

GAJA



2023 ROSSJ-BASS, LANGHE DOP

WINERY

Located in Piedmont in northwestern Italy, the GAJA winery is widely considered to be one of the greatest estates in the world, producing coveted and collectible labels.

WINE

Named after Rossana, younger daughter of Angelo Gaja, whose nickname is Rossj, and the site of one of the vineyards used to make this wine, positioned in the lower part of a hill (low in Italian is “basso”).

VINEYARDS

Rossj-Bass is produced from three separated vineyards in the Langhe district: two of them, Rossj and Bass - and both were planted in 1984, are located in area surrounding the village of Treiso. Rossj-Bass includes also Chardonnay grapes from a vineyard in Serralunga d’Alba.

VINTAGE NOTES

We feared a repeat of the 2022 drought when, from October to April, we experienced a severe water shortage. The Tanaro river was dry in March and the hills were barren. However, the season took a turn starting May 1st due to a sudden climate change. Heavy rain and unusually low temperatures in May and June increased plant productivity and extended the maturation period. July was hot and dry, and we narrowly avoided a severe hailstorm on the 7th.

August had erratic weather, with temperature fluctuations and a storm. Despite larger grape bunches due to the heat, the increased concentration balanced the skin to pulp ratio. We began harvesting the white grapes on August 21st.

WINEMAKING

Stainless steel fermentation and ageing in stainless steel and oak for 6 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Rossj-bass presents a powerful burst of tropical fruit and citrus flavors. The concentrated flavors reveal layers of mango, mandarin, cedar, and a slight hint of spice, floral notes, anise, and vanilla. The structure is solid, delivering elegance through its woven acidity. The finish is well-balanced, leaving a lasting impression of sweet citrus.

VINEYARD

Region: Piedmont
Appellation: Langhe D.O.P.
Vineyards: Barbaresco, Serralunga, and Trezzo Tinella
First Vintage: 1988

WINEMAKING

Varietals: Chardonnay & Sauvignon Blanc
Aging: Aged in oak for 6 months

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13%