

2007 Armando Parusso Barolo le
Coste Mosconi

Rating: 93
Drink: 2014-2022

The 2007 Barolo Le Coste-Mosconi is a fascinating wine to taste next to the Mariondino. While the Mariondino shows the more restrained, Burgundian side of Nebbiolo, the Le Coste-Mosconi is all about power. Made from a south-facing site in Monforte, the Le Coste-Mosconi emerges with layers of dark black fruit, espresso, tar, spices, licorice and new leather, revealing gorgeous inner perfume and remarkable harmony. This is more restrained and inward than some of the other 2007s here and is likely to require a few additional years of bottle age. Tar, smoke and scorched earth add complexity on the big, building finish. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2022.

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2007 Armando Parusso Barolo
Mariondino

Rating: 94
Drink: 2014-2027

The 2007 Barolo Mariondino is a huge overachiever in this vintage. The wine bursts from the glass with an explosive array of dark red raspberries, smoke, anise, dried roses and French oak. Deceptively medium in body, the Mariondino possesses superb depth and an intensity that carries through beautifully to the long, enveloping finish. Floral notes add the final flourishes. The Mariondino is a great example of a wine from a generally less-favored site that excels in 2007. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2027.

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2007 Armando Parusso Barolo

Rating: 90
Drink: 2011-2019

Parusso's 2007 Barolo shows lovely depth in its dark fruit, with smoke, mocha and mineral tones that appear over time, adding complexity and nuance. Impeccable and elegant throughout, the Barolo is a superb, entry-level bottling in this vintage. It should drink well pretty much right out of the gate. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2019.

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