

# GAJA

## 2020 CONTEISA, BAROLO 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

The Piedmontese word Conteisa (in English: contest) recalls the dispute which lasted for over 100 years between the two municipalities of La Morra and Barolo for the possession of the Cerequio area. The dispute was finally settled with the agreement signed in 1275, which can be found in La Morra municipal archives.

### VINEYARDS

The Conteisa single vineyard is located in La Morra. It faces south and consists of clay, calcareous marl soils and sand.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage wines have precise, complex fruit expressions and clean, elegant aromas. A memorable vintage for us. In 2020, rain was atypically distributed, concentrating in summer rather than winter and spring. Most winter rain fell in November, including early snowfall on the 15th, mitigating the drought from December to March. Winter temperatures were mild, especially in January 2020. Cold temperatures below freezing arrived mid-March and lasted a month, but no frost damage occurred. Apart from heat peaks in late May, August, and

mid-September, May to early October had alternating warm days and thunderstorms followed by cooler days. Despite frequent summer thunderstorms, none of our vineyards were damaged by hail for the first time in years. Significant temperature variations in September and October favored the color, aromas, and health of the grapes. Nebbiolo's harvest started on September 18th and finished on October 8th with great satisfaction.

### WINEMAKING

Fermentation, maceration and aging in oak for 30 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Delicate nose, with hints of cherry compote, mint, marzipan, sweet and spicy notes of ginger, and pepper. In the mouth it is delicate, ethereal and elegant, with very sweet and spicy tannin, notes of wild mint and a long, lingering finish.

### VINEYARD

**Region:** Piedmont  
**Appellation:** Barolo D.O.P.  
**Vineyards:** La Morra  
**First Vintage:** 1996

### WINEMAKING

**Varietals:** Nebbiolo  
**Aging:** Aged in oak for 30 months.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Alcohol:** 14%