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—FRANK HANSON, JR.  
ITALIAN BUYER  
SANTA ANA

Wine Spectator 95 Points

## AZELIA 2001 BAROLO SAN ROCCO

TWC PRICE \$56.99  
(Pre-Arrival)

Very concentrated and complex on the nose with blackberry, dark chocolate and toasted oak aromas. Full-bodied and very ripe, with loads of fruit and a long, caressing finish. A powerful and rich wine. Builds on the palate. Best after 2009. 650 cases imported.

Wine Spectator

Tanzer 97 Points

## SANDRONE 2001 BAROLO CANNUBI

TWC PRICE \$119.99  
(Pre-Arrival)

Deep ruby-red. Deep, pure aromas of red and black fruits, licorice and smoky oak. Supersweet and wonderfully deep, with extremely primary dark fruit and camphor flavors. Offers compelling breadth and palate coverage, not to mention impeccable balance. Seamless and complex. Perhaps best today on the slow-building, palate-staining finish, which features extremely fine tannins. One of my early favorites from this outstanding vintage. This has fruit of steel.

Stephen Tanzer's International  
Wine Cellar, Nov/Dec 04

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Robert Parker 93-96 Points

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TWC PRICE \$23.99

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