

Le Piane

Proprietor Christoph Künzli has done a terrific job with these two new releases. The 2009 is the first vintage of the Colline Novaresi I have tasted. It is a welcome addition to the range. Le Piane is one of Italy's undiscovered jewels.

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	Vintage	(Hover for Commentary) Producer	Name	Tasting Notes	Score	Drinking Window	Release Price	Review Date
	2009	Le Piane	<u>Colline Novaresi</u>	The 2009 Colline Novaresi is atypically big for a wine from this appellation, but it is so, so delicious. Black fruit, tobacco, smoke and savory herbs burst from the glass in a racy, utterly impeccable wine loaded with personality and class.	92	2014 - 2024	\$35.00	Mar 2014
	2009	Le Piane	<u>Boca</u>	The 2009 Boca, which I tasted from barrel, is another drop-dead gorgeous wine from Le Piane. Black cherries, plums, mocha, sweet herbs and menthol wrap around the palate as the 2009 opens up. Expressive balsamic-inflected notes develop over time, adding further complexity. Given its considerable power and youthful exuberance, the 2009 is going to need time to fully come together. The Boca often drinks well upon release, but it truly blossoms with a few years in bottle. The blend is mostly Nebbiolo, with some Vespolina and Bonarda. When I am looking for an affordable Italian red on a restaurant wine list, I often turn to the wines of Northern Piedmont and Le Piane's Boca, a wine that reliably overachieves relative to its modest price.	(92-94)	2014 - 2039	\$60.00	Mar 2014

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