

## Wines of the Week: Château Palmer & Luigi Einaudi

<b>2005 Château Palmer Alter Ego de Palmer Margaux</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>2017 Luigi Einaudi Barolo Terlo Vigna Costa Grimaldi</b>	<b>95</b>

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There are wines that just surprise you with how good they are. That's exactly the case with the Luigi Einaudi 2017 Barolo Terlo Vigna Costa Grimaldi, one of the best Barolos I have tasted from that very difficult (too hot, too dry) 2017 vintage. You approach the wine fearing overripe aromas and flavours, jammy notes, and even gritty tannins, and none of that is true. Rather this is an absolutely beautiful example of Nebbiolo that is gorgeous in its translucency, beginning with the pale red colour, intense aromas of red rose, cinnamon, minerals, violet, and plenty of sour red cherry, with extremely pure, penetrating flavours that echo the aromas. Light on its feet yet very concentrated and characterized by a steely backbone, the finish lasts minutes. Made from the Costa Grimaldi vineyard planted back in 1977 in the Terlo MGA, facing southeast and planted at about 310 meters above sea level, the wine was fermented in both stainless steel and concrete tanks. This is an exceptionally impressive showing by Einaudi in 2017. Very, very well done.



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