

COMM.G.B.BURLOTTO



Aves Barbera d'Alba

Country: Italy Region: Piedmont
Type: Red Varietal: Barbera
Format: 12 x 750ml

BC AB SK MB
+628602
Speculative

TASTING NOTES

Colour: Deep garnet red.

Aroma: Dark red fruits on the nose, complimented by savoury notes.

Taste: A cool refreshing Barbera with a very complex mid palate with great intensity; dark fruit, licorice, mineral, and savoury elements, excellent length.

Food: Smoked pork shoulder, port roast and stir-fry beef.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2022 ~ 93 Points. "The Comm. G.B. Burlotto 2022 Barbera d'Alba Aves is elegant and contained (despite a high 15% alcohol content) with floral aromas, cherry and the pithiness of a pomelo fruit. The palate is treated to layers of light spice from the skins with subtle minerality as well. It's all beautifully put together, incredibly silky and fine, but it also shows tension and energy. This wine is all about the high tones. Some 8,000 bottles were made." - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Apr/2024

2022 ~ 92 Points. "The 2022 Barbera d'Alba Aves, Burlotto's top Barbera, is a rich, heady wine. Succulent dark cherry, plum, licorice, cloves and lavender open nicely. Medium in body and racy, with gorgeous texture, the 2022 is impeccably balanced. It spent 10 months in 500L barrels, then 2 months in cask prior to bottling." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, Nov/2023

2022 ~ 91 Points. "A bright but slightly deeper ruby color, the 2022 Barbera D'Alba is lifted with peppery freshness and crisp red and black berries. Offering a snappy nature and good structure, it takes things up a notch in overall quality and can stand up to a variety of cuisines. With its crunchy fruit and fresh structure, I love where this is now, and it's going to be very nice over the next several years as well." - Jeb Dunnuck, May/2024

2021 ~ 94 Points. "This wine represents a selection of fruit from the oldest vines. It is not labeled Superiore, but it could be technically, given its winemaking and release time. The 2021 Barbera d'Alba Aves shows layers of dark fruit, blackberry preserves and plum. It delivers high acidity with freshness that is balanced against concentrated fruit. As a result, this vintage feels especially crunchy in texture." - Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, Aug/2023

2021 ~ 93 Points. "The 2021 Barbera d'Alba Aves is a selection of the estate's best Barbera. A wine of gravitas and tension, the Aves is lights-out in 2021. There's plenty of the depth of past editions, but less overt concentration and oak imprint than in the past. In the last few years, Fabio Alessandria has dialed back some of the textural intensity in this wine in favor of greater freshness. The result is a striking Barbera that is also more in line with the rest of the wines in the range." - Antonio Galloni's Vinous, Nov/2022

2021 ~ 92 Points. "Pouring a bit more in the purple range of the spectrum and from a single tonneau, the 2021 Barbera D'Alba Aves (“aves” means birds in Latin) has more peppery spice, violets, and wet stone. It is medium-bodied but takes on more concentration and richness, with meaty black cherry, turned soil, and tea leaf notes. It also has fine tannins and a good finish. This will be an age-worthy wine for drinking over the next ten years." - Jeb Dunnuck, Apr/2023

2021 ~ 91 Points. "A compact red overall, with the oak lending a milk chocolate feel. Boasts blackberry, boysenberry and blueberry fruit that takes center stage, while the spicy finish is a bit compressed. Drink now through 2030. 650 cases made." - Wine Spectator, Feb/2024

OTHER INFO

Burlotto's winemaker, Fabio Alessandria, doesn't just make great Barolo, he makes great *everything*. Apart from his majestic Barolos, his special Barbera cuvée "Aves" has consistently been one of his most impressive wines. Aves is also one of his greatest bargains.

Production of Burlotto's top Barbera is small. Made with 100% estate fruit, Fabio works with just two parcels of very old Barbera vines, in Verduno's Neirane cru and in Castagna. Vinified with 50% whole clusters, the fermentation is done with wild yeast and the wine ages in 500L barrels.



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