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The keeper



2006 Barbera d'Alba, Rio Sordo, Azienda Agricola Cascina delle Rose, Italy

The Winery

(020-7286 6475), £15.99

Northern Italy's tasty, morello cherry-stashed barbera grape continues to be upstaged by nebbiolo. Yet good Piedmontese examples such as this classy, barrique oak-aged barbera d'Alba from a great vintage can mature for almost a decade with the advantage that its acidic edge softens and almost disappears. Drink this gorgeous, gamey, figgy red with pheasant or partridge until 2013.

