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YOUNG WINES THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM FURTHER MATURATION

2004 BAROLO AGE BEFORE BEAUTY

The latest Barolo vintage to be released, 2004 could well be the crowning glory in a sterling decade that began in 1995. But Nicolas Belfrage MW warns that 2004 is most definitely a vintage that needs time, Roy Richards and Franco Ziliani agree

Terre da Vino Essenze - 13.5

NB: Medium, correct. A bit quiet on the nose. At first it seems loose-knit; more concentration toward the end palate; good acid, tannins slightly hard, a touch bitter. Needs time. 14

RR: Flatter nose. This is an uncouth fellow, an interesting contrast to the previous wine [Vajra Bricco delle Viole], in that quality hinges on really quite small differences. 13

FZ: Ruby-violet color, medium intensity. Unripe fruit on the nose; slightly alcoholic, with green and vegetal notes. Very simple on the palate; fat, rich, with solid tannins but has no energy or dynamism, and the finish is just a little astringent. Unbalanced and not particularly appealing. 14

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