

ITALY

Piedmont / Barolo

98 Giuseppe Mascarello & Figlio Barolo Monprivato Cà d'Morissio Riserva 2004 \$450 See Collectibles, page 103.

95 Giacomo Ascheri Barolo Sorano Coste & Bricco 2008 \$90 A traditional style, featuring ample cherry, berry, licorice, tar and tobacco aromas and flavors. Rich and supple, with tannins that mesh well with the texture. Shows latent power on the finish and a core of pure fruit. Best from 2016 through 2035. 10 cases imported.—B.S.

95 Giuseppe Mascarello & Figlio Barolo Monprivato 2008 \$110 Detailed and fragrant, offering floral, strawberry, cherry, licorice and spice flavors, this is elegant and underlined by a strong mineral streak. Well-proportioned, picking up intensity and complexity on the long, savory finish. Extremely fresh and classy. Best from 2016 through 2035. 1,800 cases made.—B.S.

93 Giacomo Borgogno & Figli Barolo Pinin 2006 \$95 Features a whiff of barnyard, with flavors that evoke sweet cherry, leather, tar, tobacco and spice. The tannins seem impenetrable, but coat the mouth with a dusty feel that matches the fruit. A powerful, muscular red that still needs plenty of aging. Best from 2016 through 2035. 400 cases imported.—B.S.

93 Ceretto Barolo Bricco Rocche Brunate 2008 \$120 Aromas of cinnamon, cherry, licorice and tar signal this rich, juicy Barolo. Hints of chocolate and spice persist as the rugged tannins kick in on the finish. Slightly hot in the balance, but very fine overall. Best from 2016 through 2032. 1,700 cases made.—B.S.

93 Ceretto Barolo Bricco Rocche Prapò 2008 \$120 This red exudes cherry, licorice, violet and tar aromas and flavors married to a firm, vibrant structure. Shuts down a little midpalate, but the sweet fruit comes back with a vengeance on the long finish. Best from 2016 through 2035. 900 cases made.—B.S.