

James Suckling's Recommended Values From Piedmont

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WINE	SCORE	PRICE	WINE	SCORE	PRICE
STEFANO FARINA Barbera d'Alba Terre di San Quirico Silenzio 2006 Aromas of ripe blackberry, flowers, licorice and spices turn slightly chocolaty on the silky, medium-bodied palate, finishing clean, fruity and long. Well-balanced.	90	\$22	MICHELE CHIARLO Barbera d'Asti Superiore Le Orme 2006 Very jammy, with blackberry and raspberry. Full and soft, with plenty of fruit on the finish. Straightforward and delicious.	88	\$15
FONTANAFREDDA Barbera Piemonte Briccotondo 2007 Displays lovely plummy, chocolaty character. Full and silky smooth, this is packed with flavor. So delicious.	90	\$14	DESSILANI Colline Novaresi Spanna 2005 There's some stewed plum and jam on the nose. Medium- to full-bodied, with light tannins and a jammy, fruity finish.	88	\$18
BRUNO PORRO Dolcetto di Dogliani Ribote 2007 Intense aromas of spices, blackberry and rose, with hints of soap. Full-bodied, with a thick palate. Impressive.	90	\$24	PERTINACE Roero Arneis 2007 Shows intense aromas of candied lemon peel and peach, with bright fruit and a long, clean finish. Superintense and lively.	88	\$14
LA SPINETTA Barbera d'Asti Ca' di Pian 2006 A bright and fruity red, displaying fresh raspberry and blackberry tart aromas. Full-bodied and long, with lots of fruit and soft, velvety tannins.	90	\$27	PUNSET Dolcetto d'Alba 2006 Full-bodied, offering plum jam and mineral on the nose and palate, turning a little chocolaty on the finish.	88	\$14
VIETTI Barbera d'Alba Tre Vigne 2006 Floral and berry aromas follow through to a medium body, with fresh acidity and a citrus and raspberry aftertaste.	90	\$26	BENI DI BATASIOLO Moscato d'Asti Bosc d'la Rei 2007 A dense Moscato, with dried pineapple and mango aromas and flavors. Full and flavorful. Lightly effervescent.	87	\$16
PIO CESARE Barbera d'Alba 2006 Shows lemon and orange aromas, with hints of berry. Full and thick, with lots of fruit and a silky finish. There's chocolate sauce and berry on the finish.	89	\$22	PERTINACE Barbera d'Alba 2006 Bright blackberry and plum skin aromas lead to a medium body, with a chocolate and citrus fruit aftertaste.	87	\$15
VILLA SPARINA Monferrato White Montej 2007 Medium- to full-bodied, with bright acidity and a long, flavorful finish of mineral and apricot. Chardonnay, Müller-Thurgau, Sauvignon and Cortese.	89	\$15	ICARDI Cortese Piemonte L'Aurora 2007 A rich and pretty white, with tropical fruit and melon aromas and flavors.	86	\$14
			CANTINE VOLPI Barbera d'Asti Superiore Vobis Tua 2005 Soft and fruity, offering a chocolate and sour plum character on the nose and palate, with a straightforward aftertaste.	86	\$11