



GIUSEPPE G CORTESE

AZIENDA AGRICOLA

RABAJA' - BARBARESCO

BARBARESCO RABAJÀ 2016

Recensioni e premi - Press and awards

WINE ENTHUSIAST – 96 pts. (Cellar Selection) “Aromas of underbrush, camphor, violet, dark culinary spices, new leather and dark-skinned fruit lead the way. The structured, full-bodied palate shows juicy red cherry, raspberry, orange zest, ground clove, star anise and truffle alongside fine-grained tannins and bright acidity. It boasts elegance and structure.”

DECANTER- 95 PTS. „Best Barbaresco 2016“- *Blind tasted by Stephen Brook(at Alba, 25 Jan 2019) - Part of [Best Piedmont wines: Latest-release Barolo & Barbaresco](#)* - The Cortese brothers are among the finest producers of this great cru, and the 2016, from 50-year-old vines, is outstanding. The nose is rich and vibrant, with raspberry coulis aromas. The high ripeness is immediately discernible but it's not overblown. Rich and velvety on the palate, this is sleek but concentrated, with finely judged density of fruit that never seems excessive. There's depth, weight, and considerable power here, with a long, complex finish. Drinking Window 2020 – 2040

ANTONIO GALLONI - VINOUS –november 7, 2019 94 pts. “The 2016 Barbaresco Rabajà is fresh, vibrant and pulsing with energy, all signatures of this important Barbaresco vintage. Sweet redcherry, tobacco, smoke, dried herbs and menthol are all wonderfully alive in the glass. This is such an expressive and vivid wine. Layers of aromatic and flavor intensity really come alive with aeration. **October 18, 2018 93 + pts.** Just bottled, the 2016 Barbaresco Rabajà is massively backward. Dark and imposing, the 2016 is an especially brooding wine. Black cherry, sage, lavender, menthol and dark spice fill out the wine's vertical frame effortlessly. Readers will have to be patient here, as the 2016 is not likely to be ready to drink anytime soon. Pier Carlo Cortese gave the 2016 22 months in cask, and has a Riserva in the cellar as well. This is a superb wine in the making.

JAMES SUCKLING- November 11, 2019 - 94 PTS “There are some playful, cake-like aromas here of cherry pastries, cast among a forest of cedar and cypress; they pave the way for fruitier notes of dried plums and orange peel. The acidity tension is spot-on, drawing a crystal-clear line between the undulating tannins and dynamic red fruit. The center palate is resolute and foursquare.”

Wine & Spirits – December 2019- 93 pts. “This is vibrant and refined, with black-cherry flavors that stay ripe and juicy despite the tightly wound tannins. Decant it to let the subtle spices and soft herbal notes emerge.”

OPENING A BOTTLE , Nov. 21th 5 out of 5 stars “The 2016 Giuseppe Cortese Rabajà Barbaresco was like a coiled spring on the night I tasted it. The first glass was tightly wound and tannic, the fruit submerged under the weight of the wine's power. But after an hour, it arrived dramatically, conveying a high degree of complexity. Sour cherry and sweet blue fruit aromas mingled with roses, balsamic, baking spice, leather and star anise. For a Barbaresco, the personality was more Type A than I am used to, but that would appear to be the vineyard speaking. If you want to know Rabajà's voice, it's the most profound. This is an invigorating wine worth seeking out.”

PERSWIJN – 02/2019 – „Best Barbaresco 2016“ - 18/19 points on Nebbiolo ster van Piemonte

Walter Speller from Jancis Robinson –from 2016- a turning point for Barbaresco- 17,5 pts. Tasted blind. Mid ruby with orange tinges. Earthy, minerally cherry nose which becomes more focused with aeration. Bags of coating tannins and perfectly balanced by succulent cherry fruit. Very firmly structured, persistent and long. Embryonic and not to be approached for a while.

The wine Front, Australia- 95 + pts. , posted on 24 July 2019. Despite the nature of the vintage, this 2016 has a bit of thunder about it. Dark cherry, violet, liquorice, earth and baking spices, perhaps the barest whiff of balsamic. Medium-bodied, perfumed, dense and earthy, yet fresh too, with raspberry and spice, a spread of suede-like tannin, orange and red fruits on a long and grippy finish. Think this will become something special.

GUIDA ESSENZIALE AI VINI D'ITALIA 2020, by Doctor wine/Daniele Cernilli: FACCINO, 96 PTS. Granato intenso. Molto tradizionale. Naso dominato da note floreali, di viola e di garofano, poi ribes e accenni speziati. Bocca di strepitosa tensione, elegante, con tannini fitti ed emblematici, corpo agile e giovanile, di fascino contadino, autentico e tipico. Finale lunghissimo. Grande versione.

GUIDA VITAE 2020 - 4 viti- Granato da manuale; terragno e minerale all'esordio, più sempre più fine nel progredire sinfonico delle sensazioni, segnate da finissime nuance balsamiche e poi di lavanda, che contrappuntano la melodia centrale dei piccoli frutti scuri, con ornamenti speziati mai sopra le righe. In bocca svela la sua dimensione superiore, fatta di tannini potenti e giovani e di una massa fruttata compatta e continua; la persistenza attesta un'impressionante riserva gustativa, che rilascerà nel tempo tutto il suo fantastico potenziale.

GUIDA VINI D'ITALIA GAMBERO ROSSO 2020 - 3 BICCHIERI – Austero e classico, intenso nei suoi toni di china e cassis; all'assaggio si rivela particolarmente serrato nella trama tannica, dotato di ottima polpa fruttata, ricchezza e acidità che garantiscono un futuro più che roseo.

WINESURF – degustazione Barbaresco 2016 - 4 stelle / 91 pts. TOP annata
Anno dopo anno una certezza! Un 2016 ancora molto austero e riservato, però pronto per invecchiare molti anni. Anche se è già buono adesso aspettate qualche tempo a berlo (magari aprite un suo 2015) e vedrete che mi ringrazierete.