



Wonderful World of Wine

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Gary Parker Collection

2020 Renato Ratti, Barolo Marcanesco

Growing Region.....	La Morra, Piedmont, Italy
Varietal Composition.....	100% Nebbiolo
Fermentation.....	2 Years Oak Barrels, 1 Year in Bottle
Alcohol Content.....	14%
Suggested Retail.....	\$90.00
WineSeller Club Price.....	\$71.99

Broad Strokes: 96 Points James Suckling, 94 Points Wine Spectator

Barolo Marcanesco has ancient origins. History bears witness to the existence of documents at the "Rigestum Communis Albae" that mention the cultivation of Nebbiolo in the zone denominated "Marcanescum" already back in the XII Century.

The Ratti wine-making philosophy is founded on solid principles that have been in force for more than 50 years. It was Renato Ratti who had clearly delineated them. When he wrote about the "uniqueness of a determined subzone", or of the "classification of the various vintages" and of "refinement through bottle aging to bestow and maintain smoothness, elegance and longevity to the wine," he was setting the foundation of a methodology that would span the years without losing vigor or clarity.

Appearance:

The label, the bottle, this image I have been looking at for decades. It is classy, timeless, and to me it signifies excellent quality and integrity. It excites and calms me simultaneously. The wine has a light red tea like hue, clear in the middle. Read the back label ...

Nose:

Dried flowers: violets and roses hover over the elegant fruit of strawberry, red currant and sweet red fruits. COMPLEX! Yeasty, bread dough, orange citrus, dusty, earthy, elegant wood notes, and pumpkin spices.

Texture:

Medium to medium light in body and weight. Elegant and soft on the palate. The entry belies the richness of the subtle fruit awaiting to avail itself. Tightens up a bit with some airtime, a sign of its youthfulness, and things to come in the following years. Showing delicacy, and a lot of promise.

Flavor:

Strawberries and flowers. Some roast beef/steak/red meat/ flavors water. The mouth. Gaining complexities by the minute. Red raspberry, deft touches of wood, and a very long, light, lingering finish.

Serving Suggestions

This may seem perplexing to some, as the assumption is big powerful wines are the ones that improve with cellar time. However, this is an elegant classic with many years to develop.

