

Barbaresco Rio Sordo Riserva 2004 94

Black cherry and light toasty oak on the nose. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and loads of fruit. This is structured and powerful. A wine for aging. Best after 2012. 100 cases made. –JS

Barbaresco Rio Sordo 2004 91

Ripe strawberry and milk chocolate aromas, with hints of cedar, lead to a full body, with lots of fruit and a velvety-textured finish. A juicy young wine. Best after 2011. 500 cases made. –JS

Barbaresco Rio Sordo 2003 91

Aromas of crushed raspberry and blackberry follow through to a full-bodied palate, with chewy tannins and a long, long finish. Lots going on. Best after 2008. 410 cases made. –JS

Barbaresco Rio Sordo 2005 89

Shows wild strawberry aromas, with hints of jam and mushroom. Full-bodied, with a soft, velvety tannin texture and a medium finish. Turns chewy. Needs time. Best after 2010. 460 cases made. –JS

Barbaresco base 2004 89

A soft, silky red, with plum and berry character. Medium-bodied, with a clean finish. There's attractive strawberry character on the finish. Best after 2010. 600 cases made. –JS

Barbaresco base 2003 89

Fresh and fruity, with lots of bright raspberry aromas. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and a medium finish. Needs time to develop in the bottle. Best after 2007. 830 cases made. –JS

Barbaresco base 2006 88

Very pretty aromas of smoke, berry and light dry earth. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and bright acidity. Turns soft and delicious. Slightly hollow midpalate. Best after 2010. 415 cases made. – JS

Barbaresco base 2005 88

Aromas of strawberry and spices follow through to a full body, with soft tannins and a ripe fruit aftertaste. Delicious already. A little one-dimensional on the palate. Best after 2010. 600 cases made. –JS

Barbaresco Rio Sordo 2006 87

Sliced plum, with ripe strawberry and spice on the nose. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and loads of new wood and ripe fruit. Best after 2010. 330 cases made. – JS

Barolo Cannubi Muscatel 2005 87

This has a distinct raisin and coffee grind aroma to it. Full-bodied, with lots of toasted oak and slightly hollow midpalate. Best after 2011. 85 cases made. – JS