

Michele Chiarlo 'Reyna', Barbaresco 2015



Rivalling Barolo as Piedmont's best red wine, this wine has delicate, refined savoury aromas with baked sour cherry and earthy tones.

Awards

Silver, SWA, 2019
92 pts, Robert Parker, 2019

Producer Note

Michele Chiarlo is one of Piedmont's most prestigious winemakers, producing outstanding wines from some of the most exceptional sites in Piedmont, including Barolo's world famous Cannubi and Cerequio vineyards. Founded in 1956 by Michele Chiarlo and now run by his sons Alberto and Stefano, the Chiarlo philosophy "is to capture the terroir" and with judicious use of oak they develop some wines for ageing and some which can be enjoyed earlier. Their stunning collection of Barolo and Barbera wines consistently receive 90+ points from Wine Advocate, James Suckling and Wine Enthusiast.

Vintage

A not excessively cold winter, but heavy rain and snow created an abundant water reserve. A mild spring led into a warm summer with a complete absence of rain from mid-June until 10th August, which contributed to the grapes' perfect ripeness. September saw excellent diurnal temperature differences leading to the development of vibrant aromas and excellent phenological ripening of the red grapes. 2015 is being hailed as one of the greatest vintages of the last two decades.

Vineyard

Produced in the municipality of Barbaresco, the grapes for this wine come from the Cascina Minuto C.E.G., which includes approximately three hectares of Nebbiolo purely for the production of Barbaresco wine. Situated on a notable slope, the vineyard has excellent exposure to the sun. The vines are grown in a bluish-grey calcareous marl soil, with clay, which is poor in organic substances but rich in calcium and magnesium.

Winemaking

Vinification took place in temperature controlled tanks with maceration lasting for 17 to 18 days on the skins. A gentle 'shower system' of submerging the cap was used during fermentation which took place at between 27 to 32°C. Malolactic fermentation took place in tank, before the wine was racked to large oak casks for 18 months. Further refinement took place in the bottle for a minimum of six months.

Tasting Note

This elegant and refined garnet coloured wine delivers delicate, complex and refined aromas, with ethereal notes of rose petals and tea layered upon small red berried fruits. On the palate, it is silky and beautifully balanced with soft, fine tannins and remarkable length on the finish.

Grape

Nebbiolo 100%



Winemaker:	Stefano Chiarlo & Gianni Meleni
Region:	Piedmont
Sub region:	Barbaresco
Country:	Italy
Alcohol:	14%
Body Value:	D (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	0
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	No/No
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	5211715A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Diam