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The Changing Face Of Casalferro - 1983-2013



About Me

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Have had wine as a passion for 20+ years now. I´m madly and deeply in love with the wines from Barolo, Madeira and Burgundy, but I love Bordeaux, wines from Tuscany, German Riesling and many more as well. But don´t give me any Amarone, Gewürztraminer or Viognier, if you want to stay friends...:-) I rate wine by using the 100p scale. Than means in short terms: 90-100p - a special to an outstanding effort; 80-89 - a good to a very good wine ; 70-79 - different aspects of average; below 70 - dull, bad or worse... But read the note for a full description!

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Lots of Goodies!

A couple of weeks ago we sent a friend of to, in his case, 47 and Life (aka marriage...:-) We

This Supertuscan (I still love that name!) was conceived in 1993 and then it was made out of 100% Sangiovese. Fast forward to the latest release - 2013 - and now it is 100% Merlot.

Well, it has been a slippery slope. As early as in 1997 some Merlot was added, according to the Baron himself it was about 5%. During the late 90's and the early 2000's it contained more Merlot, ca 20%, but in 2007 a complete shift was done and since then the Casalferro has been a 100% Merlot wine.



I was lucky to get invited by [Wineworld](#), and got a chance to meet the ever so charming Baron Ricasoli. Here are the notes from one of the Swedish juror...

thought a bunch of nice bottles would be a ni...



2006 Chianti Rufina
Riserva Vigneto
Bucerchiale, Fattoria
Selvapiana

2006 Chianti Rufina
Riserva Vigneto Bucerchiale,
Fattoria Selvapiana This fine boned
Sangiovese shows of a persistent,
stony nose with n...



Fish & Wine
1997 Kiedrich
Gräfenberg Riesling
Spätlese Trocken,
Robert Weil A nicely

matured, refined nose with notes of
dried lemon peels, saffro...



Tasting Dinner With
Stunning Food &
Wines

It was time again for
our tasting group semi
annual tasting dinner. As always -
great food, stunning wines and lots
of wine talk....and la...



Just Bought
Do I really need more
bottles of 1964
Barolo?? Well
of course I do!!



1987 Volnay Clos des
Chênes, Bitouzet-
Prieur

1987 Volnay Clos des
Chênes, Bitouzet-
Prieur Opens a bit funky but with
some air fine notes of dried
strawberries, moist forest floor, A...

1993 Casalferrero

From magnum. The four first vintages was presented in magnums, as it should be! The Baron himself seemed to think that the 93 had gone a bit to far. But not yours truly! The nose is big and a bit brawny with notes of dried plums, Christmas spices, old chocolate biscuits and leather. Given this blind I would have placed it in St Emilion or Pomerol. Very, very good. Actually caught some momentum with air. Fully mature, yes, but not in the least over the hill.

The taste is warm and friendly with everything blended together in a yummy mix. The finish is medium long, harmonious and uder friendly. Maybe a tad dry in the finish to be drinking on its own, but with the food it performed great. I wouldn't mind having a stash of these magnums...

89p (tasted 2016/05)

1997 Casalferrero

From magnum. The 97 shows the treat of the vintage - broad, warm and forward. The nose is full of ripe black fruit, scorched earth, hot gravel and some chocolate. Broadshouldered, and maybe a tad so. It doesn't have the charm of the 93, even though it got more muscles.

The taste is full bodied, warm and mature with ripe black cherries, sweet violets, chocolate mousse and dusty earth. The finish is long, warm and a tad clumsy. Very good but I prefer the 93.

88p (tasted 2016/05)



2004 Chianti Rufina
Riserva Nipozzano,
Frescobaldi

2004 Chianti Rufina
Riserva Nipozzano,
Frescobaldi Yet another fine
Chianti Rufina. This displays a light,
on-its-feet Sangiovese fruit w...



Tasting Through The
Sortiment From
Divine

Last week I had the
chance to taste
through the sortiment from Divine .
It is a little like cykling through a
museum, you don't really get...



2012 Les Voisins
Syrah, Copain

I fancied a Syrah to go
with my home made
special Parmigiano
burgers and my choice was a bottle
of 2012 Les Voisins Syrah, Copain
This yo...



One Colheita Port,
One Vintage Port &
One Sherry

Three fortified wines
tasted during the last
couple of weeks. 1964 Colheita
Branco, Krohn Its not every day you
drink a white port, espec...

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Charles Dufour Bulles de
Comptoir #4 Vinorama - (55 %
pinot noir, 35 % chardonnay, 10



2003 Casalferro

From magnum. From another hot vintage, this 13 year old wine displays a nose that is deep, warm and concentrated with notes of ripe plums, sugared coffee, tobacco and scorched earth. Very good but on the burly side of things.

The taste is big, warm and creamy with lots of ripe black cherries and notes of tapenade, sweet tobacco and hot, moist earth. The finish is long and sturdy with a warm ending. This is good in its warm appearance but still is the weakest link in this line up.

85p (tasted 2016/05)

2005 Casalferro



% pinot blanc) 16 augusti 2016 (Rutz i Berlin) Charles Dufour är en ung (född 1982) och ambitiös odlare i Landrevil...
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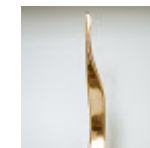


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IV Salon de los Vinos de Terruño - Just got back from a flying visit to a cracking event underway here in Madrid – el 4º Salon de Vinos de Terruño (the 4th Salon of Terroir Wines) organized...
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The Ultimate Wine Kick

The 2006 pride of Paolo Scavino - We have met with the lovely Elisa Scavino a few times along the years and they have evolved in a fantastic direction by cutting down on new oak and keeping...
1 day ago



Duvault Blochet

From magnum. The second to last vintage with Sangiovese as the dominant part. And this is good! The nose is still young, focused and on fire with lovely notes of sweet red and black cherries, liquorice, rosemary and a lingering scent of expensive tobacco. Young but harmonious. This is good.

The taste is young, seedy and nicely put together with notes of ripe cherries, hard cherry candy, raspberry liquorice and warm gravel. The finish is long, intense and with a nice dry finish. One just want to take another sip, and wait....I will!

91p (tasted 2016/05)



Elystan Street - a first evening... - A rather splendid email arrived from Gary Birchtree (not

his real name!) suggesting a dinner in the private room of Philip Howard's new restaurant Elystan ...

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Ö Tasting Notes - WineHog.org

Matching the big crus – from Chambolle to Le Chambertin - One rarely taste four evenly matched grand crus from the top end on a saturday afternoon. This was nevertheles the case today when Clos de Tart, Bonnes M...

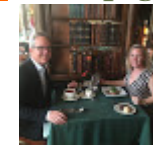
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W Vintomas blogg

Folkhälsominister Gabriel Wikström (S) vill förbjuda nätvinhandeln - Sveriges radio rapporterade i morse om att Gabriel Wiktröm (S) vill försöka förbjuda nätvinhandeln. Reportaget konstaterar: Många företag erbjuder i dag he...

2 days ago

e Champagne och mat



Romantisk helg i Moskva - Jag har varit mycket i Moskva i jobbet senaste året och

blivit väldigt förtjust i Moskva



2007 Casalferro

The first 100% Merlot vintage. It is a great debut. The nose is ripe, outgoing and focused with notes of ripe plums, dark chocolate, Christmas spices and a moist forest floor. Rich and rewarding. This is fine. A very, very good fruit.

The taste is large and luscious with fine notes of plume, rosehips, crushed rocks and black tea. The finish goes on for over a minute and shows a fine retrained warmth. This will need 4-6 years in the cellar and will be even better after that.

91p (tasted 2016/05)

som stad. Jag tycker att fler svenskar borde åka dit. Det är närma...

2 days ago

Tuscan Vines



Coevo: The Wisdom of Tuscany - ~ Avanti a Castellina! ~ As we sat at Antica

Macelleria Cecchini, the Fiorentina rolled effortlessly out of the kitchen under the wizardly supervision of ...

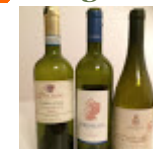
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Bergman's Bourgogne - Appetite for Burgundy

That's Where I Belong - Back in 2000 Sophie Cinier took on the small family domaine in Fuissé. Her intention was just to work the vineyards and sell the grapes. But already in 200...

4 days ago

Billigt Vin



Tre röda från Vino Nostrum: 2014 Principiano Barbera D'Alba "Laura", 2011

Caiarossa Pergolaia och 2013 Francesco Guccione NM - Jag fortsätter med tre röda ur Vino Nostrums sortiment. Först ut är en gammal favorit, Principianos Barbera D'Alba "Laura". Vinet har åtminstone tidigare ...

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2010 Casalferro

Aaaaah! The 10 Casalferro is a head and shoulder above the rest. With its stunning nose, full of ripe black cherries, plum compote, bay leaves and a touch of mint, it really delivers the goods. Very deep and utterly refined. Young of course, but oooh so fine.

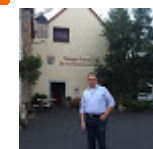
The taste is young, tight and intense with notes of ripe cherries, tobacco, graphite and the finest herbs in the garden. The finish is long, long and complex. This is very, very fine. Let this rest in the cellar for 3-5 years and you will be richly rewarded. This I´m buying!

94p (tasted 2016/05)

W Vinarskallen

Grosse Gewächse - Utan att ta till några överdrifter så kan man lugnt säga att 2015 är ett alldelse utmärkt rieslingår, inte bara i Tyskland, men här fokuserar jag på tysk G...
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E JC:s Vintankar



Resa i Pfalz. Del 4. Dr von Basserman-Jordan - Dags att redovisa den sista delen i mitt

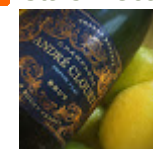
Tysklandsäventyr. Egentligen var det vingårdsbesök nr två. Själva provningen ägde rum på lördag förmiddag, men det...
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Tom's Wine Line

Velenosi: Wines of Le Marche - A few days ago, I enjoyed a delightful lunch with Angela Velenosi at Del Posto, an oasis of fine food and blessed quiet in the thunder of New York's restau...
1 week ago

E Café Rotsunda



Cookalong den 2 oktober - När vi kör cookalong (leken där vi utifrån vinets smaker

designar matchande maträtter) på Restaurangakademien har vi alltid ett antal olika vintyper att...



2013 Casalferro

The 20th anniversary vintage of Casalferro is no slouch, but it is still very primary and in fact, a touch difficult to evaluate. The nose is big and almost fiery with notes of ripe blueberries, warm flowers, new leather and earth. A bit all over the place. But there is a good concentration here. Just wait.

The taste is tight and intense with notes of ripe plums, violets, matchbox and warm tiles. Very, very long. A fine warmth in the finish. Very, very good. The mouth feel is better than the nose today. Wait at least 4-6 years. This should turn out great.

90p (tasted 2016/05)

My earlier Barone Ricasoli encounters:

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e Red Scream and Riesling



Sydafrika, dag 5:
Steenberg,
Catharina's och
förflytning till
Swartland - Vi

säger på återseende till David på High Constantia och beger oss djupare in i Constantia. Nästa stopp är Steenberg, och efter vinprovning ska det bli lu...

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MAD ABOUT MADEIRA

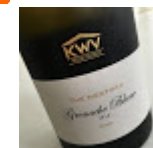


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option
is of
course
to
just
hope

business will continue as usual. That the next generation of wine growers considers it natural delivering grapes t...

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e Johan P



2014 KWV
Grenache Blanc
The Mentors -
*2014 KWV
Grenache Blanc

The Mentors* KWV eller
Koöperatieve Wijnbouwers