Marrone
BAROLO - 2020

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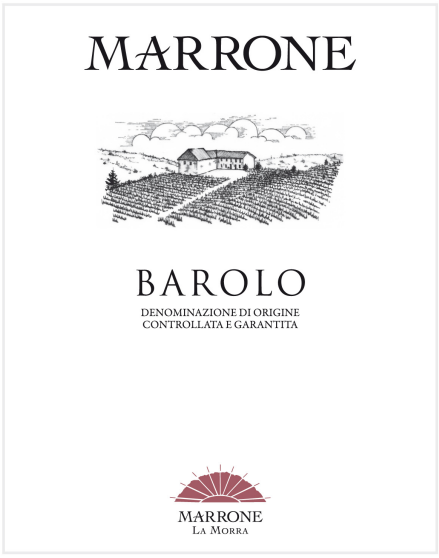

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The origins of Agricola Marrone date back over a century and through four generations. The family is focused on cultivating local grape varietals with a passionate dedication to the land.
When Pietro Marrone was born in 1887, his father Edoardo was already producing wines. In 1910, at 23 years old, he asked his father to plant some vineyards. In the early 1920s/30s the winery began cultivating vineyards using techniques that were revolutionary at the time: reducing production yields to prioritize higher quality and avoiding sowing wheat between vine rows, a standard practice at the time. This decision was an early adoption of what eventually became known as modern cultivation practices widely used in the region today.
In 1978 'Gianpi' took over full management of Marrone and began a phase of expansion in the vineyards and the cellar space. His wife Giovanna, affectionately known as "Mamma Gio," orchestrates private hospitality and is the kitchen director. For Giovanna, food is "tradition and Italian values that go hand with our wines."
Since 2011 the winery has been run by "Tre Fie," the three daughters of Gian Piero and Giovanna Marrone. Valentina is the winemaker, Serena runs

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17 Points - JancisRobinson.com, April, 2024

Full bottle 1,326 g.
The hallmark of Marrone Barolos is, for me, breathtaking limpidity and deep-stone minerality. Each and every one of them has the liquid-ruby quality of dawn sunlight pouring through a red stained-glass window, pooling on a cool, ancient stone floor. This Barolo cuvée is not a cru but it's no exception. It smells of bruised peony petals after a summer storm. It tastes like kissing cherry-stained lips and cold cellar stones. It feels like lichen on an old damson tree. Damsons, moss and ferns and stones. 2025 – 2040

90 Points - jamessuckling.com, May, 2024

Ripe cherries, red plums, dried orange peel, spices and hints of chocolate on the nose. Velvety and creamy on the palate with a medium body and fine tannins. It shows good volume, but fades rather quickly at the end. Better after two to three years.

93 Points - View From The Cellar, September, 2024

As I have mentioned in the past, the Marrone family has been growing grapes in La Morra for four generations, with the Marrone sisters, Valentina, Serena and Denise currently running the estate. Their blended Barolo cuvée is made from fruit sourced from the family vineyards in both La Morra and Castiglione Falletto, with the wine is raised half in botti and half in barrique for two years. The 2020 version tips the scales at 14.5 percent alcohol in this vintage and delivers a beautiful, red fruity nose of cherries, spit-roasted pigeon, camphor, licorice, a complex base of soil, a touch of fresh oregano, sweet brown spices and a discreet framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and very transparent in personality, with a gorgeous core of red fruit, firm, well-integrated tannins, lovely balance and grip and a long, focused and complex finish. This is an excellent bottle of Barolo in the making! 2042 – 2100

91 Points - Ian D'Agata Wine Review, December, 2024

Bright red. Aromas of red cherry, musky spices and herbs. Offers seamlessly woven flavours of black cherry, vanilla and underbrush on the long, lifted finish. Not the last word in complexity but solidly made and nicely accessible. 2028 – 2037

90 Points - Wine Enthusiast, September, 2024

Lifted aromas of fresh raspberries and cherries mingle with dried cranberries and red currants, accompanied by leaf and herbal notes on the nose. The palate is plush and fruit-forward, yet supported by a focused core of acidity,

fine-grained tannins, and subtle minerality, lending a sense of precision and linearity to the palate. Drink now through 2035.