

BAROLO



94 | Elvio Cogno \$107

2005 Barolo Riserva Vigna Elena Among the most potent and fresh 2005 Barolos we tasted, this is compressed into an initial scent that one taster described as “Fernet Branca and porcini.” It layers red raspberry and strawberry scents over fine, black mineral tannins, seeming to last on the tannins and minerality until it morphs back to juicy fruit. Sophisticated in its structure, this may begin to show its best with another four or five years in bottle. Walter Fissore makes this wine from one hectare planted to the rosé clone of nebbiolo, aging it in large, Slavonian oak *botti*. *Vias Imports, NY*

91 | Elvio Cogno \$32

2009 Barbera d’Alba Bricco dei Merli A gentle textural pleasure, this barbera has a spicy purple fruit richness along with enough acidity to make it a great match for charcuterie. Supple and beautiful. *Vias Imports, NY*

88 | Elvio Cogno \$52

2007 Barolo Cascina Nuova (Best Buy) High-toned oak scents of vanilla recede as this wine’s generous, rough-cut fruit comes forward. This shows promise for the future, needing time in a decanter or bottle age to integrate. *Vias Imports, NY*