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2004 Barolo Ravera The Ravera cru near the village of Novello is planted at just over 1,200 feet. You can feel the influence of the altitude in this refined '04—dynamic flavors coalesce around the lean, elegant structure. It's all cherries and plums when first poured, and with air gains earthy complexity as aromas of dried porcini and a sanguine mineral character begin to emerge. Its flavors are edged along in the gentle grip of the wine's tannins, a progression that feels composed and classical in nature. Cellar this for a decade or more, or decant for grilled rack of lamb. *Vias Imports, NY*

Best Buys

Our critics selected these **Barolo & Barbaresco** wines for their exceptional quality/price ratio.

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Elvio Cogno \$49

2004 Barolo (87 points) Simple and pretty, with floral aromas and ripe cherry flavor, this veers towards overripe, with some heat on the finish. Pour with braised short ribs. *Vias Imports, NY*