

2001 Armando Parusso Barolo Mariondino

The 2001 Barolo Mariondino has aged beautifully. Freshly cut flowers, mint and spices lead to expressive dark red berries as the wine puts on considerable weight in the glass. The aromas are classic Mariondino, but there is a level of textural richness and sheer depth to the fruit that elevates the Mariondino. I have never considered Mariondino to be one of the top sites in Monforte, but Parusso's 2001 is making me reconsider that view. Flowers, tar, earthiness and tobacco add an element of delicacy to the big, intense finish. This is a great showing. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2026.

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2001 Armando Parusso Barolo Bussia

The 2001 Barolo Bussia is another huge, dramatic wine. It frankly stands heads and shoulders above most other wines in this vintage. Layers of dark fruit caress the palate, followed by hints of spices, menthol, crushed rocks and white truffle. The 2001 is at once sumptuous and yet impossibly young. The full spectrum of contrasts is one of many things that elevates the Bussia to the upper echelon in 2001. This is a stunning bottle. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2026.

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