

Rizzi

BARBARESCO PAJORÈ - 2020

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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.

REVIEWS

Barbaresco Pajorè – 2020

94 Points - © Wine Advocate, August, 2023

The Rizzi 2020 Barbaresco Pajorè shows lots of varietal character within the context of a vintage that was definitely on the warm and sunny side of the weather spectrum. The fruit is a little plumper and softer as a result, yet you still get that thin and elegant framing that is typical of Nebbiolo. The wine's flavor profile offers redcurrant, violet and licorice root. Pajorè in Treiso also has a pronounced mineral element. Winemaking is the same across most of these wines, with fermentation in stainless steel and 12 months of aging in Slavonian oak casks, followed by eight months in cement and another 10 months in bottle. 2024 -2038

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

Treiso. Concentrated mid ruby. Brooding and still closed on the nose, hinting at balsamic cherry fruit. A core of cherry coulis wrapped up in solid but ripe tannins. This truly has lots of everything. Long and perfumed and juicy and with surprising lightness of touch. 2023 – 2036

95 Points - Decanter, January, 2023

The nose is sleek with sweet violet, cinnamon, redcurrant and balsam. The attack is firm, extracted and with a full-on mid-palate, then a savoury finish which is elegant and displays refreshing acidity, and a restrained, chocolate aftertaste. A graceful yet powerful Barbaresco for the long haul but also to drink now. Classic handling in the winery, with fermentation at a maximum of 30°C and ageing in big Slavonian oak vessels for 12 months. 2023 – 2040

91 Points - jameessuckling.com, July, 2023

Red berry, bark, toasted bread and sweet spice aromas on the nose. Succulent and fresh with a medium body and bright acidity. Transparent with redcurrant character and lots of sour cherries towards the delicious finish. Drink now.

94 Points - View From The Cellar, November, 2023

As I mentioned last year, the oldest vines in the Dellapianas' parcel in the Cru of Pajorè were planted in 1965. The vineyard is the most northerly in Treiso in the direction of the township of Barbaresco, sitting just south of the border on a hillside that also includes the Crus of Marcarini and Casot which are featured in the portfolio of Enrico Nada. The 2020 Pajorè is also an outstanding young Barbaresco, showing a bit more black fruity shadings than Enrico's Nervo bottling this year, with the nose wafting from the glass in a complex blend of red and black cherries, spit-roasted gamebird, a fine base of soil, red curry, a touch of oregano, bonfire, a nice touch of brown spices and a

topnote of roses. On the palate the wine is pure, full bodied, focused and rock solid at the core, with lovely soil signature and grip, ripe, buried tannins, excellent balance and a very long, refined and complex finish. This too is outstanding Barbaresco in the making! 2035 – 2085

95 Points - Wine Enthusiast, April, 2024

CELLAR SELECTION

The wines of Rizzi are crafted with elegance and finesse; this wine's aromas capture that intent with black cherry, star anise, fresh bay leaf and sandalwood. Mixed berries both dried and preserved wrap around savory spices, black tea and an earthiness that plays in the background giving a darker finish. Fine tannins provide enough grip to hold the wine back enough so it does not get ahead of itself before it is ready. Drink 2026–2040
