

# GRAPELINES: Italy's Piedmont region yields truffles, terrific wines

## Barolo and Barbaresco are a class apart

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There is clearly something magical in the soil of Italy's Piedmont region. In addition to being a source of the highly esteemed white truffle, it is also the region where the Nebbiolo grape is transformed into Barolo and Barbaresco, two of Italy's greatest wines...

Recent releases of Barolo and Barbaresco from the **Luca Bosio Vineyards** are drinking remarkably well while young including the **Luca Bosio Barbaresco DOCG 2011** that displays red floral, menthol and earthy aromas leading into attractive spice, coffee and chocolate accented dark berry, plum and strawberry flavors. Nicely balanced and very food friendly, there is also a notable minerality in the long finish... **Luca Bosio Barolo DOCG 2009** seems to explode with scents of cranberry, leather and hints of smoky tea that combine with mushroom, kirsch, cola and dark fruit flavors within a full bodied frame of notable but not massive tannins, good balance and oak that make it drinkable and yet also age-worthy... **Luca Bosio Barolo DOCG 2010** ...is softer with velvety tannins and nicely developed red berry and floral aromas along with herb infused blackberry, raspberry and citrus notes leading to a lengthy, bright finish...

Bosio also produces some other interesting wines such as their 100 percent Barbera named after one of the family's favorite dogs that is adept at finding truffles. Their "**Leda, the Truffle Hunter**" **Barbera d'Asti DOCG 2013** is a value priced, easy drinking, medium-bodied wine that expresses ripe red berry and cranberry aromas and flavors along with citrus and some bittersweet chocolate at the end. Consider as well the **Luca Bosio Arneis DOCG 2013**, a lovely and inexpensive white from grapes indigenous to Piedmont that matches well with chicken, fish and light pasta dishes. It opens with lemon curd and white flower aromas that progress into lush pear, apricot and peach flavors with hints of hay and citrus acidity for balance...

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