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Barbaresco Asili Vecchie Viti 2019

Wine made from the old vines that grow in the central part of the geographical mention Asili.

Produced from 2004 to 2006 as Barbaresco Asili, since the 2007 vintage it has been labelled as "Vecchie Viti".



Appellation:	Barbaresco DOCG
Grapes:	Nebbiolo 100%
Vineyard:	A small (.22 hectare) parcel in a prime location in the middle of the Asili hill
Orientation:	South-southwest
Soil:	Particularly rich in limestone and marl mixed with strands of reddish yellow sand
Viticulture:	The vines in this parcel are all at least 50 years old—many much older. He maintains the old vines as long as possible but whenever he needs to replace a vine it is propagated from a vine in the same parcel
Vinification:	Fermentation lasts ten days in large wood casks. They ferment with a pied de cuvee made from their indigenous yeasts. They then use the technique of submerged cap—which can last 80-90 days
Ageing:	The wine is then aged in large neutral French botti. The oak Luca uses is never toasted but instead made by using hot steam instead of flame. The wine is normally aged for five years in wood before release
Production:	Only about 1,000 bottles produced
Notes:	Luca's grandfather Giovanni purchased the parcel in 1961

Reviews

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The 2019 Barbaresco Asili Vecchie Viti is terrific, but it will also need time to be at its finest. It offers a captivating mix of Asili's inner perfume and the youthful austerity that is so typical of the year. Kirsch, cinnamon, sweet spice, mint, cedar and pipe tobacco open with some coaxing. Patience will be absolutely critical here. What a gorgeous wine this is.

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Lithe and elegant, this red is also spicy, its white pepper aligning with the vibrant backbone of acidity to define flavors of cherry, strawberry, currant, rose hip and mint. As this builds to the finish, a mineral element emerges, along with dense, refined tannins. Best from 2028 through 2047. 100 cases made.

