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BARBOURVILLE VINEYARDS

VIRGINIA, USA

Nebbiolo Reserve 2013

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The 2013 Nebbiolo Reserve was aged for 12 months in French oak (40% new, the rest two-years-old). It comes in at 13.7% alcohol. The 2013 adds a layer of depth to the 2012 in this issue's mini-vertical. It also matches and then surpasses the 2012's power on the finish. That meant that early on it was hard to read and showed no Nebbiolo character. I came back on the second day and it was showing everything I wanted. Very bright and drying on the finish, its elegant mid-palate initially belies the underlying power. Then, it manages to coat the palate. The acidity delivers the fruit with an exclamation point. Elegant it may be, but it is very concentrated. If anything, though, this just has too much of everything to fully appreciate it right now. It needs some time in the cellar to acquire harmony and complexity. It will probably be at peak more around 2020-2023. It will be interesting to see whether this becomes a Nebbiolo that will contend with the very best of the breed here, but it seems to me it has a pretty good chance. Every time I saw it, it got better. I'm leaning up just now, but show patience, folks.

—Mark Squires, *eRobertPerker.com* #224, April, 2016

