Marzemino, Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon. Drink now through 2025. 40,000 cases made, 400 cases imported.—A.N.

**88 Rainoldi Rosso di Valtellina San Gregorio 2020 \$28** A fresh red, with crisp red cherry and red currant fruit and hints of tar-tinged smoke and dried herbs. Salty finish. Drink now. 850 cases made, 400 cases imported.—A.N.

**88 Tenuta Scerscè Nebbiolo Rosso di Valtellina Nettare 2019 \$28** A fresh, light- to medium-bodied red, with dried cherry and raspberry, loamy earth and sandalwood framed by silky tannins and orange peel acidity. Drink now. 1,105 cases made, 600 cases imported.—A.N.

## ITALY Marche

**91 Bisci Verdicchio di Matelica Vigneto Fogliano 2019 \$36** Sleek and mineral, with racy acidity driving well-meshed flavors of tangerine, yellow peach, lemon thyme and almond blossoms. Long and creamy on the salty finish. Drink now. 1,086 cases made, 300 cases imported.—A.N.

**90 Umani Ronchi Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Superiore Casal di Serra 2020 \$19** Hints of petrol and smoke make for a subtle, mineral thread underscoring the baked apricot, lemon curd and almond paste flavors in this creamy, light- to medium-bodied white. There's a well-knit spine of tangy acidity, and the finish shows floral and spice accents. Drink now. 8,000 cases made, 2,000 cases imported.—A.N.

**88 Velenosi Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Quercia Antica 2021 \$17** A lithe, lively white, with zippy acidity framing flavors of pineapple, star fruit, stone and salted almond. Zesty finish. Drink now. 5,000 cases made, 2,000 cases imported.—A.N.

**88 Vignamato Castelli di Jesi Verdicchio Riserva Ambrosia 2019 \$25** This balanced white is light- to medium-bodied, with lightly juicy, lemony acidity refreshing a subtle mesh of pear, almond, white cherry and sea salt. Drink now. 600 cases made, 100 cases imported.—A.N.

**88 Il Conte Villa Prandone Piceno Superiore Marinus 2020 \$26** A medium-bodied red, with lively blackberry and black raspberry fruit framed by dusty tannins and tangy acidity. Floral, herb and spice notes linger through the firm finish. Montepulciano and Sangiovese. Drink now. 10,000 cases made, 4,000 cases imported.—A.N.

**87 Il Conte Villa Prandone Rosso Piceno Conte Rosso 2021 \$19** A dark and brambly red, boasting ripe and tangy blackberry fruit accented by charry smoke, herbed olive and a touch of loamy earth, with light tannins. Montepulciano and Sangiovese. Drink now. 10,000 cases made, 4,000 cases imported.—A.N.

**86 Filodivino Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi Classico Serra 46 2021 \$17** Crisp and light-bodied, with a salty base note and flavors of poached apricot, mandarin orange peel and chive blossoms. Drink now. 1,300 cases made, 600 cases imported.—A.N.

## ITALY

### Piedmont / Barbaresco

**95 Albino Rocca Barbaresco Vigna Loreto Ovello 2019 \$69** See Highly Recommended, page 109.

**95 Sottimano Barbaresco Basarin 2019 \$65** This red is classically proportioned, offering pure cherry fruit, with accents of currant and strawberry, leather and spice. A firm spine of tannins provides support and this remains balanced, juicy and long on the ripe cherry- and mineral-tinged aftertaste. Best from 2026 through 2043. 475 cases made, 40 cases imported.—B.S.

**95 La Spinetta Barbaresco Staderi Vürsù 2019 \$198** Powerful yet well-defined, with strawberry, cherry, floral, mineral and tobacco aromas and flavors aligned to a muscular structure. Feels balanced overall, yet will take a few years to fully integrate. Best from 2026 through 2045. 580 cases made, 45 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Ceretto Barbaresco Bernadot 2019 \$120** A bright red, delivering a core of cherry and raspberry fruit supported by earth, mineral and wild herbs. Intense, complex and dense, this is solidly built and persists with an aftertaste of dark fruit, mineral and spice. Best from 2025 through 2042. 100 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Moccagatta Barbaresco Basarin 2019 \$87** This expressive red exudes black cherry, leather and tar, with a touch of wild herbs. This has ample flesh to offset the firm structure, and the finish is framed by subtle vanilla and toasty oak. Excellent length. Best from 2026 through 2043. 400 cases made, 140 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Moccagatta Barbaresco Cole 2019 \$85** A polished red, boasting bright cherry and raspberry flavors that cozy up to toasty oak, with accents of hay, juniper and suede adding depth. Poised, vibrant and long, with an aftertaste of red fruit, vanilla and mineral. Best from 2025 through 2042. 250 cases made, 80 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Paitin Barbaresco Sori Paitin Serraboella 2019 \$65** This red has a mineral streak running through it, with a distinctive graphite note permeating the cherry and raspberry core, plus earth, tobacco and menthol accents that add depth. Plays out on the finish with a taut, linear profile. Best from 2026 through 2045. 1,108 cases made, 380 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 Prunotto Barbaresco Bric Turot 2019 \$80** An elegant, vibrant red, with cherry and strawberry flavors shaded by rose, licorice and spice. This is all about balance and finesse, with a long, complex and mouth-watering aftertaste. Best from 2025 through 2042. 210 cases imported.—B.S.

**94 La Spinetta Barbaresco Gallina Vürsù 2019 \$198** Aromatic, this red offers raspberry, cherry, floral, iron, tar and tobacco aromas and flavors, with a dense matrix of tannins lending support. Cruises to a lingering aftertaste, showing fine harmony and potential. Best from 2026 through 2045. 500 cases made, 45 cases imported.—B.S.

## 93 Albino Rocca Barbaresco Cottà 2019 \$65

This features a firm backbone yet remains a generous, evoking strawberry, cherry, sanguine, tar and smoky, savory flavors. Elegant and linear, with a long, detailed finish. Best from 2026 through 2043. 150 cases made, 40 cases imported.—B.S.



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**93 Albino Rocca Barbaresco Ronchi 2019 \$70** A round and fruity version, featuring cherry, raspberry, earth, tar and white pepper aromas and flavors. Reveals a floral hint, too, as this plays out with grace and finesse. Well-structured and silky. Best from 2025 through 2040. 650 cases made, 300 cases imported.—B.S.

**93 La Spinetta Barbaresco Vigneto Bordini 2019 \$78** Both rich and dense, this Barbaresco exhibits aromas and flavors of black cherry, blackberry, iron, underbrush and earth. Dense and persistent, with fine balance overall and a lingering finish. Best from 2026 through 2042. 1,080 cases made, 75 cases imported.—B.S.

**93 Vietti Barbaresco Roncaglie Masseria 2018 \$120** Starts with earthy aromas giving way to cherry, raspberry and savory hay and eucalyptus flavors, with more fruit coming to the fore with time in glass. Solidly built, this is dense, racy and compact on the menthol finish. Best from 2025 through 2040. 419 cases made, 52 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Marco & Vittorio Adriano Barbaresco Basarin 2019 \$40** A supple, elegant red introduced by rose, strawberry, cherry, white pepper and earth aromas. Complex and well-delineated on the palate, with excellent harmony and intensity. Reveals lingering eucalyptus and mineral notes. Best from 2024 through 2040. 2,300 cases made, 600 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Carlo Giacosa Barbaresco 2019 \$54** This aromatic red exudes scents of rose and cherry combined with flavors of white pepper, all allied to a linear structure. Balanced, with lingering traces of fruit, spice and chalky mineral on the finish. Best from 2025 through 2040. 250 cases made, 90 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Moccagatta Barbaresco Bric Balin 2019 \$87** Well-marked by vanilla and toasty oak, this red supports cherry and currant flavors with vivid acidity and assertive tannins. Reveals ample fruit, ending with a hint of mint on the lingering finish. Best from 2025 through 2040. 1,300 cases made, 400 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 Albino Rocca Barbaresco Montersino 2019 \$60** Though vibrant, this is dense and compact, with cherry and berry flavors encased in mouthcoating tannins. Reveals details of herbs and iron before the dusty finish emerges. Best from 2026 through 2039. 200 cases made, 50 cases imported.—B.S.

**92 La Spinetta Barbaresco Valeirano Vürsù 2019 \$198** Savory and tightly wound, with black cherry and plum fruit framed by juniper, menthol and licorice accents. Vibrant and firmly structured, this lingers with spice notes and a chalky feel on the finish. Best from 2025 through 2040. 580 cases made, 45 cases imported.—B.S.

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