

# Wine Spectator Insider

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**BAROLO SPECIAL REPORT:** Few of the world's great wines combine intensity with seductiveness as seamlessly as Barolo, Piedmont's iconic expression of the Nebbiolo grape. And now is a celebratory time for Barolo lovers. As senior editor Bruce Sanderson wrote in a preview of the 2010 vintage earlier this year, "Barolo witnessed something special. Northwestern Italy's leading wine region has enjoyed a string of fine vintages dating from the 1996 harvest, but 2010 just may be the finest yet. It combines the best qualities of these recent vintages—purity, elegance, balance and complexity, plus the ability to age."

In this special report, find 37 new Barolo releases from the 2010 vintage, with ageworthy wines up to 98 points. The usual high achievers turn in strong efforts here—Aldo Conterno, Paulo Scavino, Giuseppe Rinaldi, Oddero, **Renato Ratti**, Vietti, Pio Cesare and many more.

## ITALY Barolo

### RENATO RATTI

Barolo Rocche dell' Annunziata 2010

**95 points | \$108 | 250 cases imported | Red**

A mix of cherry, menthol, tar and aromatic herbs, this red is rich and intense, with a solid base of tannins. Licorice, mineral and spice notes come into play as this expands on the tightly wound, almost chewy finish. Shows fine balance and length. Best from 2018 through 2035.—*B.S.*

### RENATO RATTI

Barolo Conca 2010

**93 points | \$88 | 200 cases imported | Red**

Wild savory aromas of sage, juniper and rosemary transform into flavors of raspberry, boysenberry and wild cherry. Complex and vivid, with brawny tannins for support. Oak spice details line the finish. Best from 2018 through 2033.—*B.S.*