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A New Discovery from Barolo 12 outstanding Italian reds

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... the big find here is La Spinetta's new Barolo, Vigneto Campé, for me one of the surprises of the summer. Rivetti brothers Giorgio (47), Carlo (52) and Bruno (50) have been making top-class Barbarescos on their La Spinetta estate in Castagnole Lanze for the last 25 years. Their three limited-production Barbarescos--Vigneto Gallina, Vigneto Stardereri and Vigneto Valeirano--are household names for Nebbiolo aficionados.

The Barolo Vigneto Campé, making its debut with the 2000 vintage, places them right at the top of the Barolo league as well. It comes from 20 acres of Nebbiolo vineyards, located in Grinzane Cavour, within the Barolo designated zone. The Rivettis bought the south-facing vineyards, located in a single plot perched on three small adjacent hills, in 2000.

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Barolo Vigneto Campé 2000

The Rivetti brothers are better known for their powerful Barbarescos and rich Barberas, but they bought an estate in a little-regarded region in Barolo and produced this blockbuster 2000. According to Giorgio Rivetti, they had to move fast after the purchase to trim down the existing yields in the vineyards to prepare for the harvest that same year. The result is an exciting wine. A real explosion of fruit on the nose, with masses of crushed strawberries, toasted oak and cedar on the nose and palate, and a hint of fresh herbs. Full-bodied and very chewy, with lots of ripe tannins and a ripe fruit finish. Exciting. Best after 2010.

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