

2020 Ascheri Langhe Barbera Fontanelle

The Ascheri 2020 Langhe Barbera Fontanelle (formally of the Barbera d'Alba appellation) delivers clarity and freshness with a generous serving of red cherry and wild blackberry. This production of 25,000 bottles won't be released until September 2021, but the fruit is raring to go at the time of my tasting. Those primary aromas rise from the glass with terrific freshness, simplicity and directness. With that zippy acidity and its 14.5% alcohol content, you'll want a cheesy risotto on standby for a little help.

- Monica Larner (June, 2021)