

Rizzi

BARBARESCO RIZZI - 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

It's the emblem of the winery, the way through which the estate's style shows itself, constantly looking for elegance and purity. It comes from the grapes harvested from the Rizzi Cru, which is a large vineyard varying in different altitudes, exposures and soils.

- Location: Treiso
- Crù: Rizzi
- Altitude: 720-1015 feet/220-310 meters
- Exposure: South, South-West
- Soil: White marl clayey-calcareous, alternated by sand
- Vines Planted: 1967-2004
- Vine Training System: Guyot
- Planting Density: 3800 – 4400 vines/ha

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested into small crates the 1st 10 days of October
- Fermented in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperature not over 86°F/30°C for 3-4 weeks
 - Wine is raked, then undergoes malolactic fermentation for about a month
 - Aged 12 months in large 50 hl oak barrels, then aged in concrete vats for 6-9 months
 - Aged in bottle until about 3 years after harvest

Winemaker's Notes

This is classic Barbaresco: notes of fresh fruit and underbrush combine to create Rizzi's signature Barbaresco elegance and purity. Prominent in the mouth with a lingering longevity on the finish, also portending great ageability.

Technical Information

- 100% Nebbiolo
- Alcohol: 14.5%

REVIEWS

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92 Points - Wine Spectator, December, 2023

An elegant red, predominately cherry, with supporting flavors of raspberry, rose, anise, thyme and mint. Charming and balanced, with a long, licorice-tinted finish. Best from 2025 through 2040.



17 Points - JancisRobinson.com, July, 2023

Alba. Just mid ruby. Minerally nose with hints of iron and a suggestion of fennel seeds. Elegant, almost a little light on the palate, becoming more complex and certainly more tannic on the finish. Has the bones to age. 2023 – 2030

93 Points - jameessuckling.com, July, 2023

A fragrant nose of red berries, spiced cherries, dried herbs, lavender and mild spices. Medium body with fine tannins and crisp acidity. Fresh and precise with balance and character. It's well-rounded with volume on the mid-palate. Silky texture and a precise, flavorful finish with excellent length. Drink or hold.

93 Points - © Wine Advocate, August, 2023

The Rizzi 2020 Barbaresco Rizzi shows an etched, focused bouquet that cedes to crushed rose, cassis and dried cherry. It has a guiding note of metal or rust that seems specific to this bottle. The Rizzi cru rises a moderate 230 to 300 meters in elevation with limestone, clay and sand. The wine has a ripe side for sure, owing to the hot vintage, but it also shows a firm and compact quality that Nebbiolo delivers effortlessly. 2024 – 2037

92 Points - Decanter, January, 2023

Intense, showing plenty of flowery notes with leafy strawberry, liquorice stick and almost citrusy on the finish. Velvety and dusty on the palate with high yet integrated acidity. One of the best-priced Barbaescos. This is the top selection of grapes from different Rizzi vineyards. A truly classic Barbaresco where the absence of menzione geografica is a plus due to the blending of different plots. 2023 – 2030

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

Enrico Dellapiana's 2020 cru bottling from the vineyard of Rizzi is a superb example of the vintage. Readers may recall that this vineyards sits on the same hillside as Nervo, but with more chalky in the soils here, so that Enrico will often give this wine a year and a half of aging in botti prior to racking it into cement tanks to finish its élevage. The bouquet is deep, ripe and beautifully red fruity in personality, offering up scents of cherries, blood orange, gamebird, a complex base of chalky soil tones, red curry, a dollop of fresh oregano, rose petals and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is vibrant, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a sappy core of red fruit, lovely transparency and grip, ripe tannins and a long, tangy and beautifully balanced finish. First class juice. 2035 – 2085

96 Points - Wine Enthusiast, April, 2024

EDITORS' CHOICE

The aromas of this Barbaresco are like a softly focused black and white photo that has you doing double takes, as dried cherry, black tea and dried herbs entice you into the glass. Tart red-berried fruits that are perfectly ripe shine on the palate while savory spices and forest floor-like notes elevate the wine to the next level as supple tannins dance across the palate. Drink now–2035

GENERAL INFO

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