



Highly Recommended (continued) 16.5–18.49pts



Silvano Bolmida, Bussia, Monforte d'Alba 16.5

£32.45 Bancroft

Pronounced, concentrated nose of fresh cherry and blackberry fruit with savoury notes. Ripe, full palate with good, firm, balancing tannins and acidity. Lovely. **Drink:** From 2012. **Alc:** 14%



Tenute Costa, Duecorti, Monforte d'Alba 16.5

N/A UK www.tenutecosta.it

Spicy, vigorous, oaky nose with red fruit, toast and rose notes. Savoury, elegant palate backed by firm tannins, power and intensity. A pretty, charming wine. **Drink:** From 2014. **Alc:** 14.5%



Villadoria, Sori Lazzarito, Serralunga d'Alba 16.5

£24.95 Alfie Fiandaca, Vagabond

Ripe, smoky red fruit, oak and violet perfume. Balanced palate with dense tannins creeping up. Quite perfumed, well integrated and very pretty wine. **Drink:** From 2015. **Alc:** 14%

3-STAR WINES Recommended 14.5–16.49pts

WINE	SCORE	TASTING NOTE	ALC	DRINK	PRICE	STOCKISTS
Elio Filippino, Castiglione Falletto	16.42	Fresh fragrant cherry, menthol, rose, nutmeg, spearmint, coffee and spice. Firm, solid, classic and astringent palate with firm tannins. Promises a good future.	14%	2012–2013	N/A UK	www.eliofilippino.com
Azelia, San Rocco, Serralunga d'Alba	16.33	Evolved aroma of spice, rose, minerals, vanilla, lots of oak and confected fruit. Enjoyable, integrated and assertive with fine-grained tannins and good acidity.	14.5%	From 2014	£45.03	Justerini & Brooks
Ca' Rome, Vigna Cerretta, Serralunga d'Alba	16.33	Lean oak, berries and cherries, vanilla, burnt rubber, rose and violet perfume. Silky with grippy tannins, freshness and flair. Seems complete and stylish.	14%	From 2015	N/A UK	www.carome.com
Ciobot Berton, La Morra	16.33	Poised, delicate and fragrant spice, minerals and fresh, flowers. Youthful, spicy, peppery palate with smooth tannins. Simple but does what it says on the tin.	14%	2013–2018	£24–£26 (2005)	Gerard Seel, Jeroboams, Laytons, Milroy's of Soho
Franco Conterno, Vigna Pugnane, Castiglione Falletto	16.33	Spice, ripe berry fruit and vanilla perfume. Good depth and silky texture with well-judged tannins that add structure and grip. Dense, fleshy, modern style.	14%	From 2012	N/A UK	www.francoconterno.it
GD Vajra, Bricco delle Viole, Barolo	16.33	Dark red fruit, spice, orange and coffee bean aroma. Subtle, smokey palate, supportive tannin, good acidity and ripe, juicy fruit. Classic, robust and firm.	14.5%	2012–2017	£50–£59.99	Liberty Wines, Slurp, The Wine Society
I Bastioni, La Morra	16.33	Restrained leather and smoke aroma. Modern style with emphasis on rich, floral, sweet dark berry fruit. It is juicy, harmonious, nicely balanced and seductive.	14.5%	2012–2015	£18 (2004)	Corking Wines
Massolino, Parafada, Serralunga d'Alba	16.33	Earth, iron, rose, lavender oil and medicinal nose. Traditional style rich, unctuous, chewy palate with plenty of deep, stewed fruit and grippy, textural feel.	14%	2014–2020	£52.50–£69.99	Liberty Wines, Slurp
Oddero, Rocche de Castiglione	16.33	Evolved nose of sweet spice, ripe red berries, violets, smoke, oak and flowers. Balanced and attractive with ripe tannins. Forward style with dried fruit flavours.	14%	2012–2022	N/A UK	www.oddero.it
Diego Conterno	16.25	Tar, violet, red berry, dark fruit, spice and oak aroma. Rich, suave and round palate with tight-knit tannins. Not yet in balance but the fruit should emerge with time.	14.5%	2013–2020	N/A UK	www.diegoconterno.it
La Querciola, Costa di Rose, Barolo	16.25	Traditional aroma of violet and sage. Dry, fresh flavours with clean red fruit and a chunky, foursquare character which is typical of Nebbiolo.	14%	2012–2017	N/A UK	www.laquerciola.com
Batasiolo, Bofani, Monforte d'Alba	16.2	Tobacco, rubber, redcurrant, earth and Bovril aromas. Structured and intense with smokey red berry flavours, juicy acidity and rounded tannins. Rustic style.	14.5%	2012–2020	£48	Mondial
Alessandro Veglio, La Morra	16.17	Classic perfume of sweet red and black cherry fruit. Beautifully ripe fruit palate in a modern style with firm, high tannins and elegant floral characters.	14.5%	2012–2017	N/A UK	www.alessandroveglio.com
Cantine San Silvestro, Patres, Novello	16.17	Pleasantly spicy aromas with a tomato and stewed fruit note. Savoury palate which is approachably juicy. Fine, elegant wine with a long, expressive finish.	13.5%	2012–2014	£23.50	Hallgarten Druitt, Slurp
Cordero di Montezemolo, Bricco Gattera, La Morra	16.17	Cough syrup, pepper and oak bouquet. Quasi-modern and atypical wine with some sweet cherry fruit and chunky, extracted tannins. Elegant feminine style.	14.5%	2011–2013	POA	Eurowines
GD Vajra, Le Albe, Barolo	16.17	Spice, rose, violet and firm but jammy red fruit nose. Rich, juicy, savoury fruit with very nicely textured tannins and good concentration. Has some austerity.	13.5%	From 2013	£34.99	Liberty Wines
Giacomo Fenocchio, Cannubi, Monforte d'Alba	16.17	Dark red cherry and berry fruit, spice, new leather and subtle creamy nose. Fresh, juicy red with ample fruit, tangy acidity with firm, muscular tannins.	14%	2012–2016	POA	Armit
Gianfranco Alessandria, Monforte d'Alba	16.17	Rich, generous oaky nose with rose, crushed cherry and berry notes. Rich and surprisingly soft in texture but doesn't lack tannins. Modern style.	14%	From 2013	£34.99	The Winery
Giovanni Rosso, Serralunga, Serralunga d'Alba	16.17	Fresh, vivid, attractive nose of sweet cherry fruit and cashews. Approachable dark fruit with a light spiciness, high acidity and grippy tannins. Foursquare.	14%	2012–2014	£32.45	Berry Bros & Rudd
Grimaldi Luigino, Vigna San Biagio, La Morra	16.17	Evolved rose, violet, sweet spice, red berry, earth, rubber and stewed tea aroma. Medicinal with nice fruit sweetness, firm tannins and light acidity. Fine backbone.	14%	2013–2019	N/A UK	www.grimaldivini.com
Mauro Molino, Gallinotto, La Morra	16.17	Smoke, vanilla oak, tar, sweet spice, violet, red berry and mocha bouquet. Rich and soft attack but the mid-palate is very tannic. Classy with a long aftertaste.	15%	2014–2017	£31.65	Champagnes & Châteaux
Renato Ratti, Rocche, La Morra	16.17	Slightly oxidative aroma of liquorice and spice. Creamy, rich, elegant and powerful wine which is full of promise. The leathery length has a lot of finesse.	14.5%	2012–2013	£53–£56 (2005)	Bordeaux Index, En Primeur
Vietti, Rocche, Castiglione Falletto	16.17	Delicate, smoke, red fruit, sweet spice and vanilla nose. Masculine palate with succulent fruit, robust tannins and acidity. Tangy finish. Quite a skeletal style.	14%	From 2013	£85	Vinum
Boroli	16	Caramel, aniseed, ripe berry fruit, spice and oak nose. Powerful, concentrated, and dry on the palate. Engaging tannins are to the fore – will be very good.	13.5%	2013–2020	£34.95	Profumo di Vino
Bussia Soprana, Mosconi	16	Delicate smoke, red fruit, sweet spice and vanilla nose. Masculine palate with succulent fruit, robust tannins and acidity. Tangy finish. Quite a skeletal style.	14%	2013–2017	N/A UK	www.bussiasoprana.it
Cagliero, Ravera	16	Developed tertiary aromas with flowers, spice, raspberry and cranberry. Soft palate with sweet fruit and moderate tannins. Balanced, elegant and feminine.	14%	2012–2020	N/A UK	www.cagliero.com
Cascina Adelaide, Cannubi, Barolo	16	Spice, sweet toasty oak, dark fruit, burnt rubber and floral perfume. Ripe, supple palate of sweet fruit, soft tannins and a nice balance. An appealing wine.	14%	From 2012	N/A UK	www.cascinaadelaide.com

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			ALC	DRINK		
Cascina del Monastero, Annunziata, La Morra	16	Evolved aromas of sweet spice, oak, ripe red and black fruit. Rich and supple with decent concentration. Has tannic grip and some nice fruit with a good structure.	14.5%	2012-2019	N/A UK	www.cascinadelmonastero.it
Enzo Boglietti, Fossati, La Morra	16	Baked aroma of strawberry jam, dark fruit, spice, earth and smoke. Balanced with sweet tannins and several layers. It is rich, supple and a bit soupy now.	14%	2011-2016	£45	The Wine Society
Fontanafredda, Serralunga d'Alba	16	Fresh, crushed berry, smoke, oak and violet perfume. Evolved, plummy and full palate with spice, drive and concentration, and a long perfumed length. Elegant.	14%	From 2014	£24.99	Slurp
Fratelli Alessandria, Gramolere, Monforte d'Alba	16	Earthy, funky, fruit compote nose. Delicious soft red plum fruit with hints of cinnamon. Approachable now but has quite hard tannins.	14%	2012-2018	£40.35	Berry Bros & Rudd
Gianni Gagliardo, Cannubi, Barolo	16	Rose, violet, spice, red berry and cheese nose. Ripe, rich, concentrated fruit showing good integration and a few layers. Nice classic tannin structure.	14%	2012-2018	N/A UK	www.gagliardo.it
Luigi Baudana, Cerretta, Serralunga d'Alba	16	Open chocolate, spice, red berry, cherry, earth, tar and coffee nose. Powerful, complex and chunky wine with plenty of fruit and super-silky tannins.	15%	From 2013	£49	Christopher Piper
Manzone Giovanni, Le Gramolere, Monforte d'Alba	16	Lifted violet, spice, redcurrant and rosehip bouquet. Lively redcurrant fruit with medicinal notes. Modern, youthful with firm, round tannins. Quite long.	14%	2012-2018	£24	Lay & Wheeler
Mario Giribaldi, La Morra	16	Marmite, beef, and light summer fruit nose. Soft, slightly jammy palate - atypical character with good acidity and ripe tannins. Unusual style but nice!	14%	2012-2018	£25.99	Arth Wines, Last Drop, Mumbles Fine Wines, Wellswood Wines
Mauro Veglio, Rocche dell'Annunziata, La Morra	16	Sweet, ripe cherry, spice and violet perfume. Elegant and classy wine with a sleek, silky texture and graceful style. Fine acidity gives it finesse and poise.	14.5%	From 2012	£59.99	The Winery
Parusso, Bussia	16	Citrus, strawberry, sweet spice, clove and coffee bean aromas. Soft palate with plump fruit flavours. Commercially attractive, although not traditional.	14%	2012-2018	£50	The Wine Society
Rocca Giovanni, Bricco Ravera, Monforte d'Alba	16	Spice, aniseed, fruitcake, caramelised nuts and toasty oak. Spicy, almost juicy and elegant in this vintage. Enjoyably fruity and approachably robust palate.	14%	2012-2015	£30	Continental & Overseas
Tenimenti Ca' Bianca, La Morra	16	Hints of spice, violet, red fruit and white pepper aromas. Decent palate with some bright, fresh fruit, great balance of oak and extract of acidity. Attractive style.	14%	2013-2020	£19.99	C&T Licata
Asda, Extra Special	15.83	Open sweet spice, tobacco, coffee and light red fruit nose. Intense, rich and rounded red fruit with floral spice, very grippy tannins and lingering sweet fruit.	14%	2012-2022	£15.98	Asda
Azelia, Bricco Fiasco, Castiglione Falletto	15.83	Robust cherry, berry, sweet oak and spice aroma. Lush, broad, modern and fleshy style with sweet fruit and toasty, mocha tones adding complexity. Round tannins.	14.5%	From 2013	£44.03	Justerini & Brooks
Cavallotto, Bricco Boschis, Castiglione Falletto	15.83	Ripe cherry, roasted coffee and dried sage aroma. Juicy and approachable in the context of the vintage with zesty acidity, high, savoury tannins and a long finish.	14.5%	2012-2014	£35-£45	Goedhuis, Lay & Wheeler
Ceste, Monforte d'Alba	15.83	Tar, berry fruit, toast, vegetal and herbal nose. Balanced with intense, ripe dark fruit, vivid fresh acidity, grippy tannins and complexity of flavour.	14.5%	2012-2018	N/A UK	www.cestevini.com
Elio Grasso, Ginestra, Casa Maté	15.83	Creamy vanilla oak and brooding Nebbiolo fragrance. Modern style showing good dark berry fruit, polished vanilla oak and accessible tannins. Powerful.	14%	2012-2015	£61-£66	Christopher Keiler, Fine & Rare
Eraldo Viberti, La Morra	15.83	Restrained leather and spice nose. Traditional style with stewed fruit and leather notes. Still juicy acidity with rounded tannins and lovely seductive fruit.	14.5%	2012-2014	N/A UK	www.eraldiviberti.com
Michele Chiaro, Tortoniano, La Morra	15.83	Youthful aromas of tobacco and cedar oak. Strawberries-and-cream palate surrounded by fresh acidity and chewy tannins. A serious wine that will improve.	13.5%	2012-2014	£31.99-£34.95	Everywine, Finty Wines, Slurp, Strictly Wine, WineDirect, Wine Poole
Oddero	15.83	Juicy dark berry Nebbiolo fruit and medicinal cherry aroma. Approachable style with delicate use of oak, baked fruit flavours and sufficient acidity to last.	14%	2012-2014	£22.79	Ocado, Waitrose
Pietro Rinaldi, Monvigliero, Verduno	15.83	Spice, earth, flowers, red berry and herbal aromas. Rich, solid wine with elegant chunky tannins. Nicely balanced and weighty; made in an old-fashioned style.	14%	2014-2019	N/A UK	www.pietrorinaldi.com
Tenuta Carretta, Cascina Ferrero, Barolo	15.83	Herb, floral spice, stewed fruit, cherry, raspberry and mint nose. With sweet fruit and sweet tannins, it is broad, plump and generous. Acidity gives some zest.	13.5%	2012-2015	£18	Vinissimo
Tenuta Rocca, San Pietro, Monforte d'Alba	15.83	Delicate, lifted, charming raspberry aromas. Supple attack, forward, sleek texture and juicy acidity. Elegant rather than profound, evolved and agreeable wine.	14.5%	From 2013	£40-£60	Decorum, Grossi
Vietti, Castiglione, Castiglione Falletto	15.83	Pronounced ripe black cherry, dark chocolate, espresso and savoury aromas. Shy, foursquare fruit with fresh berries and noticeable tannins. Very traditional.	14%	From 2012	£35	Vinum
Marcarini, La Serra, La Morra	15.75	Bright eucalyptus and fresh cooked cherry bouquet. Meaty traditional flavours with chunky tannins and good acidity. Good balance and should evolve well.	14%	2012-2018	£37.80	Berry Bros & Rudd
Terre da Vino, Eszenze	15.75	Roasted chestnut, powerful oak, morello cherry and spice bouquet. Closed on the palate but lots of oak flavour and grippy tannins. Modern; fruit is dense and rich.	14%	2013-2018	£24	Everywine, Imbibros, Vinum
Batasiolo, La Corda della Briccolina, Serralunga d'Alba	15.67	Full, rich, spicy, vegetal and earth aromas. Youthful sweet plum and dark berry fruit palate with firm tannin and incisive acidity. Fruit and complexity balance.	14.5%	2012-2015	£53	Mondial
Boroli, Villero	15.67	Nice spice and oak perfume. Full-body, good spicy fruit flavours and dense concentration. All harmonious and well balanced.	14%	2012-2016	£44.95	Profumo di Vino
Bruna Grimaldi, Camilla, Grinzane Cavour	15.67	Coffee, dark fruit, sweet spice, wood, oak, herb and floral bouquet. Very smooth with balanced tannins and good acidity. Good substance and great depth.	14.5%	Now-2015	N/A UK	www.grimaldibruna.it
Bruna Grimaldi, Badarina, Serralunga d'Alba	15.67	Grass, herbal, vegetal, wild berry and spice aromas. Floral palate with fresh damson fruit and Bovril notes, soft rounded tannins and juicy acidity. Rustic style.	14.5%	2013-2017	N/A UK	www.grimaldibruna.it
Cascina Cucco, Cerrati, Serralunga d'Alba	15.67	Shoe polish, earth, rose, vanilla, cedar and oak aromas. Oxidative style with chewy, grainy tannins and well-crafted purity. Fine structure, poise and vinosity.	14%	2012-2020	N/A UK	www.cascinacucco.com
Casetta, La Morra	15.67	Oxidative and floral perfume. Pleasant, approachable style which is very tannic. Savoury leathery notes combine with spicy, medicinal fruit. Needs time.	13.5%	From 2012	£20	Belloni, Le Bon Vin
Crissante Alessandria, Capalot, La Morra	15.67	Ripe cherry fruit, burnt rubber, spice, mint and woodsmoke bouquet. Sweet tannins and a grippy mid-palate. Seems to lack a bit of fruit.	14.5%	From 2014	N/A UK	+39 33 33 67 14 99
Josetta Saffirio, Persiera, Monforte d'Alba	15.67	Youthful dark fruit, spice, leather, lees and cedar oak bouquet. Attractive but not so typical although rustic. Spicy raspberry fruit surrounded by firm tannins.	13.5%	2013-2019	N/A UK	www.josettasaffirio.com
Le Strette, Bergeisa, Barolo	15.67	Stylish nose of stewed strawberry, minerals and robust cherry fruit. Sleek and characterful with dry tannins. Austere with good acidity and delicious fruit.	14%	From 2012	N/A UK	www.lestrette.com
Monchiero, Rocche	15.67	Subtle, elegant perfume of cherry, spice, oak and flowers. Good, clean and bright red fruit and a subtle gaminess. Well structured with high tannins and acidity.	14%	2012-2016	N/A UK	www.monchierovini.it
Rocche dei Manzoni, Big 'd Big, Monforte d'Alba	15.67	Minerals, rose, violet, oak and confected aromas. Rich, broad and juicy palate with lift and drive. Lightweight except for the tannins. Long and solid finish.	14%	From 2013	POA	Decorum