

GAJA



2022 SPERSS, 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

Sperss translates to “nostalgia” in local dialect. This was the first step outside Barbaresco for the Gaja family, and a project dear to Angelo Gaja and his father, Giovanni Gaja.

In 1988 the Gaja family purchased twelve hectares of vineyard in one of the best positions in Serralunga. A 7-hectare single vineyard was named Sperss, a Piedmontese dialect word meaning nostalgia, that of Giovanni Gaja (Angelo’s father) for the childhood memories linked with Serralunga.

VINEYARDS

The Sperss single vineyard is located in Serralunga d’Alba and the soil is composed of compact clay and limestone.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 Langhe vintage was marked by extreme drought, unprecedented in the area. The Barbaresco region received only 300 millimeters of water from November 2021 to the 2022 harvest, while Barolo received almost 400 millimeters. This is much lower

than the historical average of 800 to 1200 millimeters in Piedmont. The low rainfall affected budding, which was uneven and resulted in low bud fertility. Rainfall finally arrived in April, with 100 millimeters of rain, causing vegetation to surge in the vineyards. However, dry conditions in June halted vegetative growth, and early green harvesting was carried out in the sorì to reduce water stress. This vintage is similar to 2003, which was initially underestimated but turned out to be an excellent vintage after aging in the bottle.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation, maceration and aging in oak for 30 months.

TASTING NOTES

The terroir expresses itself through deep mineral tones layered with vibrant notes of tart black cherry, truffle, licorice, and dried earth. On the palate, the wine is dense and structured, with an austere, powerful texture that speaks to its youth and pedigree. Despite its firmness, there is remarkable depth and precision, with a long, savory finish that underscores the wine’s complexity and age-worthy character.

VINEYARD

Region: Piedmont
Appellation: Barolo D.O.P.
Vineyards: Serralunga
First Vintage: 1988

WINEMAKING

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 14%