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La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2012 90+ points Vinous

“Saturated red-ruby. Musky and flinty aromas and flavours of minty blackcurrant, licorice and ink. Pliant and generous, with a plush middle and repeating musky notes on the broadly tannic, flinty finish.” – *Ian D’Agata*

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2011 91 points Vinous

“La Rasina’s 2011 Brunello di Montalcino is one of the more beautiful wines of the vintage. Succulent dark cherry, plum, mocha and smoke are some of the many notes that flesh out in this extroverted, sumptuous Brunello. The natural richness of the vintage is evident, yet all the elements are in the right place, especially the balance between fruit and oak. The 2011 is built to deliver considerable near term pleasure, which it does. I don’t expect the wine will be especially ageworthy, but it is super expressive today, and a real pleasure to taste.” – *Antonio Galloni*

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2010 93 points Vinous

“La Rasina’s 2010 Brunello di Montalcino is one of the darker, racier wines of the year. Black cherries, plums, mocha, spices, new oak, new leather and licorice are all laced together in a ripe, voluptuous Brunello loaded with near term appeal. Forward and beautifully layered in the glass, the 2010 is already quite delicious. This is a terrific vintage for La Rasina, with plenty of the estate’s signatures on full display.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo 2013 92 points Vinous

“Far from an easygoing entry-level wine, Marco Parusso’s 2013 Barolo packs a serious punch. Dark cherry, plum, spice and sweet floral notes flesh out in an ample, enveloping Barolo endowed with serious density. The inclusion of whole clusters adds a level of exoticism and aromatic intrigue that gives the wine much of its unique personality.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2013 94 points Vinous

“The 2013 Barolo Mariondino is a real overachiever in this vintage. Succulent red cherry, dark stone fruit and floral notes are beautifully delineated throughout. Creamy, voluptuous and yet also nuanced, the Mariondino captures the essence of the Parusso house style. This is an especially rich wine for the year.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Mosconi 2013 93 points Vinous

“The 2013 Barolo Mosconi is the most masculine of these Barolos. A wine of weight and gravitas, the Mosconi offers notable power from start to finish. Black cherry, chocolate, dark spice and gravel fill out the wine’s broad frame effortlessly. The whole clusters add a measure of aromatic nuance, but the Mosconi lacks some of the freshness of the best wines in this range. There is no shortage of pure power though, that much is evident.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2013 94 points Vinous

“Another super-expressive wine, the 2013 Barolo Bussia is full of personality. Like all of these 2013s, the Bussia needs time to shed some baby fat. Today, the interplay of lifted aromatics and textured, layered fruit is compelling. Even with all of its richness, the 2013 stays light on its feet.” – *Antonio Galloni*



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Parusso Barolo Bussia Riserva Oro 2008 93 points Vinous

“The 2008 Barolo Bussia Riserva Oro is beautiful. Dark, sensual and inviting, the 2008 captures the best qualities of a year in which the harvest stretched all the way into the beginning of November. The aromatics alone are striking, with scents of lavender, sage, mint and violet wrapped around a core of blue and purplish-hued stone fruits. Like all of the Parusso Barolos, the 2008 Riserva is ripe and full-throttle, and yet Parusso manages to weave many strands throughout.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo 2012 92 points Vinous

“Parusso's 2012 Barolo is soft, supple and forward, with gorgeous aromatic lift throughout. Sweet red cherry, plum, rose petal and lavender flesh out in a gracious, mid-weight Barolo that is already quite expressive. This is a striking entry-level Barolo from Marco Parusso.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2012 93+ points Vinous

“The 2012 Barolo Mariondino is incredibly powerful and dense, with darker tonalities of fruit than are usually found here. Menthol, pine, spice, French oak and a host of balsamic-inflected notes flesh out as the 2012 shows off its personality. Deep, powerful and juicy, the 2012 Mariondino is another winner from Marco and Tiziana Parusso. Readers will have to give the 2012 at least a few years to soften, as it needs time to settle down. Today, the 2012 is dense and explosive, with new oak that needs to integrate and tannins that need time to soften.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo Le Coste 2012 91 points Vinous

“The 2012 Barolo Le Coste di Monforte shows the distinct influence of whole clusters in its decidedly lifted, savory profile. Sage, rosemary, lavender, mint and purplish hued fruits are some of the signatures. Lift, intensely aromatics and exotic, the 2012 is long on personality and class. This is one of the more unusual Barolos readers will come across. It will be interesting to see if the 2012 comes together a bit more fully over the coming years. At this stage the tannins are quite firm. Le Coste is a wine where the whole cluster and producer signatures speak more than site.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2012 93 points Vinous

“A dark, enveloping wine, the 2012 Barolo Bussia hits the palate with serious depth and intensity. It is also the darkest and most virile of Parusso's 2012s. Readers will have to be patient. These wines have a way of developing beautifully in bottle, but it will be at least a few years before the 2012 shows all of its cards.” – Antonio Galloni

Parusso Barolo Bussia Riserva Oro 2007 93 points Vinous

“Red cherry jam, raspberries, mint, wild flowers and spices are all pushed forward in the 2007 Barolo Bussia Riserva Oro. Voluptuous and flamboyant, the 2007 is racy, full-bodied and full of vintage personality. Mocha, spice, lavender and leather blossom into the radiant, unctuous finish. The 2007 is starting to show the first signs of aromatic maturity. It is best enjoyed over the next handful of years or so.” – Antonio Galloni

Antonio Galloni on Parusso 2011 Barolos: Marco Parusso's 2011 are rich, intense wines. Parusso continues to push the outer boundaries in Barolo, starting with a preference for late harvests. The fruit is left to cold macerate, or 'rest' to use Parusso's definition, for 5-7 days before fermentation begins, a highly unusual approach in Barolo. Over the last few years, Parusso has used a high percentage of whole clusters, another technique that only one or two other producers employ. French oak barrels are de rigueur, usually 100% new, with the exception of the Riserva, where the barrels are often switched out for the second year of aging, a technique sometimes referred to as 200% new oak. Parusso's Barolos remain some of the most unique wines in Piedmont. Parusso bottled his 2011 Barolos about two weeks before this tasting..

Parusso Barolo 2011 90 points Vinous

“Marco Parusso's 2011 Barolo is terrific. Sweet tobacco, mint, crushed flowers and dried red cherries are all laced together in a perfumed, aromatically expressive Barolo that should drink well pretty much upon release. Dried rose petal, mint, pine and a host of high-toned aromatics add considerable nuance. This is a gorgeous entry-level wine to drink over the next decade.” – Antonio Galloni



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Parusso Barolo Le Coste Monforte 2011 93 points Vinous

“New leather, smoke, black cherries and plums all meld together in Parusso's 2011 Barolo Le Coste. In this vintage, Le Coste seems to have handled the heat better than the Mariondino, as it has the broad shoulders and structural frame to hold the pure volume and resonance of the fruit. Mocha, French oak and spices flesh out on the racy finish. It will be interesting to taste the 2011 with a bit more time in bottle.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2011 94+ points Vinous

“The 2011 Barolo Bussia is the most tannic of Parusso's 2011 Barolos. Firm tannins provide the backdrop for a huge, powerful wine built on serious depth. Sweet floral and savory notes from the whole clusters add aromatic lift and striking perfume, but the Bussia remains a decidedly vertical Barolo that emphasizes structure...” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2011 92 points Vinous

“The 2011 Barolo Mariondino is one of the most explosive, ripe wines I have tasted from Marco Parusso in recent years. Black cherries, plums, smoke, spices and new leather all burst from the glass. Readers will need to give the Mariondino at least a few years in bottle, as the 2011 really needs time to lose some of its baby fat. The 2011 was done with 80% stems and aged in 100% new French oak barrels.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Bussia Riserva 2006 95+ points Vinous

“The 2006 Barolo Bussia Riserva is developing nicely, but it is still much too young to show the full breadth of its personality. Rose petal, lavender, mint, sweet spices and hard candy open up with time in the glass, but only with great reticence. The 2006 Riserva finishes with a classic sense of austerity that is one of the signatures of the year.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barbera d'Alba Superiore 2012 91 points Vinous

“Parusso's 2012 Barbera d'Alba Superiore jumps from the glass with hard candy, mint, flowers, spices and intense floral notes. This is an especially sensual, perfumed Barbera with super-expressive fruit, bright acidity and terrific balance. In this vintage, Parusso used 80% whole clusters.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Langhe Nebbiolo 2012 90 points Vinous

“Orange peel, cinnamon, flowers, sweet tobacco, mint and bright red cherries are some of the many notes that are laced together in the 2012 Langhe Nebbiolo. The flavors are bright and focused throughout in an impeccable Langhe Nebbiolo loaded with nuance.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barbera d'Alba Ornati 2013 90 points Vinous

“The 2013 Barbera d'Alba Ornati is terrific. Dark cherries, plums, mint and sweet floral notes are all laced together in a supple, silky Barbera that encapsulates the essence of this cool, late-harvest vintage.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Dolcetto d'Alba Piani Noce 2013 88 points Vinous

“Freshly cut rose petals, violets, mint and cinnamon are some of the many notes that take shape in the 2013 Dolcetto d'Alba Piani Noce. This is one of the more perfumed, delicate Dolcettos readers will come across. A week of pre-maceration cold soaking preserves marvelous perfume and silky texture.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2010 94 points Vinous

“The Barolo Bussia is the most polished and silky of the 2010's. The structure of the vintage and the finesse of Bussia meld together in a Barolo that is both graceful, powerful and resonant. Dark red/black fruit, smoke, tobacco, menthol and a host of balsamic-inflected nuances take shape in the glass. The 2010 turns bright, floral and savory in the glass, hinting at a promising future that lies ahead.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2009 95 points Vinous

“The 2009 Barolo Bussia is rich, explosive and full-bodied. A powerful, structured wine, the 2009 is remarkably backward and inexpressive at this stage. With time in the glass, layers of fruit gradually uncoil, revealing wine of



considerable pedigree and pure class. At times the 2009 is quite powerful, but occasionally a more feminine side of its personality emerges. Sweet notes of freshly cut flowers, menthol and cloves ring out on the expressive, resonant finish. The 2009 has serious structure, power and depth. Parusso crafts the Bussia from Rocche, Munie and Fiurin, all parcels within Bussia.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Riserva Oro 2004 95 points Vinous

“The 2004 Barolo Riserva Oro bursts from the glass with the essence of freshly cut flowers, sweet red cherries, spices, mint and licorice. Aromatically layered and totally silky, the 2004 impresses for its exceptional balance and pure class. The French oak – 150-liter cigarillos in this vintage – is totally integrated. There is no hint of wood, just plenty of super-ripe fruit. Today, the 2004 is alive and totally changing in the glass. It is without question a standout.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Le Coste Mosconi 2010 92 points Vinous

“Marco Parusso’s Barolo Le Coste is a bit changed in this vintage, in that the new regulations forbid using the name of more than one vineyard on a label, so there is no more Mosconi fruit here. Dark red cherries, tobacco, savory herbs, menthol, smoke and incense are some of the many notes that blossom in the 2010 Barolo Le Coste. Here the aromas and flavors are slightly darker, but the savory notes typical of the vintage at Parusso are very much on display. Readers will need to give the 2010 at least a few years for the tannins to soften. Without the Mosconi fruit, the Le Coste remains about more structures and linear than in the past.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Le Coste Mosconi 2009 94 points Vinous

“Parusso’s 2009 Barolo Le Coste-Mosconi wraps around the palate with serious depth. Here the fruit, aromas and flavors are best suited to the use of 100% new barrels. Mocha, black cherries, plums and licorice jump from the glass in this rich, full-bodied wine. The 2009 explodes in all directions with seamless, endless layers of fruit. Rich and voluptuous, the 2009 impresses for its fabulous overall balance.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2010 93 points Vinous

“The 2010 Barolo Mariondino is quite pretty. Dark red cherries, plums, dried flowers, new leather and spices flesh out in a racy, expressive Barolo with lovely mid-palate pliancy and depth. The Mariondino has a bit more depth than the straight Barolo, which serves to balance the whole clusters nicely. The 2010 closes up pretty quickly in the glass and is likely headed for a long period of dormancy. This is another fascinating, intriguing Barolo from Marco Parusso.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2009 94 points Vinous

“Another standout, the 2009 Barolo Mariondino is rich, deep and implosive in this vintage. The early appeal of 2009 is nowhere to be found in this powerful, structured Barolo. Black cherries, menthol, mocha and crushed rocks flow through to the huge, intense finish. The 2009 needs time for the new oak to integrate, but it is impressive, even today. Sweet spiced, floral and mentholated notes add intrigue, depth and complexity on the close.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo Riserva Oro 2009 94 points Vinous

“The 2009 Barolo Riserva Oro is a bit sweeter, richer and layered than the straight Bussia Barolo. There is plenty of intensity in the aromas and flavors. Sweet red cherries, mint and herbs are shaped by the 100% new French oak in a Barolo that is both sensual and powerful. For my taste, the oak is a bit prominent. It will be interesting to see where things go over the coming years. Regardless, this is an impressive effort, especially within the context of the year.” – *Antonio Galloni*

Parusso Barolo 2009 91 points Vinous

“The 2009 Barolo is classic Parusso. Sweet candied cherries, mint, flowers and cinnamon literally jump from the glass. Rich, open and deeply expressive, the 2009 impresses for its balance and harmony. Violets, sweet herbs, dried roses and hard candy flesh out on the rich, generous finish. This is a fabulous effort in its class. In any class, really.” – *Antonio Galloni*



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La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2012 96 points jamesuckling.com

“A wonderfully precise and clear red with cherry, plum and floral character. Hints of lemons. Full body and firm and velvety tannins. Long and tannic. Yet this still shows polish. “

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2011 92 points jamesuckling.com

“A firm, silky red with structure and depth for the vintage. Full and racy with freshness and depth. Long and muscular... “

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2010 94 points jamesuckling.com

“Lots of blackberry and dark chocolate and cedar aromas follow through to a full body, with firm and chewy tannins. Salty and savory underneath the fruit. So much going on inside. Rich and thoughtful. From organically grown grapes.”

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2009 92 points jamesuckling.com

“This shows rich fruit for the vintage, with dried berry and fig character. Full body, silky tannins and a fresh finish. “

La Rasina ‘Il Divasco’ Brunello di Montalcino 2010 95 points jamesuckling.com

“This is a powerful and structured young riserva with lots of dusty tannins and juicy fruit. Full body, chewy tannins and lots of intense dried fruit, cedar and toasted oak. From organically grown grapes.”

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2007 Il Divasco 93 points jamesuckling.com

“Very earthy aromas with sliced meat and foie gras character intertwined with ripe fruit. Full body, with velvety tannins and lots of new wood on the finish. But then the fruit comes out and it's gorgeous.”

La Rasina Rosso di Montalcino 2012 90 points jamesuckling.com

“Aromas of ripe fruit, walnut and smoked meat follow through to a full body, with velvety tannins and a wet earth, mushroom and berry aftertaste. Drink now.” – Ian D’Agata

La Rasina Sangiovese Toscana IGT 2012 90 points jamesuckling.com

“A red with grape, orange peel and floral character on the nose and palate. Full to medium body, silky tannins and a berry and chocolate aftertaste. Delicious. Drink now or hold.” – Ian D’Agata

Parusso Barbera d’Alba Superiore 2011 94 points jamesuckling.com

“Amazing aromas of dark chocolate, graphite and raspberries. Full body and integrated tannins with superb depth of fruit and richness. Old vines. Cold-soaked for a week, too. This was fermented with stalks and aged one year in new wood. Only 3,000 bottles. A monumental Barbera. Drink now.”

Parusso Barbera d’Alba Superiore 2012 92 points jamesuckling.com

“This is powerful and rich with loads of fruit and spice character, plus flowers. Full-bodied, round and delicious. So beautiful and juicy. This gets the full Barolo treatment. One year in barrel but no wood character. Delicious. Drink now.”

Parusso Barbera d’Alba Superiore 2013 92 points jamesuckling.com

“This is serious Barbera with tar, chocolate, licorice and berry character, and a meaty undertone. Full-bodied, juicy and delicious now Why wait?”

Parusso Barbera d’Alba Ornati 2013 90 points jamesuckling.com

“A tangy, fresh red with walnut, chocolate and sliced-peach and plum character. Medium body, bright acidity and a fresh finish. So delicious. Finesse. Drink now.”



Parusso Barolo Le Coste di Monforte 2010 95 points jamesuckling.com

"This is incredibly floral with rose petal and cherry character. Full body, with a wonderfully integrated tannin and fruity character. Racy and Silky. Thoroughly great wine. Should be better in 2017."

Top 50 Barolo 2010

Parusso Barolo 2011 91 points jamesuckling.com

"A spicy and rich wine with lots of dried meats and raisins. Full-bodied, round and juicy. Decadent style here. "

Parusso Barolo 2010 93 points jamesuckling.com

"This shows an intense character of rose petal and green tobacco lead with plums. Full-bodied and chewy with lots of ripe tannins and an intense finish. Dense and layered. Wild, funky and stylish. Decant two hours before serving. Fascinating Barolo. "

Parusso Barolo 2013 91 points jamesuckling.com

"A soft and velvety young Barolo with light sweet-tobacco, rose-petal and strawberry character. Full to medium body and a fresh finish. Give it three to four years to soften. "

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2010 93 points jamesuckling.com

"A wine with plum, flower and light mushroom. Earthy and so floral. Full body with soft tannins and a juicy finish. Better in 2017."

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2011 93 points jamesuckling.com

"A ripe style with berries, blackberries and spices. Full body, chewy tannins and a long finish. Concentrated style."

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2010 92 points jamesuckling.com

"Lots of ripe fruit, dried flowers and dried mushrooms on the nose here. Full body with round, velvety tannins and a flavorful finish. Decadent and rich. Better in 2016 when the tannins soften. "

Parusso Bricco Rovella Bianco 2011 91 points jamesuckling.com

"This is a white that is very ripe with spice, dried apple and honey character. It is slightly tannic. Full and phenolic. This is a white made like a red. Stylish and thoughtful wine. Drink now."

Top 25 Sauvignon Blancs from Italy 2013



La Rasina - Brunello di Montalcino 2010 92 points Wine Advocate

"The 2010 Brunello di Montalcino shows an impressive level of craftsmanship and quality of fruit. Dark cherry, blackberry and plum are the protagonists with pal-related tones of spice and tobacco stacked tall at the back. In fact, my first reaction was that the wine was too leaded with oak (it sees 28 months of wood contact), but its quick evolution in the glass gave me increased confidence that the oak spice will integrate within the thick fruity fleshiness of the wine. Give it five more years in the cellar to move towards a greater sense of balance. I'm very happy to see that so many vineyards are currently making the necessary changes to achieve organic farming. Among these new converts is La Rasina located was of the Montalcino fortress." - Monica Lerner

La Rasina - Brunello di Montalcino 2011 91 points Wine Advocate



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La Rasina – Brunello di Montalcino Riserva II Divasco 2010 95 points Wine Advocate

“A compelling and richly extracted wine, the 2010 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva il Divasco delivers the goods in this classic vintage. La Rasina has done a great job of harnessing the more structured and opulent side of Sangiovese. This wine will appeal to those who like Brunello with the proverbial capital "B." The bouquet is stitched tight with dark fruit, spice and leather, and there is a seamless quality that feeds its generous intensity. The tannins are well managed and show successful integration. Sweet notes of pipe tobacco, cigar box and dark fruit drive forward the wine's powerful momentum.” – Monica Lerner



Parusso Barolo Bussia 2012 93 points Wine Spectator

“An impressive Barolo, this features enticing aromas and flavors of cherry, currant, tar, eucalyptus and iron. Firm, yet rangy and complex, with a long finish of sweet fruit, licorice and mineral. Best from 2019 through 2033.” –BS

Parusso Barolo Le Coste di Monforte 2012 93 points Wine Spectator

“A mix of eucalyptus, wild herb, cherry and licorice flavors is tinged with an exotic note of coconut in this suave red. Intense and elegant, with a solid underlying structure and dominant tannins on the spicy, mineral finish. Best from 2019 through 2035.” –BS

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2012 93 points Wine Spectator

“Eucalyptus, menthol, fresh-cut hay and cherry flavors signal this muscular Barolo. Finishes on the astringent side, yet shows sweet fruit midpalate and plenty of personality. Best from 2020 through 2036.” –BS

Parusso Barolo 2012 92 points Wine Spectator

“Alluring aromas of cherry, eucalyptus, menthol, licorice and tobacco introduce this seductive red. Beautifully balanced and long, with supportive, ripe tannins and a long aftertaste of licorice, spice and mineral. Best from 2018 through 2033.” –BS

Parusso Barolo 2009 90 points Wine Spectator

“Fresh and elegant, this red displays cherry, strawberry, floral and subtle eucalyptus notes. The tannins are firm and balanced. Fine length.” –BS

Parusso Barolo Bussia 2009 90 points Wine Spectator

“Full of balsamic aromas and flavors, this red displays macerated cherry, leafy and black tea notes. Firmly tannic, balanced on the astringent side.” –BS

Parusso Barolo Le Coste di Monforte 2010 95 points Wine Spectator

“Aromatic, featuring rose, strawberry, raspberry and wild cherry flavors. The fruit tastes more macerated than fresh, with flourishes of licorice and tar. Silky, yet with a solid structure supporting the flavors. Shows fine length and leaves a mouth watering impression. Best from 2017 through 2033.” –BS

Parusso Barolo Le Coste Mosconi 2009 92 points Wine Spectator

“This aromatic Barolo boasts ripe peach and plum aromas, picking up notes of wild herb, leather and underbrush on the palate. The lingering finish echoes peach and herb accents. Approachable now, but should be better in a few years.” –BS

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2010 94 points Wine Spectator



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“Juniper, sage and sandalwood aromas segue into cherry and raspberry flavors in this polished Barolo. Leather and tea accents add dimension as this stays vibrant through the firm finish. Best from 2018 through 2035.” -BS

Parusso Barolo Mariondino 2009 92 points Wine Spectator

“Fresh and inviting, this red exhibits cherry, beet, iron and tobacco aromas and flavors on a firm, athletic frame. The tannins are assertive, but remain in bounds, with ample sweet fruit for balance.” -BS

Parusso Barolo Riserva 2005 91 points Wine Spectator

“Fresh cherry and herb notes mingle in this lush red, which feels different texturally than other Barolos, open and lacy, though it’s still backed by solid, dusty tannins. Finishes with spice and tobacco accents.” -BS

Wine&Spirits

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino Il Divasco Riserva 2010 93 points Wine & Spirits –YEARS BEST

“Marco Mantengoli bottles this riserva only in top vintages, relying on a single vineyard with north and east exposures. It’s fragrant with aromas of fresh black cherry and plum, spice and dried rose petals, then unfolds into juicy black fruit flavors that feel cool and fresh, accented by notes of mint, tobacco and dried herbs. Firm tannins give it a tightly coiled character that will become more expressive after several years in the cellar.”

Parusso Barolo Riserva 2005 93 points Wine & Spirits – YEARS BEST BAROLO

“A dark, earthy riserva, this wine’s generous red fruit is balanced by equally generous, ironbound tannins. The tannins keep everything tightly enclosed for now, giving this the feel of a Barolo far from maturity, though the wine’s sophistication and detail is already in evidence...”

Parusso Barolo Bussia Riserva 1999 92 points Wine & Spirits

“The delicate red fruit and tree ear mushroom scents have a fatness to them, balancing the precision of the tannins and filling out their structural tension. Even as a mature wine, this is lean, peppery and tight. Serve it with rabbit braised with wild mushrooms.”

Parusso Barbera d’Alba Ornati 2011 89 points Wine & Spirits – BEST BUY

“A simple, blueberry scented barbera, this impresses with its crisp line of fruit flavor. It’s round, rich and delicious. For salumi.”

Parusso Dolcetto d’Alba Piani Noce 2011 91 points Wine & Spirits – BEST BUY

“Packed with lucid cherry flavors and fruity mushroom freshness, this has bright edges of acidity to define the structure. The finish balances cherry licorice with an earthy note. For pork braised with juniper.”

WINEENTHUSIAST

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino Il Divasco Riserva 2006 95 points Wine Enthusiast

“La Rasina has really hit a winning formula with Il Divasco. This wine is bold and opulent with lavish layers of bright fruit, spice, cola and leather. It is one of those wines that seems to have melted chocolate fudge at its core with a round, soft mouthfeel at the backend. Intensity and complexity are both there.” -ML

Parusso Metodo Classico 2010 91 points Wine Enthusiast



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“Made entirely from Nebbiolo, Italy’s most noble grape, this offers a fragrance of McIntosh apple, grapefruit and yellow peach. The palate displays an enticing depth of flavors including red cherry, strawberry and notes of cinnamon-spice alongside a refined and persistent perlage.” – KO

Stephen Tanzer's
INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

La Rasina Brunello di Montalcino 2009 90 points International Wine Cellar

“Bright medium ruby-red. Highly aromatic nose offers smoky plum, minerals, vanilla and coffee. At once fat and juicy, with firm-edged bitter red cherry and spicy dark plum flavors showing very good grip and persistence. Finishes big, fat and flinty, with strong inky and tarry nuances. Though it is accessible now, this is another 2009 Brunello that will be best after another five years in the cellar.” – Ian D’Agata



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