

Elvio Cogno

"In recent years, Elvio Cogno has exploded onto the consciousness of Piedmont lovers with a series of exceptional Barolos. Readers should not ignore the entry-level wines, which are every bit as delicious."

"Everyday Piedmont - Dolcetto, Barbera and Langhe Nebbiolo" Nov. 2014, by Antonio Galloni

2013 and 2012 Vintages

2013 Elvio Cogno Dolcetto d'Alba Mandorlo

"A gorgeous, super-expressive wine, Cogno's 2013 Dolcetto d'Alba Mandorlo races out of the glass with lavender, violets, spices and mint. The mid-weight, perfumed style can be deceiving, but there is plenty of structure lurking beneath the fruit."

- Antonio Galloni 89 pts. (Nov. 2014)

2013 Elvio Cogno Langhe Nebbiolo Montegrilli

"The 2013 Langhe Nebbiolo Montegrilli shows just how beautiful Nebbiolo can be here on the property. Lavender, wild flowers, mint, cherry and plums are all wonderfully vibrant on the palate. Aging in steel keeps the flavors bright and fresh throughout."

- Antonio Galloni 90 pts. (Nov. 2014)

2012 Elvio Cogno Barbera d'Alba Bricco dei Merli

"The 2012 Barbera d'Alba Bricco dei Merli is graceful and aromatically expressive, if a bit less generous on the palate than is often the case. Raspberry jam notes meld into cloves, mint and new leather in an accessible, mid-weight Barbera to drink now and over the next few years." - Antonio Galloni 88 pts. (Nov. 2014)

2012 Elvio Cogno Barbera d'Alba Prephyloxera

"Cogno's 2012 Barbera d'Alba Prephyloxera is all about finesse. Rose petal, pomegranate, cranberry and mint lift from the glass. The aromas and flavors are bright and precise, while the sweet, perfumed finish makes it hard to move on. There is plenty to admire in this handcrafted, cask-aged, old-vine Barbera." - Antonio Galloni 90 pts. (Nov. 2014)

2012 Elvio Cogno Anas-Cëtta

"The 2012 Anas-Cetta, from a nearly forgotten, indigenous variety, is a wine of pure intrigue. Smoke, peach, nectarine and petrol are some of the many notes that flesh out in the glass. The 2012 is rich, viscous and oily in texture, with tremendous depth and plenty of personality." - Antonio Galloni 89 pts. (Oct. 2013)

2012 Elvio Cogno Dolcetto d'Alba Mandorlo

"Cogno's 2012 Dolcetto d'Alba Mandorlo emerges from the glass with sweet red cherries, plums, cinnamon, pine and new leather, all in a deep, resonant style with plenty of richness. The 2012 finishes with a classic sense of austerity and grip that is typical of Dolcetto." - Antonio Galloni 90 pts. (Oct. 2013)

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2011 Vintage

2011 Elvio Cogno Barbera d'Alba Bricco dei Merli

"The 2011 Barbera d'Alba Bricco dei Merli wraps around the palate with gorgeous depth. Dark raspberries, cherries, plums, spices and leather all flesh out in a voluptuous, layered Barbera that captures the essence of the vintage. Rich, silky and caressing, the 2011 impresses for its balance, depth and personality." – Antonio Galloni 92 pts. (Oct. 2013)

2011 Elvio Cogno Barbera d'Alba Pre-Phylloxera

"Tar, smoke, licorice, game, pomegranate and savory herbs emerge from the cask-aged 2011 Barbera d'Alba Prephylloxera. Constantly changing in the glass, the 2011 is full of intense, dark notes that add complexity and an intense, brooding quality that is at times reminiscent of Aglianico. The 2011 is hugely appealing today, but it will be even better in a few years."

– Antonio Galloni 94 pts. (Oct. 2013)

2011 Elvio Cogno Barolo Cascina Nuova

"The 2011 Barolo Cascina Nuova is gorgeous. Sweet red berries, mint, cinnamon and wild flowers all meld together in a supple, racy Barolo loaded with class and personality. Even in 2011, the Cascina Nuova is fresh and perfumed to the core.

A hint of orange peel and star anise adds exotic flair on the finish. The 2011 spent 40 days on the skins, followed by two years in cask." – Antonio Galloni (91-93 pts.) (Sept. 2014)

2011 Elvio Cogno Barbaresco Bordini

"Orange peel, spices, cranberry, flowers and white truffles meld into sage and cinnamon in Cogno's 2010 Barbaresco Bordini. The style is floral, lifted and graceful, with understated structure and lovely overall balance. This is a terrific showing from Cogno. The Bordini is made from purchased fruit and spends about 25 months in Slavonian oak."

– Antonio Galloni 92 pts (Oct. 2013)

2011 Elvio Cogno Barolo Ravera

"Cogno's 2011 Barolo Ravera is laced with dark red cherry, plum, hard candy, mint, cloves and leather. Here the flavors are dark, supple and beautifully layered in the glass. In 2011, the Ravera presents a compelling interplay of richness from the warm vintage along with the beams of minerality that are so typical of this site. The clonal blend is 60% Lampia and 40% Michet."

– Antonio Galloni (91-94 pts.) (Sept. 2014)

2011 Elvio Cogno Montegrilli

"Plums, violets, roses, sweet tobacco and mint are all woven together in Cogno's 2011 Langhe Rosso Montegrilli, a Nebbiolo/Barbera blend. Floral and spice notes add lift to a polished, refined red loaded with class, while the clean, mineral-laced finish leaves a lasting impression." – Antonio Galloni 91 pts. (Oct. 2013)

2011 Elvio Cogno Dolcetto d'Alba Mandorlo

"Cogno's 2011 Dolcetto d'Alba Vigna del Mandorlo is laced with sweet plums, cherries, licorice and menthol, all of which come together beautifully in the glass. This is a relatively accessible vintage for Cogno's Dolcetto, a wine that is sometimes bigger and more powerful." – Antonio Galloni 88 pts. (Oct. 2012)

2011 Elvio Cogno Anas-Cëtta

"The 2011 Anas-Cëtta is striking in this vintage. Juicy yellow peaches, flowers, crushed rocks and mint meld together in this totally gracious white. Gorgeous, pure and vibrant, the 2011 impresses for its overall balance and sense of harmony. I will not be surprised if it is even better in another year or two." – Antonio Galloni 90 pts. (Oct. 2012)

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2010 Vintage

2010 Elvio Cagno Anas-Cetta di Novello (30% in used *barrisques*, 70% in stainless steel, with *batonnage*):
"Bright, full green-tinged yellow. Captivating aromas of wild herbs, rosemary, lemon, licorice and exotic mango. Dense and fat, with lovely sweetness but a firm acid edge to its flavors of herbs, lemon and honey. This is not yet ready to drink, notes Nadia Fissore, adding that the honeyed character will gain in the bottle. She recommends pairing this variety with salami, fresh cheeses or white meats more than with fish. Incidentally, several other producers make *nascetta*, but their wines must use the appellation Langhe Bianco." – Stephen Tanzer 89 pts. (Nov. 2011)

2010 Elvio Cagno Barolo Bricco Pernice
"Cagno's 2010 Barolo Bricco Pernice is a real stunner. Lavender, white pepper, sage, rosemary, menthol, spices and licorice are some of the many notes that open up in the glass in a wine endowed with superb inner sweetness and perfume. The 2010 Bricco Pernice is like biting into a candy that is hard on the outside and sweet on the inside, a quality it shares with a handful of epic Barolos. I can't wait to taste this from bottle." – Antonio Galloni (94-97 pts.) (Sept. 2014)

2010 Elvio Cagno Barolo Cascina Nuova
"Freshly cut flowers, mint, sweet red cherries and licorice meld together in the 2010 Barolo Cascina Nuova. Fine and silky through to the finish the 2010 is a great introduction to the vintage. With time in the glass the floral and spice notes become more prominent, adding lift, perfume and finesse. Hints of orange peel, cinnamon and mint add complexity over time. The ripe, sweet tannins give the 2010 gorgeous early accessibility, but it should also age well. The 2010 saw 40 days on the skins followed by years in cask. The Cascina Nuova is a great introduction to the wines of Elvio Cagno, one of Barolo's leading estates." – Antonio Galloni 93 pts. (Jan. 2014)

2010 Elvio Cagno Barolo Ravera
"Cagno's 2010 Barolo Ravera emerges from some of the oldest vineyards in the property. Dark red cherry, plum, menthol, licorice and smoke meld together in a sumptuous wine that impresses for its breadth and volume. At the same time, there is plenty of Ravera minerality supporting the fruit. The Ravera doesn't have the early appeal of the Cascina Nuova, rather it is a wine for the cellar. Hints of savory herb and floral notes with a faint suggestion of Chinato wrap around the finish."
– Antonio Galloni 95 pts. (Jan. 2014)

2010 Elvio Cagno Barbaresco Bordini
"Cagno's 2010 Barbaresco Bordini is a classic wine from Neive. Deceptively medium in body, the 2010 wafts from the glass with perfumed red berries, mint, pine, licorice and sweet spices. Over time, the wine's breadth and power become more apparent, but the style remains built on total understatement and finesse. What a gorgeous Barbaresco this is."
– Antonio Galloni 93 pts. (Oct. 2013)

2010 Elvio Cagno Montegrilli
"The 2010 Langhe Montegrilli, a Nebbiolo/Barbera blend, is another gorgeous entry-level offering. Here, too, it is the wine's overall sense of balance, structure and polish that impresses most. Expressive Nebbiolo aromatics wrap around a core of supple Barbera fruit in a delicious wine to drink now and over the next handful of years." – Antonio Galloni 90 pts. (Oct. 2012)

2010 Elvio Cagno Barbera d'Alba Bricco dei Merli
"The estate's 2010 Barbera d'Alba Bricco dei Merli is cool and intense in its minerality. Layers of floral-infused red fruit flow across the palate in this delineated, energetic wine. The 2010 is built more on structure than overt fruit, and it is striking."
– Antonio Galloni 89 pts. (Oct. 2012)

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2010 Vintage (cont.)

2010 Elvio Cogno Dolcetto d'Alba Mandorlo

"The 2010 Dolcetto d'Alba Vigna del Mandorlo is a big, dark wine bursting with fruit. This is an especially brooding, virile Dolcetto that needs to be paired with food. Violets, tar and scorched earth are some of the notes that add complexity to the blueberry and blackberry fruit. The finish shows notable grip and energy, adding tons of personality and sheer character."

- Antonio Galloni 90 pts. (Oct. 2011)

2010 Elvio Cogno Barbera d'Alba Pre-Phylloxera

"The 2010 Barbera d'Alba Prefillossera is one of the most fascinating wines I tasted this year. A deep, richly colored wine, the Barbera d'Alba Prefillossera boasts huge fruit, expressive aromatics and tons of structure. Menthol, pine, spices, leather, exotic spices and plums stain the palate as this rich Barbera shows off its considerable pedigree. Sadly, there is just one cask to go around. This is shaping up to be a magical wine from Elvio Cogno." - Antonio Galloni (91-93 pts.) (Apr. 2012)

2009 Vintage

2009 Elvio Cogno Barolo Ravera

"Good medium red. Subtle aromas of raspberry liqueur, mocha and burnished oak. Suave and sweet, with a seamless texture to the flavors of raspberry and truffle lifted by flowers. A shapely, refined midweight with lovely perfumed length. In a rather delicate style for Ravera. (Incidentally, I recently retasted the 2008 Ravera, which I rated 91+? in IWC 159, and it showed more aromatic complexity than the 2009 and a somewhat cooler character and lighter touch. This classy, perfumed bottle rated 93 points.)"

- Stephen Tanzer 92 pts. (Nov. 2013)

2009 Elvio Cogno Barolo Cascina Nuova

"Bright, deep red. Very ripe, musky aromas of plum, mocha, stewed tomato, coffee and smoky minerality, plus an earthy whiff of Montecristo #2. Broad, smooth and soil-driven, with flavors of smoke, truffle, porcini and underbrush dominating. The mouth-saturating finish features building, even tannins and late notes of black cherry and underbrush."

- Stephen Tanzer 91 pts. (Nov. 2013)

2009 Elvio Cogno Barbera d'Alba Bricco Dei Merli (aged for one year in big barrels, some new):

"Very bright ruby-red. Blackberry, cassis, mint and violet on the vibrant nose. Sweet and fine-grained in the mouth; bright and dense but with a lovely light touch and noteworthy energy to the intense flavors of raspberry, blackberry, cherry and flowers. Finishes with fine tannins, very good length and solid minerality, medicinal grip." - Stephen Tanzer 89 pts. (Nov. 2011)

2009 Elvio Cogno Montegrilli Langhe Rosso (a 50/50 blend of nebbiolo and barbera, aged for a year in

second- and third-use barriques): "Good bright medium red. High-toned aromas of raspberry, rose petal, licorice and spices. Sweet, vibrant and light on its feet, with juicy acidity giving lift to the mid-palate. This fruit-driven, silky wine finishes pure and long."

- Stephen Tanzer 90 pts. (Nov. 2011)

2009 Elvio Cogno Barolo Riserva Vigna Elena

"The 2009 Barolo Vigna Elena is rich, pliant and expansive on the palate. Sweet red cherries, tobacco, mint and spices meld together in an ample, powerful Barolo built on pure texture. It will be interesting to see how the 2009 responds to bottling and if it shuts down at all. Today, it is remarkably open and expressive." - Antonio Galloni (93-95 pts.) (Sept. 2014)

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2009 Vintage (cont.)

2009 Elvio Cogno Barolo Bricco Pernice

"The 2009 Barolo Bricco Pernice is easily one of the wines of the vintage. A dark, mysterious wine, the 2009 emerges from the glass with dark red cherries, plums, menthol, sage and sweet tobacco. The 2009 Bricco Pernice has it all; expressive aromatics, layered fruit and fine tannins that are exceptionally rare in this challenging vintage. The 2009 is plush, deep and beautifully resonant, but never heavy. I imagine the 2009 will start softening a bit in a few years, but it is already virtually impossible to resist. Cogno has done a great job here. The 2009 spent three years in cask, all of which it needed."

- Antonio Galloni 96+ pts. (Jan. 2014)

2009 Elvio Cogno Barbaresco Bordini

"The newest addition to the lineup, the 2009 Barbaresco Bordini, is gorgeous. It boasts superb depth, richness and power. The broad shoulders and pure structure of Neive come through loud and clear. This is an unusually deep, rich wine for the year. The balance of fruit, acidity and structure is terrific. Hints of tobacco, crushed flowers, mint and licorice linger on the finish. The Bordini is yet another great showing from Cogno." - Antonio Galloni 93 pts. (Oct. 2012)

2009 Elvio Cogno Montegrilli

"The 2009 Langhe Montegrilli a blend of equal parts Barbera and Nebbiolo aged in neutral French oak barrels. It is yet another beautiful, harmonious wine from Cogno. Dark fruit, spices, tar and mint are some of the notes that flesh out in this supple, expressive Piedmontese red. My own preference is for the single-variety wines, but frankly these days its hard to go wrong with anything at this top-notch property." - Antonio Galloni 90 pts. (Oct. 2011)

2009 Elvio Cogno Barbera d'Alba Bricco dei Merli

"The 2009 Barbera d'Alba Bricco dei Merli bursts from the glass with a rush of dark red fruit, flowers and spices. It shows fabulous mid-palate juiciness in a supple, inviting style that is immensely appealing. Sweet floral notes reappear on the finish. This is first class juice all the way." - Antonio Galloni 90 pts. (Oct. 2011)

2009 Elvio Cogno Dolcetto d'Alba Mandorlo

"The 2009 Dolcetto d'Alba Vigna del Mandorlo offers an intriguing combination of dark, varietal fruit along with the textural beauty that is the hallmark of the house style. Hints of licorice, tar and leather add complexity as the wine opens up in the glass. The tannins remain rather firm, making this an excellent choice for the dinner table." - Antonio Galloni 89 pts. (Dec. 2010)

2009 Elvio Cogno Anas-Cëtta

"The 2009 Anas-Cëtta is a gorgeous wine laced with expressive succulent peaches and apricots intermingled with exotic, floral aromatics that recall Malvasia or Gewürztraminer. Subtle notes of sweetness suggest the Anas-Cëtta will pair beautifully with a wide range of foods, particularly those with an element of spiciness. Hints of ginger, passion fruit and spices linger on the finish."

- Antonio Galloni 90 pts. (Dec. 2010)

2009 Elvio Cogno Barolo Cascina Nuova

"Cogno's 2009 Barolo Cascina Nuova bristles from the glass with freshly cut flowers, red berries and sweet spices. A radiant, supple Barolo, the Cascina Nuova captures the best qualities of this warm, expressive vintage. Expressive floral notes reappear on the finish, adding lift and brightness. Readers will find much to admire in the mid-weight, gracious Cascina Nuova. I imagine the 2009 will drink well early and age nicely for at least another decade, if not longer." - Antonio Galloni 93 pts. (May 2013)

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2009 Vintage (cont.)

2009 Elvio Cogno Barolo Ravera

"The 2009 Barolo Ravera is a bit darker and richer than the Cascina Nuova. Dark cherries, menthol, wild flowers, herbs and licorice all burst from the glass in a fleshy, deep Barolo that impresses for its overall balance. Simply put, all the elements are in the right place. The 2009 is a wine of unusual precision, grace and elegance. Hands down, it is one of the most refined, impeccably polished wines of the year. This is a great showing from Cogno." - Antonio Galloni 94 pts. (May 2013)

2008 Vintage

2008 Elvio Cogno Barolo Bricco Pernice (from the best part of Ravera):

"Good deep red. Decadent aromas of strawberry, musky leather, chocolate and earth; less fruity than the 2009 Ravera. Sweet and serious in the mouth, with a silky quality to its candied red fruit and leather flavors, but quite not the same impression of lift or energy as the 2009 Ravera. Finishes with slightly dry, building tannins." - Stephen Tanzer 91 pts. (Nov. 2013)

2008 Elvio Cogno Barbaresco Bordini

"The 2008 Barbaresco Bordini is much more focused and inward than the 2007. Dark red cherries, plums, licorice, mint and minerals are some of the notes that take shape in the glass. The 2008 impresses for its cut and sheer energy. It is a very classic Barbaresco that could use another few years in bottle. Tar, mint and licorice are nicely layered into the finessed finish." - Antonio Galloni 93 pts. (Oct. 2011)

2008 Elvio Cogno Barolo Bricco Pernice

"Dark cherries, menthol, flowers and tar are some of the many notes that take shape in the 2008 Barolo Bricco Pernice. There is an inner sweetness allied to power and structure in the Bricco Pernice that is remarkable. Unlike the 2009s, the 2008 Bricco Pernice needs at least a few years in bottle, but it is a gorgeous, gorgeous wine. Hints of scorched earth, dried herbs, wild flowers and tar meld together on the beautifully delineated finish. Cogno gave the 2008 36 months in cask." - Antonio Galloni 95 pts. (May 2013)

2008 Elvio Cogno Barolo Ravera

"The 2008 Barolo Ravera bursts onto the palate with dark red fruit, cherries, mint, licorice and spices. It shows gorgeous fleshiness and depth for the year, with layers of dark red fruit that flow effortlessly through to the long, resonant finish. The aromas and flavors meld together seamlessly as the wine sits in the glass. Knock-out floral aromatics linger on the impeccable, elegant finish. In 2008 the estate did not make their top Barolo, the Vigna Elena, because of hail in that plot. The best fruit from that site went into the straight Ravera bottling. This is a dazzling effort from Cogno." - Antonio Galloni 94+ pts (April 2012)

2008 Elvio Cogno Barolo Cascina Nuova

"The 2008 Barolo Cascina Nuova is subtle, elegant and refined. Sweet red cherries, flowers, herbs and mint are some of the nuances that emerge from this juicy, forward Barolo. Fine-grained, silky tannins grace the fragrant finish. The aromas and flavors are just a touch forward, but that should not pose any significant issues in a wine meant to be enjoyed pretty much upon release. This is a gorgeous, entry-level Barolo graced with exquisite elegance and class. Fine-grained tannins grace the silky, fragrant finish. The Cascina Nuova was aged in cask and neutral French oak barrels." - Antonio Galloni 92 pts. (April 2012)