

# CELLAR MASTER WINE CLUB

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## 2015 Castiglion del Bosco Brunello Tuscany, Italy



Situated in the province of Siena where the renown area of “Brunello di Montalcino” is found, Castiglion del Bosco encompasses approximately 4,450 acres of land, 125 of which are vineyards with plans to plant 15 more acres. The farm is located between the historic towns of Buonconvento and Montalcino. Given the truly magnificent geographical position of the estate, perched on a hill looking down onto the surrounding valleys, exposure is optimal resulting in wines of excellent quality. These are very exciting wines, new and classic at the same time.

Castiglion del Bosco was the first to produce and bottle Brunello di Montalcino in the sixties and today represents one of the most important properties of this region. Plans are currently underway to produce new wines and expand the existing cellar. This estate prides itself on the highest level of quality combined with respect for tradition. Claudio Basla, from Altesino, also consults at Castiglion del Bosco insuring the same levels of quality that we have always enjoyed from that estate.

[www.wine.com](http://www.wine.com)

*“Wonderful aromas of flowers, plums, terracotta and white pepper. Intense, yet ever so subtle. Medium to full body, firm and silky tannins and a long and intense finish. Shows excellent length. Drink after 2021.” James Suckling 97 points.*

*“Good deep red. Complex aromas of redcurrant, raspberry, graphite, mocha, and mint. Focused and suave with very attractive sweetness and standout purity to its flavors of red berries and candied flowers. Finishes with polished tannins and outstanding length.” Vinous 94 points.*

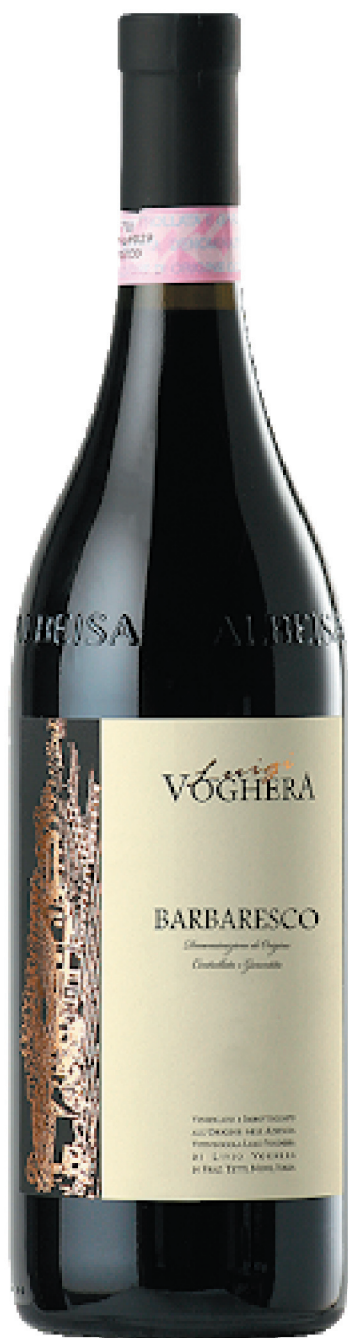
*“Castiglion del Bosco is the Montalcino estate owned by Massimo Ferragamo of the Ferragamo shoe and fashion dynasty. This pretty wine shows precision and focus with a rich, fruit-forward style. The 2015 Brunello di Montalcino is a shapely Tuscan red with the softness and velvety intensity to pair with a winter meat dish by an open fireplace. The wine glides smoothly over the palate, imparting aromas of black cherry, dried blackberry, plum, toasted spice and crushed flower. This harvest, which came about a week earlier than expected, resulted in a measured and carefully balanced Sangiovese from a generous vintage. An ample 10,000 cases were made.” Wine Advocate 94 points.*

*“Tightly wound, with tart cherry, graphite, earth and cigar box flavors, aligned to an edge of firm tannins. Flirts with rusticity, yet remains tense and smoldering. Should gain more length as it opens. Best from 2023 through 2039.” Wine Spectator 93 points.*

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## 2015 Luigi Voghera Barbaresco Piedmont, Italy



Luigi Voghera is nestled smack dab in the middle of Barbaresco country in Piemonte, in a small village called Tetti situated between the three main towns of the region: Treiso, Neive, & Barbaresco. In 1974, Luigi and his wife Pinuccia officially opened up their lovely winery to focus on what their estate fruit could do best. Luigi has since passed on, but his son Livio has followed in his father's footsteps and makes extraordinary wine from their sustainably-farmed 22 hectares of vineyards. Livio has a small but beautiful cellar full of large old oak barrels to help age some of his wines while still retaining specific varietal character from his grapes. Although Barbaresco is the true flagship of Livio's property, he is able to bring out a perfect and classic expression from every grape that he works with. As he has expanded his standard line of Nebbiolo and Barbera further, his Favorita, Arneis, and even Moscato are all precise and exquisite as well. All the time, Livio strives to work more and more with the native flora and fauna for a holistic production, and it shows in the love that you taste in the bottle.

Livio's Barbaresco is the Voghera Family's flagship wine, and is only made in very small amounts. The grapes come from a 5-acre, 65-year-old vineyard on the hillsides outside of Neive. Once the fruit is brought into the cellar, the wine ferments in stainless steel tanks and then ages for 2 full years in very old giant French oak barrels. The outcome is an excellent example of traditional Nebbiolo fruit with big aromas of violet, bark, spice and cherry. The finish is beautifully long with lingering notes of cherry, leather, coffee, and chocolate. Decant in order to enjoy the full richness of this wine. This is one of the finest examples of robust Barbaresco with a lot of class, but doesn't necessarily adhere to the 'feminine' side of its reputation, as it has a lot of grip and texture behind it.

Notes from [www.bonvivantimports.com/luigi-voghera.html](http://www.bonvivantimports.com/luigi-voghera.html)

*"Macerated cherry and plum flavors are matched by savory wild herb notes in this dense, chunky red. Shows balance and fine length in the end, but needs time to come together. Best from 2023 through 2045. 1,100 cases made, 300 cases imported."* **Wine Spectator 93 points.**