## **GAJA**



## **SORÌ TILDIN 2020**

(soh-REE til-DEEN)

In the local dialect, Sorì refers to the hillside facing south, while Tildin was the diminutive of Clotilde (Angelo Gaja's grandmother).

**APPELLATION:** Barbaresco D.O.P.

VARIETAL: 100% Nebbiolo

**VINEYARDS:** The Son't Tild'in vineyard is situated in the municipality of Barbaresco, on top of a hill where, a little below, there is Costa Russi. The land, facing south, consists of clayey-calcareous marls and covers a surface of 3.38 hectares, with average altitude of 260 m above the sea level. The vines are 45 years old on average.

**VINIFICATION:** Fermentation and maceration for around three weeks followed by aging in oak for 24 months.

VINTAGE: The 2020 vintage was characterized by frequent rainfalls that can be defined as atypical for various reasons. Instead of the distribution coming in winter and spring, it was concentrated in the summer months. Despite the frequent summer thunderstorms, none of our vineyards were damaged by hail. During winter, the temperatures were mild. Particularly, January 2020 will be remembered for being the warmest in the last 50 years. The actual cold, with temperatures below freezing, arrived in mid-March and lasted a month. However, no frost damage occurred. With the sole exceptions of a heat spike in late May, one in August, and one in mid-September, the period from May to early October was characterized by alternating warm days and thunderstorms followed by cooler days. Significant temperature variations during the rest of September and October, helped the color, aromas, and the overall health of the grapes.

**TASTING NOTES:** A lively and fragrant sensation with a beautiful expression of fruit coming from this cru. The nose shows a range of beautiful sensations from violets, plums, savoury, herbal notes, wild roses, black pepper and black cherry. Balanced and fruity, with notes of orange and blackberry. The palate is creamy and complex. Sweet, full, integrated tannins, clean and expressive. The wines are characterized by precise and complex fruit expressions and clean, elegant aromas.

**FIRST VINTAGE PRODUCED:** 1970

