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Nebbiolo, a milestone for exploring the magnificent wines of Barolo, Barbaresco and Roero wine destinations [Part 1] – Filippo Magnani

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Nebbiolo Prima 2021

Nebbiolo Prima 2021 is an important tasting that embraces the wine areas of Barolo, Barbaresco, and Roero, the champions of Piedmont. Considering this particular period, I have been very fortunate to participate in the 25th edition, by Albeisa, end of March.

Albeisa, Unione Produttori Vini Albesi, is a consortium, founded to promote the great wines of the Alba area to the world. The history of this consortium is linked in a twofold way to the same-named and unmistakable Albeisa bottle. For Nebbiolo Prima this year, they have majestically organized a limited tasting, setting restricted policies to be able us to review the wines in total security.

Four days of intensive work, all dedicated to one of the protagonists of the Italian wine scene and a milestone to discover Barolo, Barbaresco, and Roero territories: **Nebbiolo** grape, the noble of Italian

native grape varieties. The name Nebbiolo derives from the Italian word “Nebbia” which translates to fog or mist. A challenging and sensitive grape that, in the right hillside spot (south-facing), expresses itself in a unique and beautiful complexity. It prefers rich calcareous tufa-based soil – such as the ones in Barolo, Barbaresco, and Roero.

At the tasting, all the Nebbiolos were presented blind, in five glasses at a time. We reviewed 336 wine of different denominations: DOCG Roero 2018 and Riserva 2017, DOCG Barbaresco 2018 and Riserva 2016, DOCG Barolo 2017 and Riserva 2015.

Tasting report of Nebbiolo Prima 2021

Roero

Roero is that section of land located to the north of Alba town, in the province of Cuneo, on the left bank of the river Tanaro, between the plain of Carmagnola and the low hills of Asti.

Wine denomination DOCG **(controlled and guaranteed designation of origin)**	**Grape**	**Minimum aging**	**Released on the market**

Roero Docg	95% Nebbiolo 5% other non-aromatic red grape	20 months, of which 6 in wood	from the 1st July of second year after the harvest
Roero Docg Reserve	95% Nebbiolo 5% other non-aromatic red grape	32 months, of which in 6 wood	from the 1st July of third year after the harvest

Tastings **Roero DOCG 2018** (15 wines reviewed)

Most of the Roero 2018 that I tasted were fresh, harmonious with good fruit and quite long finish.

On my radar:

Winery: **Bric Castelvej** – Canale
Wine: **Roero Docg 2018**

Pale ruby core with light purple hue towards the edge. The nose is fruity and dynamic with a hint of pepper. Well structured body with medium alcohol and soft tannins, a bit light at the end. Good wine.

Winery: **Lorenzo Negro** – Monteu Roero

Wine: **Roero Docg 2018 Prachiosso**

Medium ruby-red. Intense flavour of red plum and notes of violet. Medium acidity with discreet alcohol level. Fruity and spicy. Quite a long aftertaste. I like it.

My pick:

Winery: **Deltetto** – Santo Stefano Roero
Wine: **Roero Docg 2018 Gorrini**

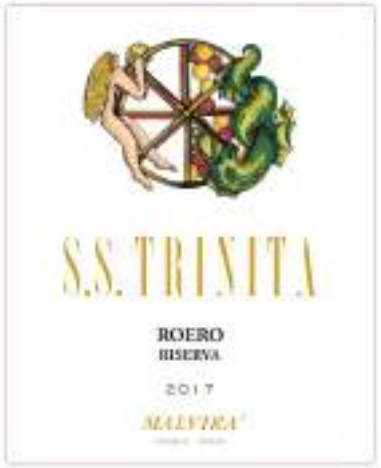
Brilliant red ruby colour. Distinctly rose floral nose mixed with hints of dark cherry and fresh coffee. Full-bodied with pleasant red notes developing on the palate. Medium tannic structure. Light toasty finish. Charming wine.

Tastings **Roero DOCG 2017 Riserva** (16 wines reviewed)

Across the tasting of the riservas, I noted some wines with slight dominant alcohol content although in general, the wines preserved ripe fruit and good acidity.

On my radar:

Winery: **Malvirà** – Canale
Wine: **Roero Docg Riserva 2017 S.S. Trinità 2017**



Colour ranging from ruby core to light garnet rim. Intense flavour of ripe plum with balsamic notes of mint. Hint of vanilla. Fresh with lively red cherry. Good structured with quite delicate tannins. Lovely wine.

Winery: **Cascina Chicco** – Vezza d'Alba
Wine: **Roero Docg Riserva Valmaggiore 2017**

Deep ruby colour. Rich bouquet of blackcherry with hints of violet. Round, full body and warm. Quite powerful tannins and long length. Lovely nebbiolo.

My pick**:**

Winery: **Cascina Ca' Rossa** – Canale
Wine: **Roero Docg Riserva Mompissano 2017**

The colour is medium ruby with a compact rim. Pronounced intensity of ripe red fruit mixed with notes of chocolate and tobacco. Full body wine with good freshness. Present delicate tannins and quite long aftertaste. Great wine.

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See you in Piedmont !

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