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95+ pts

**Armando Parusso 2006 Barolo Bussia Riserva****Monforte D'alba, Piedmont**

Red wine from Italy

**Drinking window: 2018 - 2036**

The 2006 Barolo Bussia Riserva is developing nicely, but it is still much too young to show the full breadth of its personality. Rose petal, lavender, mint, sweet spices and hard candy open up with time in the glass, but only with great reticence. The 2006 Riserva finishes with a classic sense of austerity that is one of the signatures of the year.

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92 pts

**Armando Parusso 2011 Barolo Mariondino****Monforte D'alba, Piedmont**

Red wine from Italy

**Drinking window: 2017 - 2031**

The 2011 Barolo Mariondino is ripe, flashy and exotic. Kirsch, wild flowers, mint, cinnamon and plums meld together in a sensual, layered Barolo that captures the essence of the year. This is the most aromatically high-toned and racy of these 2011 Barolos from Marco Parusso. The sandy soils in Mariondino always yield intensely perfumed Barolos with distinctly red-toned fruit. There is plenty of that here.

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89 pts

**Armando Parusso 2011 Barolo****Monforte D'alba, Piedmont**

Red wine from Italy

**Drinking window: 2016 - 2026**

Parusso's 2011 Barolo is lifted, aromatic and precise. Crushed flowers, savory herbs, mint, sweet tobacco and licorice lift from the glass. The 2011 still hasn't fully recovered from its recent bottling, but it is quite pretty just the same. Firm, yet nicely balanced tannins ensure the 2011 will drink well for at least another decade. The 2011 is mostly Bussia fruit and was made with 70-80% whole clusters. Today, it is exotic and beguiling to the core.

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**Armando Parusso 2011 Barolo Bussia**

**Monforte D'alba, Piedmont**

Red wine from Italy

**Drinking window: 2019 - 2036**

The 2011 Barolo Bussia is the most tannic of Parusso's 2011 Barolos. Firm tannins provide the backdrop for a huge, powerful wine built on serious depth. Sweet floral and savory notes from the whole clusters add aromatic lift and striking perfume, but the Bussia remains a decidedly vertical Barolo that emphasizes structure. Far from an easygoing wine, the 2011 Bussia is going to need time to fully blossom.

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**Armando Parusso 2011 Barolo Le Coste di Monforte**

**Monforte D'alba, Piedmont**

Red wine from Italy

**Drinking window: 2018 - 2031**

Dark red cherry, plum, mocha, cloves and leather meld together in the 2011 Barolo Le Coste di Monforte. Rich and ample in style, the 2011 is a great example of broad-shouldered Barolos that emerge from this site in Monforte. At the same time, the inclusion of stems gives the wine a gorgeous sense of freshness that serves to balance things out. Hints of mocha, espresso and spice add the final layers of nuance.

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