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2023 Fontanabianca Barbaresco

The 2023 Barbaresco pours a bright ruby color and comes from roughly 60% Bordini, 10% Serraboella, with the remainder from Starderì. Aromas of ripe raspberries, cherries, resinous herbs, pine, and orange zest lead into a medium-bodied palate that's light on its feet, with refreshing acidity and refined powdery tannins. The finish carries a lightly mineral, sanguine lift that adds freshness. Drink 2026-2035.

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2023 Fontanabianca Barbaresco Bordini

The 2023 Barbaresco Bordini shows an attractive ruby hue and reveals notes of pomegranate, preserved cranberries, mint, and fresh flowers. Medium-bodied, it offers excellent length, with beautifully sweet tannins balanced by fresh acidity. Elegant and refined, it floats effortlessly across the palate with lovely finesse. Drink 2026-2040.

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2023 Fontanabianca Barbaresco Serraboella

Pouring a slightly deeper yet still transparent ruby color, the 2023 Barbaresco Serraboella shows a touch more of the depth typical of this site. Aromas of wildflowers, sweet sage, orange peel, and earth lead into a medium-bodied palate that's elegant and pure, with refreshing acidity and fine tannins. 4,000 bottles were produced. Drink 2026-2038.

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2023 Fontanabianca Barbera D'Alba Superiore

The 2023 Barbera d'Alba Superiore is the estate's only Barbera bottling and is intended to emphasize freshness and elegance rather than weight. Aromas of red fruit and fresh flowers lead into a bright, medium-bodied palate with lively acidity, snappy structure, and a refreshing finish. Drink 2026-2032. 14,000 bottles were produced.

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2024 Fontanabianca Langhe Nebbiolo

A pale orange-red color, the 2024 Langhe Nebbiolo is fresh with aromas of cinnamon, cranberries, and clementine. Medium-bodied, it has refreshing white pepper spice and is perfect for drinking with a light chill over the next couple of years. Drink 2026-2027. 28,000 bottles were produced.

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