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VINTAGE REPORT

2017



“2016 was extraordinary for quality and quantity. The growth cycle was excellent, and very long. Over the past few years we had gotten used to the growth cycle being a little bit faster, but this year things were back to normal.”

As for 2013 Barolo, it is very similar to 2010, with good color, important structure and alcohol with strong acidity levels. This is definitely a cellar-worthy wine that will benefit from it too.”

-DAVIDE MOZZONE OF BONGIOVANNI

“The 2013 Barolos will express all their typicity, elegance and structure as well as the Serralunga terroir. It is one of the better years, similar to 2011 and 2010.

For 2014, we produced very little, thanks to summer crop thinning and yield at harvest (due to the weather). We produced about 50% of Barbaresco and 40% of Barolo, one of the lowest yields in recent years. The aromas are intense, the color is a pretty ruby red, and the tannins are soft. But the wines need more time aging in the cantina and in bottle. “

-PINO MARENGO OF CA'ROME'

“The 2013 Barolo is best expresses the elegance and complexity of Nebbiolo, distinguished in its aromas and powerful on the palate, with noble and precious tannins. It is one of the best years for the Barolo appellation.”

-FABIO FANTINO OF CONTERNO FANTINO

“In the early part of the year the Spring is started slowly due to continued low temperatures (specially in March and April).

The summer was hot and during September and October the maturation of the grapes reached optimal levels. This was a difficult vintage to manage, but that will give us Baroli that adapt at the long aging.

The 2013 Baroli have balanced and pronounced tannins that denote great structure and longevity.”

-MATTEO SARDEGNA OF EINAUDI

“2013 is a late harvest vintage. The hot days and cold night have an influence on the nose that is very fruity, very fresh, and very complex. It's a big wine without being a massive wine. It's a beautiful vintage to drink now, because it is already pleasant, and it's a beautiful vintage to keep.”

-MANUEL MARCHETTI OF MARCARINI

“The 2016 vintage Malvasia is very similar to 2015, with the only exception of a fresher note of apricot, due to the higher quantities of grapes (85 quintals per hectare instead of 75 quintals per hectare).

The Barbera grapes (particularly Barbera d'Asti “Il Bergantino”) and Grignolino (“Bricco Mondalino”) concentrations we've never seen before. We're talking 34 g/L of net dry extract for the Grignolinos and 37 g/L of net dry extract for the Barberas. In essence, this vintage is truly special...”

-BEATRICE GAUDIO OF BRICCO MONDALINO

“[The drinker] can immediately go to the two features that define our 2012 vintage, enormous and balanced. The acidity is astonishing!”

-ROBERTO GUERRINI OF FULIGNI

“The 2012 vintage will be another 5 star year -- one of the best -- like 2010 was and 2015 will be. Right now the wine is still young, but it has great warmth, soft tannins and lots of red berries like cherry and red currant. It is also extremely balanced between the alcohol and the acidity, something that is very important for Brunellos”

-ANDREA COSTANTI OF COSTANTI

“Cignale, a single-vineyard wine, will have a strong, character, with great balance, due its good acidity levels, which were not too high. The grapes reached full maturity and the aromas will be able to express themselves quicker than before. In fact, the wine will be ready to drink in a shorter amount of time.”

-SIMONE FRANCOIS OF CIGNALE