

2009 Pietro Rinaldi Barbaresco San Cristoforo

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**RATING:** 92 points  
**PRODUCER:** Pietro Rinaldi  
**FROM:** Neive, Barbaresco, Piedmont, Italy  
**VARIETY:** Nebbiolo  
**DRINK:** 2014 - 2022  
**ESTIMATED COST:** \$47  
**SOURCE:** WA, #207  
 Jun 2013

Pietro Rinaldi's 2009 Barbaresco San Cristoforo is an easy, soft wine with plush oak renderings of mocha and toasted nut that add extra padding to the Nebbiolo fruit. The wine is tight and taut with firm, vibrant tannins. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2022.

Paolo Tenino and Monica Rinaldi Tenino run this 10-hectare estate with vineyards in Verduno for Barolo, Neive for Barbaresco and Madonna di Como for Dolcetto and Barbera.

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2009 Pietro Rinaldi Barolo

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**RATING:** 92 points  
**PRODUCER:** Pietro Rinaldi  
**FROM:** Barolo, Piedmont, Italy  
**VARIETY:** Nebbiolo  
**DRINK:** 2015 - 2024  
**ESTIMATED COST:** \$48  
**SOURCE:** WA, #207  
 Jun 2013

The base 2009 Barolo opens with dark color followed by savory, almost spicy, tones of back fruit or prunes. There is ripeness here but the wine is well-structured and velvety in texture. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2024.

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2008 Pietro Rinaldi Barolo Monvigliero

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**RATING:** 92 points  
**PRODUCER:** Pietro Rinaldi  
**FROM:** Verduno, Piedmont, Italy  
**VARIETY:** Nebbiolo  
**DRINK:** 2015 - 2025  
**ESTIMATED COST:** \$58  
**SOURCE:** WA, #207  
 Jun 2013

The 2008 Barolo Monvigliero offers toasted notes of almond and hazelnut backed by textured tannins and a dusty, mineral-driven finish. This is a brawny, dark and sinewy expression of Nebbiolo. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2025.

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2011 Pietro Rinaldi Barbera d'Alba Superiore Cichetta

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**RATING:** 90 points  
**PRODUCER:** Pietro Rinaldi  
**FROM:** Barbera d'Alba, Piedmont, Italy  
**VARIETY:** Barbera  
**DRINK:** 2013 - 2018  
**ESTIMATED COST:** \$25  
**SOURCE:** WA, #207  
 Jun 2013

The 2011 Barbera d'Alba Superiore Bricco Cichetta elevates Barbera to a new level with all kinds of dark fruit intensity, plum, granite and dark leather. The wine's inky consistency is nearly impenetrable. Pair it with grilled Italian sausage or spicy marinated pork chops. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2018.

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