


2008 Cascina Bruciata Barbaresco Riserva  
Rio Sordo

**RATING:** 95 points

**PRODUCER:** Cascina  
Bruciata 

**FROM:** Rio Sordo  
Barbaresco,  
Barbaresco,  
Piedmont, Italy

**VARIETY:** Nebbiolo

**DRINK:** 2015 - 2028

**ESTIMATED COST:** \$57

**SOURCE:** WA, #207  
Jun 2013

The 2008 Barbaresco Riserva Rio Sordo is a striking wine with a deep crimson color and a lush, velvety texture. In wine is in a beautiful place right now because it delivers fresh berry aromas that are carefully balanced against budding tertiary notes of leather and cured meat. The tannins are still young, however, as this wine definitely has a long road ahead. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2028.

Until recently the vineyards of Cascina Bruciata (“house on fire”) produced fruit that was purchased by Gaja and the Giacosa brothers of Neive among others. Marino Balbo (father) would have continued on this path were it not for the wish of his son Carlo who wanted to bottle a family wine instead. In 2000, Carlo established the brand Cascina Bruciata. He owns 7.5 hectares including three in the celebrated Rio Sordo cru. He will be releasing his first Barbera d’Alba later this year. This relative newcomer is full of delightful surprises. Winemaker Francesco Baravalle has done a terrific job. Various American Importers, including: Soilair Selection, New York, NY; tel. (646) 244-4922; Villa Italia, San Francisco, CA; tel. (415) 760-7400; Enoteca Diana, Pittsburgh, PA; tel. (412) 341-9463

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