

GREAT WINE SEMINAR 1999
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“Barolo Traditionalist”

Barolo Riserva Brunate 1990 *(*)**

Palish dark garnet tawny. Largely closed nose with faint highlights of red fruits and a tarry note. Very firm attack. Closes up quickly with an edge of acidity and dry tannin. Still very young and undeveloped. The flavors are concealed. All future.

Barolo Riserva Brunate 1989 **(*)**

Dense very dark garnet with tawny aspect. Ripe, rich nose – but not forthcoming. Notably rich, generous, full and warm on the palate. Elevated acidity and tannin. Outstanding, profound Barolo of great promise.

Barolo Riserva Brunate 1988 **(+)**

Dark garnet with tawny rim. Deep, rich nose revealing a hint of mushroom and truffle. Ample though less rich than the '89. Well-structured and powerful. Long aftertaste with coffee note. Excellent.

Barolo Riserva Brunate 1986 **(+)**

Paling dark garnet tawny. Much more evolved nose with prominent mushroom and leather tones. The palate is still backward. Powerful, concentrated and very tightly structured. The wine offers sweet, spicy accents and a red berry note at the end.

Barolo Riserva Brunate 1985 **(*)**

Pale very dark tawny. Warm, subdued, softer nose. The palate delivers enormous richness, fat and a sweet undertone from alcohol. Slightly lower acidity and notes of coffee and milk chocolate in the finale.

Barolo Riserva Brunate 1983 ****

Dark tawny garnet. Ample, deep and warm nose showing leather, truffle and spice. Powerful in the mouth and a bit rough. Concentrated with high acidity. Commands attention, but must be paired with food!

Barolo Riserva Brunate 1982 **+**

Paling dark tawny. Rich and broad to the nose with contrasting mature and red fruit accents. Still richly textured and defined by acidity. Intense and full-bodied. The finish is impressively long with delicious coffee and nut flavors.

Barolo Riserva Brunate 1978 *** !**

Paling dark tawny. The nose is concentrated but remarkably reserved for a wine of this age, with a hint of tar. The taste is amazing concentrated, full and well-structured. Shows intensity, depth and superior balance. Only just entering its best drinking period! This is a fabulous Barolo.

Barolo Riserva Brunate 1970 (from magnum) ****

Pale dark tawny. Subtle, maturing, low-toned nose. Lovely resolution on the palate. Rich, sweet, warm and round. Finishes with a degree of roughness, but an excellent drink.

Barolo Riserva Brunate 1968 (from magnum) ****

Darker, more youthful color with red highlights. The nose is open and dominated by a mushroom tone. The palate is incredibly powerful and intense for a 30-year old wine. The flavors in the aftertaste are more tired and fading. Not entirely clean. Old school wine which will probably not improve with further aging, even though it may soften.