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## Sassella Ultimi Raggi Riserva

This wine, born in 1999 from an Arturo's idea, plays on the slightly drying of the grapes in the vineyards, up to 600 meters above sea level, at the highest point of Sassella, in the zone called "Ere".

After ageing in the bottle, Ultimi Raggi becomes the wine with the highest alcohol content of the winery's production, while losing none of the freshness and mouthfeel of Nebbiolo from the Alps.



Appellation:

Grapes:

Vineyard:

Altitude:

Maceration:

Ageing:

Alcohol:

**Valtellina Superiore Riserva DOCG**

**Chiavennasca (Nebbiolo) 100%**

**With grass, South-West exposure**

**600 m a.s.l.**

**114 days in wooden vats 50 hl**

**42 months in big barrels 50 hl,  
concrete, bottle**

**14%**

Reviews

**VINTAGE 2018**

Vinous – 90

**VINTAGE 2016**

James Suckling – 95  
Wine Spectator – 92

**VINTAGE 2013**

Vinous – 93+  
Wine Spectator – 92



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SELECTIONS

**VINTAGE 2018****Vinous – 90**

The 2018 Valtellina Superiore Sassella Riserva Ultimi Raggi is powerful and intense in its fruit expression, but also mature. Candied fruit, spice, tobacco, leather and dried herbs waft from the glass. Overall the 2018 comes across as a bit advanced, with precarious balance that suggests it is best enjoyed over the next few years.

**VINTAGE 2016****James Suckling – 95**

Aromas of graphite, game, earth, red cherries and dark berries. Dense palate with dusty yet ripe tannins, refreshing acidity and a medium to full body. A lot of good substance that still needs time to integrate and gain complexity. Drinkable now, but best from 2026.

**Wine Spectator – 92**

A lively, graceful red, well-spiced and aromatic, with a skein of incense and potpourri notes winding through cherry and berry fruit flavors. Reveals a savory push of loamy earth, mineral and brambly herbs on the plush finish. Drink now through 2031. 500 cases made, 75 cases imported.

**VINTAGE 2013****Vinous – 93+**

The 2013 Valtellina Superiore Sassella Riserva Ultimi Raggi is a bit austere. Red purplish fruit, dried herbs, orange peel, spices, rose petals and cinnamon are layered in this exotic, beguiling Valtellina Superiore. Readers will find a wine of terrific energy, with bright acids that run through a tight finish. It's hard to say for a wine that is nearly ten years old, but the 2013 might still need time!

**Wine Spectator – 92**

A mineral red, with smoke and stone notes lacing the juicy sun-dried cherry and strawberry fruit. It's well-balanced and expressive, a fresh and accessible version with fine-grained tannins providing light, taut definition. Accents of tea rose, red licorice and ground white pepper linger on the finish. Drink now through 2028. 500 cases made, 175 cases imported.