

VIRNA

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Roses and plums with hints of raisins and dried fruits. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a ripe fruit aftertaste. Delicious already. Best after 2007. 3,000 cases made. J.S.

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Plum and berry with hints of raisin on the nose follow through to a full-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a silky finish. Slightly one-dimensional but focused and pretty. New winery for me. Best after 2007. 600 cases made

Barbera d'Alba Superiore San Giovanni 2003 Score 86

Aromas of Violets and Berries with a hint of new wood. Medium-bodied, with good fruit and a clean, crisp finish. Drink now. 800 cases made. J.S.

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93 points | \$65 | 200 cases imported | Red

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Issue July 1, 2009
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Barolo Preda Sarmassa 2005

93 points | \$65 | 200 cases imported | Red

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Issue Jun 15, 2009
Wine Spectator

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Barolo 2001 Cannubi Boschis Score 88

A balanced and refined young Barolo with pretty prune, berry and floral character. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a fresh finish. A new winery for me. Nicely done. Best after 2007. 500 cases made.

Barolo Preda Sarmassa Riserva 1999 Score 91

Blackberry, chocolate and cedar aromas follow through to a full-bodied palate with silky tannins and a ripe fruity aftertaste. Best after 2007. 550 cases made. J.S.

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Barolo Preda Sarmassa 2007

Score: 92

Release Price: \$60

Country: Italy

Region: Piedmont

Issue: Dec 15, 2013

This shows grip for the vintage, with black cherry, plum, eucalyptus, leather and licorice notes. Glossy and open, supported by stiff tannins. Decant now or cellar for a few years. Best from 2015 through 2025. 600 cases made. *–BS*

VIRNA

Barolo 2008

Score: 91

Release Price: \$35

Country: Italy

Region: Piedmont

Issue: Dec 15, 2013

A mix of balsamic, earth, cherry and black currant flavors are matched to a silky, succulent texture in this graceful Barolo. Firm and lively, with a lingering, savory aftertaste. Best from 2016 through 2027. 1,300 cases made. *–BS*

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Barolo Cannubi Boschis 2009

Score: 90

Release Price: \$60

Country: Italy

Region: Piedmont

Issue: Dec 15, 2013

Defined by mint, eucalyptus and cherry notes, this red is light-weight and lacy in texture. Firms up slightly on the finish, showing fine balance overall. Best from 2015 through 2026. 100 cases imported. *–BS*

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Barolo Preda Sarmassa 2009

Score: 92

Release Price: \$60

Country: Italy

Region: Piedmont

Issue: Nov 30, 2013

Black pepper and floral aromas meet cherry and licorice flavors in this lacy red, well-made and firming up on the finish, with ripe tannins. Long, offering an aftertaste of sweet fruit, licorice and savory. Best from 2015 through 2027. 600 cases made. *–BS*



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| Wine | Vintage | Score | Release Price | Select |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|
| VIRNA Barolo Preda Sarmassa | 2006 | 93 | \$60 | |
| <p>This round red shows ample fruit, yet also plenty of grip. Cherry, licorice, mushroom and forest underbrush flavors mesh effortlessly as this steams to a lingering conclusion of fruit, leather and spice accents. Best from 2014 through 2032. 600 cases made. –BS</p> | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Nov 30, 2011 | |
| VIRNA Barolo Preda Sarmassa | 2005 | 93 | \$50 | |
| <p>Strawberry pie aromas, with lemon peel underneath. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a long finish. This is focused and concentrated for the vintage. Chewy. Best after 2013. 700 cases made. –JS</p> | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Jul 31, 2009 | |
| VIRNA Barolo Riserva | 2007 | 93 | \$70 | |
| <p>Dense, smooth and polished, delivering flavors of black currant, cherry, underbrush, licorice and tobacco. Offers a brilliant mix of fruity and savory elements, with terrific balance and the structure to develop. Fine length. Best from 2015 through 2030. 100 cases imported. –BS</p> | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Dec 15, 2013 | |
| VIRNA Barolo Riserva | 2003 | 93 | \$65 | |
| <p>This is decadent, with strawberry jam and rose water aromas. Full-bodied and very soft, with pretty, rich fruit and a long, creamy finish. A fruit-forward style. Almost ready to drink. Best from 2011 through 2015. 500 cases made. –JS</p> | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Sep 30, 2009 | |
| VIRNA Barolo | 2006 | 92 | \$35 | |
| <p>This silky red is flavored with cherry, herbs and tobacco. The tannins dominate the finish for now, but this is balanced and elegant overall. Best from 2014 through 2027. 1,300 cases made. –BS</p> | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Mar 31, 2012 | |



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| VIRNA Barolo Cannubi Boschis | 2006 | 92 | \$60 | |
| A firm, chewy red, displaying cherry, savory and woody elements that play out on the taut, linear frame. This leans toward elegance in the end, with lingering notes of tobacco, spice and mineral. Best from 2014 through 2030. 600 cases made. –BS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Nov 30, 2011 | |
| VIRNA Barolo Cannubi Boschis | 2000 | 92 | \$60 | |
| Big and rich with raisin, spice and berry aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, with silky tannins and a long finish. Tight. Powerful. Best after 2008. 500 cases made. –JS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Feb 28, 2006 | |
| VIRNA Barolo Preda Sarmassa | 2009 | 92 | \$60 | |
| Black pepper and floral aromas meet cherry and licorice flavors in this lacy red, well-made and firming up on the finish, with ripe tannins. Long, offering an aftertaste of sweet fruit, licorice and savory. Best from 2015 through 2027. 600 cases made. –BS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Nov 30, 2013 | |
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| VIRNA Barolo Cannubi Boschis | 2004 | 91 | \$59 | |
| Solid and fruity, with ripe, polished tannins and plenty of licorice, berry and mineral character. Very long and silky. Best after 2011. 800 cases made. –JS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Jun 15, 2008 | |



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| VIRNA Barolo Preda Sarmassa | 2000 | 91 | \$60 | |
| Loads of plummy, almost pruny character with hints of licorice. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a long finish. Juicy wine. Needs time. Best after 2008. 600 cases made. –JS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Feb 28, 2006 | |
| VIRNA Barolo Preda Sarmassa Riserva | 1999 | 91 | \$75 | |
| Blackberry, chocolate and cedar aromas follow through to a full-bodied palate with silky tannins and a ripe, fruity aftertaste. Best after 2007. 550 cases made. –JS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Feb 28, 2006 | |
| VIRNA Barbera d'Alba Superiore San Giovanni | 2007 | 90 | \$25 | |
| Ripe and exotic, this red offers black currant, violet, boysenberry and spice aromas and flavors. There are still firm tannins, and the spice notes echo on the finish. Drink now through 2014. 400 cases made. –BS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Mar 31, 2012 | |
| VIRNA Barolo | 2000 | 90 | \$40 | |
| Roses and plums with hints of raisins and dried fruits. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a ripe fruit aftertaste. Delicious already. Best after 2007. 3,000 cases made. –JS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Feb 28, 2006 | |
| VIRNA Barolo Cannubi Boschis | 2009 | 90 | \$60 | |
| Defined by mint, eucalyptus and cherry notes, this red is light-weight and lacy in texture. Firms up slightly on the finish, showing fine balance overall. Best from 2015 through 2026. 100 cases imported. –BS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Dec 15, 2013 | |



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| Plum and berry with hints of raisin on the nose follow through to a full-bodied palate, with fine tannins and a silky finish. Slightly one-dimensional but focused and pretty. New winery for me. Best after 2007. 600 cases made. –JS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Oct 15, 2005 | |
| VIRNA Barbera d'Alba | 2008 | 89 | \$20 | |
| A tasty, charming red, boasting blackberry and sweet spice flavors laced with licorice. Concentrated, firming up on the finish with slightly astringent tannins. Drink now through 2014. 1,000 cases made. –BS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Web Only - 2012 | |
| VIRNA Barolo | 2004 | 89 | \$45 | |
| Aromas of strawberry, plum and chocolate follow through to a medium-to-full body, with fine tannins, a citrus undertone and a medium finish. Best after 2010. 1,500 cases made. –JS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Jun 15, 2008 | |
| VIRNA Barolo Cannubi Boschis | 2005 | 89 | \$50 | |
| Sweet plum and berry aromas, with sandalwood undertones. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a clean finish. Refined tannin structure. Best after 2010. 800 cases made. –JS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Web Only - 2009 | |
| VIRNA Barolo Cannubi Boschis | 2001 | 88 | \$60 | |
| A balanced and refined young Barolo with pretty prune, berry and floral character. Medium-bodied, with fine tannins and a fresh finish. A new winery for me. Nicely done. Best after 2007. 500 cases made. –JS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Web Only - 2005 | |
| VIRNA Barbera d'Alba | 2005 | 86 | \$17 | |
| Strawberry and raspberry aromas follow through to a medium-bodied palate, with bright acidity and a fruity finish. Drink now. 700 cases made. –JS | Country: Italy | Region: Piedmont | Issue Date: Dec 15, 2007 | |
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VIRNA Barbera d'Alba Superiore San Giovanni

Lovely aromas of plum and blackberry follow through to a full body, with fresh, sliced fruit and a bright finish. A little simple, but very pleasant. Drink now. 420 cases made. -JS

Country: Italy **Region:** Piedmont **Issue Date:** Web Only - 2008

VIRNA Barbera d'Alba Superiore San Giovanni 2003 86 \$18

Aromas of violets and berries with just a hint of new wood. Medium-bodied, with good fruit and a clean, crisp finish. Drink now. 800 cases made. -JS

Country: Italy **Region:** Piedmont **Issue Date:** Feb 28, 2006