

# GAJA

## 2022 BARBARESCO 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

Barbaresco is one of the greatest Italian wines, produced by each generation of the Gaja family since 1859. It is the flagship wine for the Family.

### VINEYARDS

14 vineyards situated in the municipality of Barbaresco. The land, at a height between 250 and 330m above the sea level, covers a surface of 21.4 hectares. The plants are 40 years old on average.

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 vintage will be one that will leave an indelible mark on the Langhe. The extreme drought that we experienced has no historical precedent. From November 2021 to September 2022, 300 millimeters of water fell in the Barbaresco area and almost 400 in Barolo. The historical average in Piedmont is between 800 and 1200 mm. Winter was very dry, on December 8th there was a small snowfall that was followed by 113 days of complete drought. Consequently, the budding was delayed and started after the 30th of March. April continued to be very dry and finally water came in May which was immediately absorbed by the soil and helped the formation of the

bunches. Then we experienced a very hot June and even hotter July. Green harvesting during July was instrumental to reduce the stress and allow for a complete maturation of the grapes. During August we had two rainfalls on the 7th and on the 17th that saved the vintage, refreshing the weather and giving relief to the vines. The first part of September was still characterized by warm weather and then finally starting from the 15th temperatures dropped and diurnal shifts increased. Harvest started on August 19th for the whites and ended on October 9th for Nebbiolo. It was one the most anticipated harvest we have ever experienced. We compare this vintage to 2003, which was initially underestimated but turned out to be an excellent vintage after aging in the bottle.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes, coming from each single vineyard, separately undergo fermentation, maceration and ageing in oak for 12 months. Then they are blended and further aged in oak for another 12 months.

### TASTING NOTES

The nose is vibrant and enduring, unfolding with ripe cherry, strawberry, and raspberry, complemented by sweet spices like juniper and pink pepper, and delicate floral hints of rose. On the palate, it opens with impressive volume, balanced by elegant, silky tannins. Its defining characteristic is a refreshing brightness, culminating in a citrus-kissed finish that invites another sip.

### VINEYARD

Region:	Piedmont
Appellation:	Barbaresco D.O.P.
Vineyards:	14 vineyards situated in the municipality of Barbaresco
First Vintage:	1859
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable

### WINEMAKING

Varietals:	100% Nebbiolo
Aging:	The grapes, coming from each single vineyard, separately undergo fermentation, maceration and ageing in oak for 12 months. Then they are blended and further aged in oak for another 12 months.

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	14%
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