



## AZELIA BAROLO 2015

### PRE-ARRIVAL – 'Barolo lover's secret!'

'It's a great year, clearly the best since 2010, perhaps better. Buy some and see for yourself.' *Nick Stock, [jamessuckling.com.au](http://jamessuckling.com.au)*

'Azelia remains one of my favourite under-the-radar producers in Piedmont.

Proprietor Luigi Scavino fashions gorgeous wines from his vineyards in Castiglione Falletto and Serralunga.'

*Antonio Galloni*

'This leading Langhe estate has deep roots so we are particularly glad to report the active presence of the latest generation. Lorenzo will now be able to provide valuable management support for the indefatigable Luigi Scavino.'

*Gambero Rosso.*

'Azelia has come into its own.'

*James Suckling*

'...wines from Scavino's estate, Azelia, can hold their own with the very best of the region. The wines combine power and elegance with a level of virtuosity matched by few in the region...there can be no doubt that the overall balance and sense of proportion of these wines is excellent.' *The Wine Advocate #167*



## AN INTRODUCTION

- Established in 1920 by Lorenzo Scavino, currently the estate is run by the 3rd and 4th generations.
- Based in the town of Castiglione Falletto, the family farms 16 hectares of vines in the Castiglione Falletto, Serralunga d'Alba and surrounding areas.
  - All operations are done by hand.
  - Practicing organic, cover crops in the rows, minimal use copper and sulphur treatments only and the soil is not tilled.
- Low yields are further reduced by a minimum of two green harvests/crop thinning (often 30%!) for concentration and quality.
  - Combination of classic and modern techniques, always with a delicate hand.
- Azelia share ownership of the famed 'Fiasco' hill with cousins from the estate of Paolo Scavino.
  - To this day the Azelia name remains a Barolo lover's secret!



## **PRE-ARRIVAL & NEW RELEASES**

### **Azelia Barolo 2015**

**92 points!** *Nick Stock, [jamessuckling.com.au](http://jamessuckling.com.au)*

Blend of 6 vineyards, 30% Castiglione Falletto and 70% Serralunga d'Alba.

### **Azelia 'Bricco Fiasco' Barolo 2015**

**95 points!** *Nick Stock, [jamessuckling.com.au](http://jamessuckling.com.au)*

1940's plantings, 65+ yo vines, calcerous soils produce an elegant and silky cru Barolo.

### **Azelia 'Margheria' Barolo 2015**

**94 points!** *Nick Stock, [jamessuckling.com.au](http://jamessuckling.com.au)*

Entirely south facing vineyard in the centre of the Serralunga d'Alba commune.

### **Azelia 'San Rocco' Barolo 2015**

**94 points!** *Nick Stock, [jamessuckling.com.au](http://jamessuckling.com.au)*

First vineyard purchased in Serralunga, dense clay soils give intense energy structure and depth.

### **Azelia 'Punta' Barbera d'Alba 2017**

60 year old vines! Vineyard on top of the hill in Castiglione Falletto.

### **Azelia 'Bricco dell'Oriolo' Dolcetto d'Alba 2016**

Single vineyard Dolcetto, 45yo vines from Montelupo Albese, stainless steel vinification.

### **Azelia Langhe Nebbiolo 2015**

South/south-west younger vines all within Serralunga and Castiglione!

## ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE MUSEUM (LIMITED)

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**Scroll down for notes on the wines!**

## **WINES ARRIVING IN JULY**

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### MORE ABOUT THE DOMAINE

Azelia is a small quality-focused estate of 16 ha. owned by the Scavino family. Lorenzo Scavino works with his father Luigi to make concentrated Baroli that are not forcefully tannic in style, but they are serious in structure with firmness, flesh and beautiful balance. The Scavino's seem to be able to coax out the heady perfume of rose and spice along with the berry fruits, forest, herb and savoury notes of the nebbiolo grape. This is due to the rigorous selection of pristine, perfectly ripened fruit that borders on obsessive/compulsive. They do a rigorous green harvest, along with conscious work with canopy management to ensure air-flow and allow adequate light penetration without sunburn. The modest yields of only 5.5 tonnes per hectare (approx. 35hl/ha or 2.3t/acre) provide ample concentration in the high-quality raw material. In the cellar cleanliness and fastidiousness are apparent, and the judicious use of large oak barrels preserves the fruit, so it is no wonder the wine are regularly reviewed as being among the best of the region.

*Randall Pollard*

### THE WINES & REVIEWS

#### **Azelia Barolo 2015**

**92 points!** Aromas of coal dust and tar with a distinctly savory, stony edge and nuances of dried herb-wrapped cherries. The acidity is assertive and delivers a strong burst of red plum-pit flavor, ahead of chalky, smooth tannins. Nice balance. Try from 2022. *Nick Stock, [jamesuckling.com](http://jamesuckling.com)*

#### **Azelia 'Bricco Fiasco' Barolo 2015**

**95 points!** Attractive red-cherry and spiced red-plum aromas, surrounded by nuances of tar and cedar. The palate has brisk acidity married with upright tannins, creating a juicy red-cherry surge through the finish. Good potential here. Try from 2022. *Nick Stock, [jamesuckling.com](http://jamesuckling.com)*

**92+ points!** The 2015 Barolo Bricco Fiasco is another attractive, perfumed wine in this range. Iron, smoke, blood orange, kirsch and orange peel are all nicely delineated throughout. Deceptive in its mid-weight structure, the 2015 has enough drive, depth and sinewy tannin to support two decades of very fine drinking. Time in the glass allows the fruit to emerge, but the 2015 remains reticent and in need of time to be at its very best. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

### **Azelia 'Margheria' Barolo 2015**

**94 points!** Attractive sliced strawberries with hints of tar and fragrant, rose-like notes make for a compelling young Barolo. The supple palate has a lithe and succulent core with focused, energetic tannins that carry fresh, sweet cherries. Long, taut finish. Try from 2023. *Nick Stock, jamessuckling.com*

**94 points!** The 2015 Barolo Margheria shows the textural breadth of Serralunga in its compelling interplay of succulent, layered fruit and bright, soil-driven tones, with mineral inflections that add layers of complexity. Sage, tobacco, cedar, rose petal, menthol, anise and dried flowers fill out the wine's frame effortlessly. All the elements are nicely balanced. In 2015 the Margheria is all class. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

### **Azelia 'San Rocco' Barolo 2015**

**94 points!** A very vibrant and clearly defined nose with fresh and dried roses, woody aromas and light dried spices, as well as tar and fresh cherries. The succulent palate has a seamless build of fine, ripe tannins, carrying bright red-cherry flavor in attractively focused mode. So fresh at the finish. Try from 2022. *Nick Stock, jamessuckling.com*

**93+ points!** The 2015 Barolo San Rocco is the most potent and structured of the Azelia Barolos. Swaths of tannin enshroud this tightly wound, classically austere Barolo. Readers should plan on cellaring the 2015 for at least a few years. This is one of the more reticent young Barolos I have tasted at Azelia. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

**Azelia 'Punta' Barbera d'Alba 2017**  
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## ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE MUSEUM (LIMITED)

### **Azelia Barolo 'Bricco Fiasco' 2012**

**92 points!** The 2012 Barolo Bricco Fiasco is wonderfully lifted and precise in the glass, qualities that aren't typical of this renowned site in Castiglione Falletto. Crushed rose petals, anise, mint and red cherry all meld together. In 2012, the Bricco Fiasco is decidedly feminine and gracious, with striking aromatics but less of the muscle than is often present. The 2012 should drink well with minimal cellaring. Although not especially representative of its origins, the 2012 is a very pretty wine in its own right. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

### **Azelia Barolo 'Margheria' 2012**

**93 points!** The 2012 Barolo Margheria is a bit deeper and richer than the Bricco Fiasco. Savory herbs, dried flowers, iron and minerals are some of the signatures. This is an especially feral, powerful Barolo for the vintage, with real intensity and nuance to round out its powerful personality. The tannins are firm and dusty, but there is more than enough fruit to balance things out. The Margheria was aged entirely in cask. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

### **Azelia Barolo 'San Rocco' 2012**

**95 points!** The 2012 Barolo San Rocco shows the pedigree of this great site. The richest and deepest of the Azelia 2012s, the San Rocco is full of intrigue. Dark cherry, plum, sage, menthol, licorice and rosemary are all vivid and beautifully delineated throughout. Although the 2012 doesn't quite have the density that is typical of this wine, there is a lot going on in the glass. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

### **Azelia Barolo 'Bricco Fiasco' 2013**

**93 points!** The 2013 Barolo Bricco Fiasco is one of the most gracious and delicate wines I have ever tasted from this site. Sweet red cherry, kirsch, mint, cranberry and white pepper give the 2013 its distinctive high-toned personality. Moreover, the firm, searing tannins that are so typical of this site are remarkably polished. Readers should expect an aromatic, perfumed Barolo built on grace more than power. The Bricco Fiasco was aged in French oak barrels, with about 10% new wood. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

### **Azelia Barolo 'Bricco Fiasco' 2001**

**93 points!** The 2001 Barolo Bricco Fiasco is one of the most impressive wines in this ten-year retrospective of the 2001 Baroli. The Bricco Fiasco remains vibrant, fresh and beautifully delineated from start to finish. Bright flowers, ripe red cherries, mint and iron flow onto the palate in this gorgeous, totally impeccable Barolo. The 2001 doesn't taste or feel that much different than it did as a young wine. There is plenty of energy and focus for the 2001 to make it to its 20th birthday. If opened today the wine needs at least a few hours of air for the tannins to soften. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

## **Azelia Barolo 'Voghera Brea' Riserva 2001**

**91 points!** The estate's 2001 Barolo Riserva Voghera–Brea is surprisingly open for a Serralunga Barolo in this vintage. Made in a sweet, ethereal style, this medium–bodied wine presents a lovely purity and sweetness in its stewed prunes, plums, leather, scorched earth and coffee beans. Judging by the lack of intensity in color as well as its relatively advanced aromas and flavors, this is not likely to be an extremely long–lived wine, but it is delicious today. The flavor profile is almost that of a more traditionally–made Barolo. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

### **MAGNUMS**

## **Azelia Barolo 2011 1500ml (ONE BOTTLE)**

**90 points!** Azelia's 2011 Barolo is a delicious entry–level offering. Sweet red cherry, plum, spice, kirsch and hard candy are all laced together in the glass. Flashy and succulent yet medium in body, the 2011 is an excellent choice for drinking over the next few years. There is a lot to like here. In 2011, Azelia did not make their Riserva; instead all of that fruit went into the straight Barolo bottling. Azelia's Barolo is a blend of fruit from six vineyards, approximately 70% Serralunga, 30% Castiglione Falletto fruit.

## **Azelia Barolo 'Margheria' 2013 1500ml**

**95 points!** The 2013 Barolo Margheria shows its typically high–toned, aromatic profile. Scents of lavender, sage, mint, leather and earthiness meld into a core of dark stone fruits. Veins of bright acidity and salinity give the flavors an extra kick of brightness on the finish. The relatively high–altitude of this site and the limestone–rich soils yield a brilliant, salivating Barolo. The Margheria was aged in cask. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

## **Azelia Barolo 'San Rocco' 2013 1500ml**

**95 points!** Another highlight in this range, the 2013 Barolo San Rocco is utterly beguiling. The bouquet alone is striking, but it is the wine's total balance that is most appealing today. Tasted next to the Margheria, the San Rocco is deeper, darker and more overtly powerful, with a greater sense of Serralunga tannic clout. Dark cherry, tobacco, menthol, licorice and sweet spices give the San Rocco much of its exotic personality. The San Rocco was aged in French oak barrels, with about 10% new wood. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

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### **Azelia Barolo 'San Rocco' 2004 1500ml**

**95 points!** The 2004 Barolo San Rocco is in a gorgeous place right now. Expressive savory and floral notes open up in a lifted Serralunga Barolo endowed with superb underlying depth and textural richness. Ample, layered and beautifully expressive through to the finish, the 2004 is just as impressive today as it was from barrel. The 2004 spent two years in French oak barrels, 20% new. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

### **Azelia Barolo 'San Rocco' 2006 1500ml**

**95 points!** The 2006 Barolo San Rocco is sensual and enveloping. It's hard to know where to start with the San Rocco, as fruit, acidity and structure are all beautifully integrated and refined. Still incredibly young, the wine will require a bit of patience, but the purity of the fruit is impossible to miss even at this early stage. The finish alone is eternal. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

### **Azelia Barolo 'San Rocco' 2008 1500ml**

**95 points!** The 2008 Barolo San Rocco bursts from the glass with an exciting melange of dark fruit, mocha, tar, smoke and licorice. The San Rocco is much more full-bodied and overtly intense than the Margheria in what is a very classic expression of this Serralunga site. Dark fruit, smoke, licorice and tar wrap around the building, muscular finish. In 2008 the San Rocco is big, dark and flat-out delicious. *Antonio Galloni, vinous.com*

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## **VINTAGE 2015**

The full capability of the nebbiolo grape's expressive nature is alive in Barolo 2015 and it is a vintage to really celebrate. In general, the wines are exuberantly fragrant and show fresh clear fruit on the nose with abundant aromatic complexity. Structurally they are rich in ripe, fine and powerful tannins. They are toned, muscular and athletic, coupled with freshness, a keen sense of focus, great length, and an astute balance.

These wines will satisfy both the experienced palate and educated connoisseur. They are also very expressive and show strong typicity by communes and also single vineyards. But if there was one attribute to single out, it is the way in which these wines combine power with elegance. They are thrilling to taste.

*Nick Stock, jamessuckling.com*

