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## THE REAL REVIEW – LUGLIO 2016



### The best of Nebbiolo Prima

Nebbiolo Prima is an extraordinary event in the world of wine. It is a week-long annual event held in the pivotal Piedmontese town of Alba, where producers of Barolo, Barbaresco and Roero nebbiolo voluntarily put their new-release vintages in front of the world's wine press. The tasting is blind and exhaustive.



I've attended five times in the past seven years but this year was the most testing. I tasted more than 100 wines each morning for five days. These are new release Barolo (2012 vintage), Barbaresco (2013) and Roero (2013), as well as older Riservas from the same appellations.



After lunch, writers either visited one or two wineries or participated in another trade tasting at which extra wines, including older vintages, were served. (This year the Monday afternoon exhibition featured the 10-year-old 2006 vintage, and on another day I attended an exhibition mounted by a group of female winemakers). I probably averaged at least 150 wines a day. My 532 tasting notes are newly posted. I doubt if any of the 70-odd wine writers and bloggers attending, from all over the globe, has published as many reviews from this event.

Exhibitors enter their wines voluntarily, and several of the highest-profile producers never enter – people like Giacomo Conterno, Aldo Conterno, Bruno Giacosa, Elio Altare, Gaia, Domenico Clerico and Roberto Voerzio have never entered in the years I've attended. Several of the elite do enter their wines, however: the likes of Vietti, Paolo Scavino, G.D. Vajra, Massolino, Giovanni Rosso and Bartolo Mascarello.

The dozens of other producers include many well-known names and just as many that are little known outside the Langhe. There's always a number I have never heard of before. I'd estimate about 150 wineries are involved.

The best wines I tasted came from the following producers.

Day 3

*Barolo 2012. La Morra, Monforte d'Alba and Castiglione Falletto. The Monforte d'Alba commune was impressively strong.*

*Top wines: Cascina Ballarin ([tasting](#)), Ciabot Berton ([tasting](#)), Cascina Adelaide ([tastings](#)), Dosio ([tastings](#)), Massolino ([tastings](#)), Boroli ([tastings](#)), Deltetto ([tastings](#)), **Mauro Veglio** ([tastings](#)), Giovanni Sordo ([tastings](#)), Bartolo Mascarello ([tasting](#)), Andrea Oberto ([tastings](#)), Giacomo Fenocchio ([tastings](#)), Gianfranco Alessandria ([tastings](#)), Batasiolo ([tastings](#)), Cavallotto ([tasting](#)), Broccardo ([tastings](#)), Cantine Sant'Agata ([tasting](#)), Amalia Cascina in Langa ([tastings](#)), La Fusina di L & M Abbona ([tasting](#)), Pecchenino ([tasting](#)), Giovanni Rocca ([tasting](#)). Best wine: Vietti Brunate, 97 points ([tasting](#)).*



2012

**Mauro Veglio Castelletto Barolo DOCG**



 Italy, Piedmont, Barolo

 Mauro Veglio

 Nebbiolo

 Cork

Ranked

**#52 of 266**

2012 Nebbiolo tasted from Barolo





2012

**Mauro Veglio Rocche dell'Anunziata  
Barolo DOCG**



 Italy, Piedmont, Barolo

 Mauro Veglio

 Nebbiolo

 Cork



2012

**Mauro Veglio Vigneto Arborina Barolo  
DOCG**



 Italy, Piedmont, Barolo

 Mauro Veglio

 Nebbiolo

 Cork