

BBB VINTAGE REPORT 2018



“My Barolo 2014 and my Pernanno 2014 are good interpretations of the vintage, with all of its merits and flaws. While hot and dry vintages tend to lead to high-alcohol, soft and ready-to-drink Barolos, this vintage – thanks to the excellent health of the grapes – will offer wines lower in alcohol, with stronger acidity and color. These are the things that make us hopeful for a wine that will distinguish itself from many other wine-producing regions in that the message in the bottle is that of difference between vintages and vineyards.”

-DAVIDE MOZZONE OF BONGIOVANNI

“2014 was rainy but thanks to a low yield (due to the rainy weather), the results are very positive”

-GIUSEPPE MARENGO OF CA'ROME'

“In light of [the difficult growing season], the 2014 Barolos have excellent color, ample aromas and good acidity. They especially have good primary aromas, such as its typical violet supported by fragrances of rose and black cherry. The Barolo 2014s are tangy with rich minerality, favored by low pH, showing the fine and elegant side of Nebbiolo.”

-FABIO FANTINO OF CONTERNO FANTINO

“The vintage 2014 has certainly been particular in terms of climate change. From the first stage of maturation, we saw once again a high level of humidity, which stayed with us until the end of Spring. Things improved progressively in September, which favored a remarkable ripening of our Nebbiolo grapes. All this allowed us to harvest very ripe grapes that can achieve great results with regard to tannins, elegance and the variety of the aromas.”

-MATTEO SARDEGNA OF EINAUDI

“Our 2014 Barolos have wonderful elegance. We certainly won't find the big structure of exceptional years, but we also won't need to wait for this structure to evolve. These wines reflect the classic Barolo character with a fineness and readiness that will make many happy, especially those who want to get to know this fabulous wine.”

-MANUEL MARCHETTI OF MARCARINI

“As per tradition, Fuligni only makes Riservas with grapes from the oldest vineyards on the property, naturally rich and concentrated. The Riserva 2012 comes from a vintage that features excellent sensory characteristics, which are in full harmony. It is surely destined to long aging, but is already incredible pleasing.”

-ROBERTO GUERRINI OF FULIGNI

“In 2013, excellent sunlight and ventilation after a rainy spring and early summer favored excellent grape ripening, showing great balance between alcohol and acidity. Sangiovese thrives in mild Mediterranean weather and this vintage provided the fantastic aromas, elegant tannins and typical acidity of the Eighties. Analysis of the years 2007 to 2013 show a progressive increase in quality.

The 2013 vintage is still in evolution, but shows high tannins and excellent acidity. It is very powerful, but not heavy, with a wonderful elegance. It will give its best in about ten years. As to the 2012 Brunello Riserva, summer was quite dry, with little rain only at the end of August. We harvested at the end of September. The wine promises great structure and concentration with a great ability to age in the long term.”

-ANDREA COSTANTI OF COSTANTI

“2012 is a beautiful blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. It has excellent balance and elegance with aromas of sage, currant and tree bark with a fruity finish and hints of mushroom and forest floor.”

-SIMONE FRANCOIS OF CIGNALE