

**Ca' Rome' (Romano Marengo)**  
**Barolo Cerretta Serralunga d'Alba 2019**  
(14.5% ABV)

| 94

**BB** | Garnet to pink. Fairly closed and a touch overripe on the nose, with black fruits, earth, prunes, and smoke. A full body, huge tannins, sweet fruit, yet quite a challenging finish. Needs a few years in the cellar. 2030–40. | 93

**AJ** | Dark, dense, garnet-red at the core, out to oxblood red and tile at the rim. A lovely, creamy, leathery nose here, with notes of herb and lavender; very refined and secondary already, with no overt fruit notes. But nothing thin, skinny, or dry... so I'm sure that the backing fruits will be there on the palate. And they are: This is terrific. A huge wealth of warm, teased, nuanced ripeness, the cranberries and pomegranate arils just bulging with sweet-fruited force; then all the finesse of the *élevage* amply on show, fissuring the palate with aromatic nuance (dried citrus peel, honey, sweet tobacco) as the whole slowly settles in the mouth. Soft, suede tannins and skin extracts bring profundity, and the relatively modest acidity just glows fruitily, illuminating the whole palate. Grand, beguiling Serralunga. 2024–40. | 96

**MP** | Highly aromatic and developed, with notes of clove, coconut, cedar, blackberry, plum, cherry, cranberry, cooked fruit, leather, earth, and tobacco. Most of the aromatics indicate a tertiary character, and it is unlikely that this will make old bones, because the tannins are formidable and the fruit is developed. 2024–28. | 92

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