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"Italy, Piedmont: 2017 Barolo & More"

2019 Vietti Colli Tortonesi Timorasso *Derthona* DOC

93+ pts



This new wine saw its debut last year with the 2018 vintage. Vietti and many others in Piedmont are adding Timorasso to their estate portfolios, thanks to the grape's ability to age and flesh out gracefully with more time in the bottle. This 2019 Colli Tortonesi

Timorasso Derthona opens to a rather neutral bouquet at this young stage, with honey and lightly fragrant apricot. Primary fruit is at center stage, but we can expect the wine to settle into notes of crushed mineral and beeswax with time.

2019 Vietti Barbera d'Alba *Tre Vigne* DOC

91 pts



Beautifully rich and layered, the Vietti 2019 Barbera d'Alba Tre Vigne meets all its marks. The wine offers pleasure, softness, concentration and an easy-drinking style that could accompany and enhance any of your favorite foods, from pasta to grilled meat. It ends with richness and a sweet note that lands softly onto the palate.

2018 Vietti Barbera d'Asti *La Crena* DOCG

93 pts



The Vietti 2018 Barbera d'Asti La Crena sees its fruit sourced from very old vines with some of the plants approaching the 100-year-old mark. This is a rich and darkly concentrated wine with a lovely bouquet that is

lifted and bright. The wine reveals dark cherry fruit, raw blackberry and plum. That opulent, old-vine fruit drowns out much of the acidic sharpness of the grape.

2019 Vietti Barbera d'Asti *Tre Vigne* DOCG

91 pts



Barbera d'Asti Tre Vigne is a bright and informal red wine made from some of the same vineyard sites that provide fruit for the La Crena. This more accessible expression shows lots of dark cherry and blackberry that just sits there, pretty in the glass. There is

a soft sweetness or creaminess to the fruit that ultimately caresses the palate.

2018 Vietti Langhe Nebbiolo *Perbacco* DOC

91 pts



The Vietti 2018 Langhe Nebbiolo Perbacco is a charming wine, both delicate and easygoing, that makes good on a promise to deliver basic Nebbiolo intensity and varietal purity. Small berry aromas, cassis and

chopped mint emerge from the bouquet. To the palate, the wine is simple and streamlined, with mildly drying tannins on the close.

2020 Vietti Roero Arneis DOCG

90 pts



Vietti's cheerful and bright 2020 Roero Arneis reveals a punchy note of fresh lemon, waxy nectarine, dried hay and oregano. This is a lean-bodied expression that avoids the extra fruit weight or honey-like creaminess that comes naturally to this grape. In this wine, the sharper, more mineral-driven notes have been highlighted instead.