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Rizzi is a beautiful property in the hill of Treiso. While I tend to feel the estate could be doing more with their vineyards, it is hard to argue with the generally favorable pricing of these wines. These are generally forward Barbareschi that can be enjoyed with a minimum of cellaring

The **2008 Barbaresco Nervo Fondetta** is an attractive wine with good up-front fruit. Expressive floral and spice notes add complexity to the fruit in this mid-weight, graceful Barbaresco. The finish is long, understated and delicate in character. Anticipated maturity. 2012-2018 [**88**]

The **2008 Barbaresco Pajorè** reveals a touch more depth and persistence as it covers the palate with fruit. This is relatively small-scaled Barbaresco very much in the house style. Subtle soice, mineral, tobacco notes add complexity on the precise, crystalline finish. Anticipated maturity 2013-2018 [**90**]

The **2007 Barbaresco Rizzi** possesses striking inner perfume and a soft caressing personality. Hard candy, licorice and crushed flowers are some of the notes that develop in the glass in this very pretty, understated Barbaresco. This the most nuanced of the wines I tested from Rizzi. Striking sweet rose petals linger in the empty glass. The Rizzi is a jewel of a wine. And is one of the best I have ever tasted here. Anticipated maturity 2012- 2020 [**91**]

The **2007 Barbaresco Boito** possesses excellent intensity in its dark fruit, menthol, licorice and spices. This is a more overt, up-front style. Some of the persistance drops off on the finish, but this is nevertheless a fine showing. Anticipated maturity 2012-2019 [**90**]

Pajoré Barbaresco 2007

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The 2007 Barbaresco Pajore, from one of Treiso's most storied sites, shows the warm, radiant fruit typical of the vintage along with darker balsamic overtones and the underlying minerality that are the hallmarks of this vineyard. There is wonderful depth and clarity in the glass, not to mention fabulous overall balance. This is another highly successful Barbaresco from Rizzi. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2020.

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Nervo Fondetta Barbaresco 2007

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POINTS



The 2007 Barbaresco Nervo Fondetta offers up candied red fruit, roses and minerals in a juicy, up-front, sensual style. Sweet, silky tannins frame hints of rose petal and hard candy on the finish. This feminine, beautiful Barbaresco is an excellent choice for near-term drinking. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2017.

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Barbaresco 2006






























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The 2006 Barbaresco is made from the estate's best fruit in the Rizzi vineyard and aged in cask. This mid-weight, gracious Barbaresco shows lovely character and personality in its dark fruit. With a little more depth and persistence, the Rizzi might very well merit a higher score. The raw materials are certainly there for this to be a more important wine. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2016.

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Year		Wine Name		Rating	Maturity	Price
		2007	 Rizzi: <u>Barbaresco Rizzi</u>	91	Early	
[]		2006	 Rizzi: <u>Barbaresco Rizzi</u>	88	Early	
[]		2005	 Rizzi: <u>Barbaresco Rizzi</u>	87+	Early	
[]		2007	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Boito	90	Young	
[]		2006	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Boito	89	Young	
[]		2001	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Boito	90	Mature	
[]		2000	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Boito	88	Mature	
		2008	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Fondetta	88	Young	
[]		2007	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Fondetta	90	Young	
[]		2006	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Fondetta	89	Young	
[]		2001	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Fondetta	89	Mature	
[]		2000	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Fondetta	88	Old	
		2008	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Pajore	90	Young	
		2007	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Pajore	91	Young	
[]		2006	 Rizzi: Barbaresco Pajore	88	Young	