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➔ **Barbaresco : The 2007 Vintage**

Elvio Cagno

Cagno Barbaresco DOCG 2007

Tasted October 2010

Lively almandine ruby with black reflections and almandine rim. The bouquet is muted, though swishing brings up mentholated spice mingled with some cedar and moderately intense berry fruit. On the palate it's ample, with fairly rich cherry prune fruit supported by moderately intense sour prune cherry acidity, and by tannins that have a warm splintery burr and flow into a moderately intense splintery bitter finish. It needs a couple of years for the tannins to smooth, and will likely always be better with foods than on its own -- wine is, after all, a companion to food, so this is a Good Thing -- and I would drink it with a steak or a hearty roast.

2 stars