

# Barolo 2009

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**Outstanding** 18.5–20pts (95–100pts)



## Virna, Cannubi Boschis, Barolo

*Decanter* average score: 19/20pts (96/100pts)

Individual judges' scores: Paolo Basso 19 Ian D'Agata 19

Michael Garner 19

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Virna Borgogno graduated in 1991 from the oenology school in Alba, and only 10 years later founded the estate that she runs with sister Ivana and her husband, Giovanni Abrigo, a producer in Barbaresco. Their Cannubi Boschis vines are roughly 45 years old, and the Barolo is made with short 10-day macerations on the skins at relatively high temperatures (30°C is common). The classic Barolo is instead a blend of two vineyards from Novello (Merli and Sottocastello), which means it is a more rigid, austere wine with good ageworthiness. This is an up-and coming estate that has a tasting room right in the Barolo town centre, so it's easy to visit.

**Paolo Basso** Balsamic notes of eucalyptus, anise, vanilla and sweet spices. Rich, full bodied, with an expressive and savoury deep character. Very long persistency.

**Ian D'Agata** Clean, fresh, but also rich and ripe red fruit. Real density and long, with silky tannins. Great balance.

**Michael Garner** Intriguing nose of prunes, chocolate and cinnamon. Ripe, fleshy and juicy, but with good balance. Understated structure with hugely impressive length and definition.

**Drink** 2015–2025 **Alcohol** 14.5%