

Piedmont 2000 Vintage retrospective:

92 points

Drink: 2011-2020

2000 Vietti Barolo Rocche

The 2000 Barolo Rocche has fared better than the Brunate, but it is a far cry from some of the truly legendary Rocches I have tasted here and elsewhere. The 2000 is rather burly Rocche, with little of the finesse that is this wine's calling card. Sweet mint and floral notes add freshness on the finish. Though not especially vibrant, the 2000 Rocche should last another decade or so on the strength of its fruit. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2020. Long-time readers know the late 1990s and early 2000s were a period of transition at Vietti. It was a time of experimentation with winemaking that led to the growth that now informs the spectacular wines of more recent vintages.

Importer: Dalla Terra, Napa, CA; tel. (707)
259-5405

- Antonio Galloni (June, 2011)

89 points

Drink: 2011-2015

2000 Vietti Barolo Brunate

The 2000 Barolo Brunate presents aromatics that are more advanced than the wine's fruit and tannins, a common state for the less successful 2000s. Sweet balsamic notes develop in the glass, adding some complexity, but the wine remains excessively marked by French oak. Some wines from this period have absorbed the oak (the 1998 Lazzarito comes to mind) but not here. Dry, woody tannins frame the finish. There isn't too much upside from cellaring bottles further. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2015. Long-time readers know the late 1990s and early 2000s were a period of transition at Vietti. It was a time of experimentation with winemaking that led to the growth that now informs the spectacular wines of more recent vintages.

Importer: Dalla Terra, Napa, CA; tel. (707)
259-5405

- Antonio Galloni (June, 2011)

sarah warner
account supervisor
WSET advanced certified
11936 jefferson blvd.
ste. c
culver city, ca 90230
310.313.6374 | 310.313.6378

"Quickly! Bring me a flagon of wine so I might
wet my brain and say something clever!" --Aristophanes