



Massolino 2007 Barolo Riserva Vigna Rionda

Score: 88 pts

Serralunga D'alba, Piedmont, Italy

I am surprised by how delicate the 2007 Barolo Riserva Vigna Rionda is. Freshly cut flowers, sweet cherries, mint and anise are all nicely layered in the glass. Despite the richness typical of the year, the 2007 is a relatively mid-weight wine, with only modest depth, delineation or nuance. At times, the alcohol is also noticeable. Today, it is hard to see the 2007 being a long-term ager, and I say that having tasted every vintage of this wine and knowing most previous editions have developed beautifully in bottle. Overall, this is a rare miss from Massolino. Tasted twice with consistent notes.

— Antonio Galloni, May 2013