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Antoniole 2010 Gattinara Le Castelle**Gattinara, Piedmont****Red wine from Italy****Drinking window: 2017 - 2030**

A huge, dark wine, the 2010 Gattinara Le Castelle shows the more virile, imposing side of Nebbiolo. This is a decidedly brooding, virile Gattinara built on density and pure, unbridled power. Smoke, tar, licorice and tobacco meld into a core of intense black fruit, all supported by massive tannins that ensure the 2010 will drink well for many years to come. Even with all of the palate-staining intensity and structure, the 2010 boasts superb purity and exceptional balance. The Le Castelle is not at all subtle, but it sure is beautiful.

Antonio Galloni, July 2015

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Antoniole has turned out a stellar set of 2010s. The flagship Osso San Grato is magnificent, but readers should be thrilled to own any of these four wines. The straight Gattinara and the Osso San Grato are a bit more classically built in that there is minimal oak influence, while the Castelle and San Francesco are denser through the middle and perhaps slightly more modern-leaning in conception, but I do mean slightly. Antoniole remains a reference point for what Nebbiolo in northern Piedmont is all about. I can't recommend these wines highly enough.

Grape/Blend

Nebbiolo

Release price

\$55.00

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