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**BAROLO
EXCELS
IN 2005**

92 Terre da Vino Barolo Essenze 2005 \$55

Vivid aromas of blackberry, raspberry and sandalwood. Full-bodied, with fine tannins and beautiful, refined and focused fruit. Very well done for this producer. Best after 2011. 1,000 cases made.—J.S.

92 Terre da Vino Barolo Poderi Scarrone 2004

\$55 This is very, very ripe, with sliced plum, fresh lavender, rosemary flowers and strawberry. Full-bodied, with velvety tannins and an attractive finish. Best after 2010. 600 cases made.—J.S.

86 Terre da Vino Barolo Paesi Tuoi 2005 \$50

Sweet ripe strawberry aromas follow through to a full body, with fine tannins and a fresh finish. This is slightly one-dimensional, but attractive. Best after 2010. 6,500 cases made.—J.S.

87 Terre da Vino Barbera d'Alba Croere 2007

\$25 Blackberry and milk chocolate aromas follow through to a medium body, with pleasing fruit and a fruity, fresh aftertaste. Drink now. 5,000 cases made.—J.S.

87 Terre da Vino Barbera d'Asti Superiore La

Luna e I Falò 2007 \$20 Aromas of candied blackberry and ripe strawberry follow through to a full body, with plenty of fruit and a chewy, fresh finish. Drink now. 27,000 cases made.—J.S.

About the 100-Point Scale

Ratings reflect how highly our editors regard each wine relative to other wines in its category and are based on potential quality—how good the wine will be when at its peak. The score summarizes a wine's overall quality; the tasting note describes the wine's style and character.

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| 95-100 | Classic: a great wine |
| 90-94 | Outstanding: a wine of superior character and style |
| 85-89 | Very good: a wine with special qualities |
| 80-84 | Good: a solid, well-made wine |
| 75-79 | Mediocre: a drinkable wine that may have minor flaws |
| 50-74 | Not recommended |