Rizzi

BARBARESCO RIZZI RISERVA BOITO 2018

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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

Vigna Boito is located on the upper part of the Rizzi Cru, in soils that are geologically younger, deeper, and have more clay than the surrounding areas. It is located at an altitude of 790-1,015 feet, with south and southwest exposure. Vines were planted from 1972 to 1995, in soils of white marl and calcareous clay, and are trained using the Guyot system.

Harvest Notes

- Hand harvested into small crates October 1-10
- Fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks below 86ºF for about 4 weeks
- After racking, malolactic fermentation takes 1 month
- Aged 20 months in large Slavonian oak barrels
- Bottle aged until at least 50 months from 1st of November following harvest

Winemaker's Notes

Classic and more muscular Barbaresco with long aging potential. Ripe plum, violet, leather and licorice aromas flow through to the palate. Enrico Dellapiana uses "both hands" to create Riserva Boito: one to make the wine, the other to paint the original label for each vintage.

Technical Information

- 100% Nebbiolo
- Alcohol: 15%

REVIEWS

Barbaresco Rizzi Riserva Boito 2018

94 Points - jamessuckling.com, July, 2023

An aromatic nose with wild berries, strawberries, flowers, sweet spices, wet stones and chocolate cherries. It's medium-bodied with finely grained tannins and bright acidity. Transparent with a pure core of juicy fruit at the center, with clarity and vitality throughout. Precise and harmonious with a succulent finish. Drink or hold.

92 Points - © Wine Advocate, August, 2023

The top-shelf wine from Rizzi is the 2018 Barbaresco Rizzi Riserva Vigna Boito with fruit from the southeast-facing summit of the Rizzi cru. This wine

THE SORTING TABLE

shows ripeness and an open-knit approach that is followed by a powerful 15% alcohol content. That's a lot for the Nebbiolo grape to absorb. This wine ends with candied aromas, raspberry praline macaron and lilac. There is some bitter almond on the close. I suggest a near or medium-term drinking window. 2024 – 2035

90 Points - Decanter, January, 2023

Shows some complex notes of macerated flowers and rich, cherry jelly fruit. The attack is soft and the frame quite light with moderate acidity sustained by quite rustic tannins. Vigna Boito lies at the top of Rizzi MGA. The wine is aged in Slavonian oak for around 20 months.

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

The "Vigna Boito" Riserva from Enrico Dellapiana is crafted from an upper section of the Cru vineyard of Rizzi, where the soils have more clay and less chalk than in the lower portions of the Cru. The Vigna Boito is aged solely in *botti* for twenty months prior to bottling and is then given bottle aging in the Rizzi cellars to allow at least four years of aging prior to release. The 2018 Vigna Boito is the new release of this lovely Riserva Barbaresco. It delivers a deep, complex and very refined bouquet of red and black cherries, licorice, a touch of road tar, woodsmoke, spiced meats, fresh oregano, curry, cedar and the first hints of the autumnal shadings of soil that will come with bottle age. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, complex and loaded with ripe fruit at the core, with excellent soil undertow and grip, ripe, firm tannins, excellent focus and balance and a long, pure and fairly powerful finish. This wine landed at a full fifteen percent octane in the hot summer of 2018 (though "cool" examples of Barbaresco are routinely 14.5 percent alcohol these days, so it is not a dramatic uptick in ripeness), but shows no signs whatsoever of heat on the backend. It is just a bit more powerful than most vintages as a result of the hot summer of 2018. Fine juice. 2037 – 2085

94 Points - Wine Enthusiast, April, 2024

CELLAR SELECTION

Rizzi 2018 Vigna Boito Riserva (Barbaresco). Vigna Boito sits at the top of the Rizzi cru and shows depth, intensity and power. This wine opens with candied plum, violet, licorice and cedar aromas. Concentrated on the palate with a balance between power and elegance, showing flavors of macerated plums with anise and clove with oolong tea and dark earthy notes on the long and firm finish. Drink 2025–2045

GENERAL INFO

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