

# Rizzi

## BARBARESCO NERVO - 2020

REGION: ITALY - PIEDMONT



### RIZZI

Nestled at the very top of the impressively steep, vine-clad hills of the Treiso zone of Barbaresco, the winery's vineyards were planted as early as the 1960's in the white marl, calcareous soil typical of this area. An impressive selection of cru Barbaresci is punctuated by the spectacular Vigna Boito located at the peak of the Rizzi cru. The estate is managed entirely by the Dellapiana family with son Enrico as winemaker and viticulturist. Rizzi Winery participates in "The Green Experience" project which mandates guidelines for environmentally sustainable production.

### THE WINE

#### Vineyard Profile

The estate Nervo Cru, bordering Rizzi and Bernardot Crus, under the village of Treiso. Steep slopes and well-draining soil.

- Altitude: 1015-1215 feet/310–370 meters
- Exposure: South
- Soil: White marl, clayey-calcareous, with sandy alternate layers
- Vines Planted: 1967 – 2004
- Vine Training System: Guyot

#### Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested the 1st ten days of October into small crates
- Fermented for 3-4 weeks in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperature below 86°F/30° C
- Wine racked before 1 month malolactic fermentation
- Aged 12 months in large Slavonian oak barrels
- Aged 9 months in concrete vats
- Bottle aged to 3 years after harvest

#### Winemaker's Notes

The Nervo cru's steep topography makes farming difficult but improves drainage and the solar exposure for Nebbiolo vines. These perfect microclimatic conditions and poor soil (white marl clayey-calcareous) give the wine density and exemplary finesse. The taste is earthy and mineral, with notes of raspberry, cinnamon and fresh mint. Weighty and linear tannins define the long finish.

#### Technical Information

- 100% Nebbiolo
- Alcohol: 14.5%

### REVIEWS

#### Barbaresco Nervo – 2020

#### 94 Points - [jamesuckling.com](https://www.jamesuckling.com), July, 2023

Ripe berries, violets, plums and lots of roses develop nicely on the seductive nose. Medium body with so much elegance and harmony. The velvety tannins and structure combine gracefully to give a caressing silky texture and purity of fruit. Very floral and ethereal with a succulent and transparent finish. Drink or hold.

**17 Points - JancisRobinson.com, July, 2023**

Treiso. Lustrous mid ruby. Firm, aromatic cherry nose of real concentration – something this vintage is regularly short of. Great purity of fruit and with a long, juicy, perfumed fruit finish with crunchy tannins. 2023 – 2032

**94 Points - © Wine Advocate, August, 2023**

The Rizzi 2020 Barbaresco Nervo (with just 5,000 bottles made) reveals a lean and luminous appearance with a deep ruby shine. The bouquet is unexpected with crushed flower, cassis and a hint of cola or lavender essence. I also get a lot of tar, licorice and campfire ash. Nervo hits good balance between complexity and intensity, and although this vintage is accessible overall, it offers all the basic pleasures of Nebbiolo. 2024 – 2038

**93 Points - View From The Cellar, November, 2023**

Enrico Dellapiana’s Cru bottling of Nervo is treated a bit differently in the cellars than many of his classically-inclined neighbors’ wines, as he ages it for one year in Slavonian oak botti and nine months in cement tanks prior to bottling. Nervo is situated in the village of Treiso, with the vines here having been planted between 1967 and 2004. The wine is lovely in 2020, offering up a beautiful young bouquet of cherries, bonfire, anise, a touch of fresh oregano, a gorgeous foundation of chalky soil tones, pigeon and a touch of road tar. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and very elegant in profile out of the blocks, with excellent depth at the core, finegrained tannins, lovely focus and balance and a long, complex and very promising finish. I love the backend lift of this wine! Fine, fine juice. 2035 – 2085

**94 Points - Wine Enthusiast, April, 2024**

**CELLAR SELECTION**

Aromas of macerated raspberries waft from the glass of this beautiful wine with drying rose petals, orange peel and sweet spices following. A near masterpiece on the palate with an ebb and flow of tart red fruits, flowers, savory herbs and dried leaves all melding together finishing with soft tannins and lifted acidity. Drink now–2035

**GENERAL INFO**

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| Country           | Italy                           |
| Region            | Piedmont                        |
| Appellation(s)    | Treiso, Neive, Neviglie         |
| Proprietors       | Enrico Dellapiana               |
| Founded           | 1974                            |
| Winemaker         | Enrico Dellapiana               |
| Annual Production | Between 7,500 to 9,000 9L cases |

