

2007 Barberani Moscato Passito Villa Monticelli

Rating: 89
Drink: 2010-2013

The 2007 Moscato Passito Villa Monticelli flows from the glass with apricot jam, tangerines, burnt sugar, cinnamon and flowers. As the name suggests, the Moscato Passito is made from dried grapes, partly dried on the vine and partly dried in crates. Despite its richness, this remains a mid-weight dessert wine with lovely freshness and balance. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2013.

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2006 Barberani Villa Monticelli Rosso

Rating: 92
Drink: 2011-2021

The 2006 Lago di Corbara Polvento Villa Monticelli is one of the best wines I have ever tasted from Barberani. Firm tannins frame vibrant dark cherries, flowers, spices and minerals as this mid-weight offering opens up in the glass. A long, clean finish rounds out the wine in style. The Polvento is Sangiovese, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon that spent two years in French oak barrels. The wine's overall balance is fabulous. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2021.

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2006 Barberani Orvieto Classico Superiore Calcaia Dolce

Rating: 91
Drink: 2010-2016

The estate's 2006 Orvieto Classico Superiore Calcaia Dolce is made from botrytised grapes. It shows gorgeous balance, minerality and freshness in a mid-weight style, with superb length and fine overall balance. A floral bouquet melds into ripe, juicy peaches, mint and sweet spices. The aromas and flavors remain fresh throughout, with none of the candied, burnt-sugar notes found in the 2007 Moscato Passito. This is a terrific wine from Barberani. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2016.

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2009 Barberani Orvieto Classico Superiore Castagnolo

Rating: 87
Drink: 2010-2011

Barberani's 2009 Orvieto Classico Superiore Castagnolo Secco is a crisp, refreshing Umbrian white with excellent balance and a round, harmonious finish. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2011.

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