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Best Barolos

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Renato Ratti Winery, Annunziata (Photo ©Tom Hyland)

A few months ago, I assembled the choices of several Italian wine authorities regarding [Brunello di Montalcino](#). Today, we turn our attention to Barolo.

I asked some of my friends to give me their choices for best Barolos. Some opted for individual bottlings, while others merely listed producers. Some list as many as 20 examples, while one person went with only four producers.

Here are the lists:

Charles Scicolone – Author of the blog [Charles Scicolone on Wine](#). One of America's leading authorities on Italian wines. Wine writer and restaurant consultant. He lives in New York City.

- Cantina Bartolo Mascarello
- Giuseppe Mascarello-"Monprivato"
- Poderi Colla-'Bussia"
- Francesco Rinaldi-Cannubio"
- Vietti SLR "Rocche"
- Giacomo Borgogno & Figli "Classico Riserva"
- Schiavenza-"-Broglia"
- Giorgio Scarzello "Vigna Merenda"
- **Elvio Cogno-"Ravera"**
- G. Brezza & Figli-"Sarmassa"





Franco Ziliani - One of Italy's most influential wine writers. Manages the website barolodibarolo.com. Also writes the blog vinoalvino.org and co-writes the blog vinowire.com with Jeremy Parzen. Lives near Bergamo in Lombardia.

- Barolo Monprivato Giuseppe Mascarello Castiglione Falletto
- Barolo Cascina Francia & Monfortino Giacomo Conterno Monforte d'Alba
- Barolo Brunate Le Coste Giuseppe Rinaldi
- Barolo Vigna Rionda Massolino Serralunga d'Alba
- Barolo Bricco Boschis Vigna San Giuseppe riserva Cavallotto Castiglione Falletto
- Barolo Bricco Sarmassa Brezza Barolo
- Barolo classico riserva Borgogno Barolo
- Barolo Rocche dei Brovia Brovia Castiglione Falletto
- Barolo Monvigliero Comm. G.B. Burlotto Verduno
- Barolo Bartolo Mascarello
- Barolo Gran Bussia riserva Aldo Conterno
- Barolo Ginestra Vigna Casa Maté Elio Grasso

Craig Camp - A veteran of more than thirty years in the wine industry, Craig formerly lived near the Barolo area, organizing wine tours. He also imported Italian wines into America. Today he lives in Napa and is general manager of Cornerstone Cellars. He is an enthusiastic blogger and I recommend his WineCampBlog.

- Vajra Brolo Bricco della Viole
- Giacomo Brezza Barolo Cannubi
- Marcarini Barolo Brunate
- Marcarini Barolo La Serra
- Giuseppe Rinaldi Barolo Brunate
- Poderi Colla Barolo Bussia Dardi Le Rose
- Brovia Barolo Ca' Mia
- Brovia Barolo Rocche dei Brovia
- Giacomo Conterno Barolo Cascina Francia
- Giacomo Conterno Barolo Monfortino
- Bruno Giacosa Barolo Falletto di Serralunga
- Bruno Giacosa Barolo Le Rocche di Falletto
- Paolo Conterno Barolo Ginestra Riserva
- Elio Grasso Barolo Ginestra Vigna Casa Mate'
- Vietti Barolo Villero Riserva
- Giuseppe Mascarello Barolo Monprivato
- Bartolo Mascarello Barolo
- Teobaldo Cappellano Barolo Otin Fiorin Collina Gabutti
- Oddero Barolo Vigna Rionda





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Falletto Vineyard of Bruno Giacosa (Photo ©Tom Hyland)

Alfonso Cevola - Italian wine importer, distributor and educator. He is the author of the blog [On the Wine Trail in Italy](#). He currently resides in Dallas.

- Bruno Giacosa
- ~~Giacomo Conterno~~
- **Elvio Cogno**
- ~~Cascina Bruni~~

Jeremy Parzen - Wine educator and marketing consultant, he is the author of the Italian wine-themed blog [DoBianchi](#) and co-author of the blog [vinowire](#) with Franco Ziliani. He currently splits his time between Austin and San Diego.

- Anselma
- Bartolo Mascarello
- Brovia
- Bruno Giacosa
- Cappellano
- Castello di Verduno
- Cavallotto
- Francesco Rinaldi
- Giacomo Borgogno
- Giacomo Conterno
- Giacomo Fenocchio
- Giuseppe Rinaldi
- Marcarini
- Massolino
- Oddero
- Ratti
- Roagna





And finally, my choices:

First ten (in alphabetical order)

- Bartolo Mascarello
- Cavallotto Bricco Boschis "Vigna San Giuseppe Riserva"
- Ceretto "Prapo"
- Cogno "Ravera"
- Aldo Conterno "Romirasco"
- Fontanafredda "Lazarito La Delizia"
- Elio Grasso "Chiniera Vigna Casa Maté"
- Marcarini "Brunate"
- Giuseppe Rinaldi "Brunate Le Coste"
- Vietti "Rocche"

Next ten:

- Ascheri "Sorano Coste e Bricco"
- Einaudi "Costa Grimaldi"
- Massolino "Margheria"
- Oddero "Brunate"
- Sergio Barale "Cannubi"
- Renato Ratti "Conca Marcenasco"
- Francesco Rinaldi "Brunate"
- Rocche Costamagna "Rocche dell'Annunziata – Bricco Francesco"
- Enrico Scavino "Rocche dell'Annunziata"
- Roberto Voerzio "Sarmassa"

- Tom Hyland

