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ITALY'S Golden Vintage

- » 1997: STILL GOING STRONG
- » EXCLUSIVE TASTING: 200 WINES



Piedmont:
What to Buy

Mario Batali
Heads West

Spanish Stars:
135 Wines Rate 90+

Gifts
For Wine Lovers

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\$4.95 US \$5.95 CAN

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James Suckling's Recommended Wines From Piedmont

TOP VALUES

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
STEFANO FARINA Barbera d'Alba 2006 Slightly raisiny aromas, with ripe strawberry hints, lead to a medium-bodied palate, with light acidity and a simple finish.	85	\$11

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New Releases: Italy

90 Stefano Farina Barolo 2003 \$35 Has aromas of plum, meat and rose bush. Full-bodied, with round, rich tannins and a long, spicy, fruity finish. Hard to resist now. Best after 2010. 2,500 cases made.—*J.S.*

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89 Stefano Farina Barbaresco 2004 \$31 There are wonderful fresh flowers on the nose, with bright, subtle fruit. Medium- to full-bodied, with silky tannins and a medium finish. Caressing. This is always very good quality for the money. Best after 2010. 1,500 cases made.—*J.S.*

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New Releases: Italy

88 Stefano Farina Langhe Le Brume 2005 \$12

Has aromas of blackberry and Indian spices, with hints of coffee. Full, soft and round, with lots of beautiful, ripe fruit. Hard to resist now. A wonderful value. Barbera and Nebbiolo. Best from 2008 through 2012. 1,150 cases made.—J.S.

**83 Stefano Farina Dolcetto di Diano d'Alba 2006
\$11 —J.S.**