

GAJA



2023 DARMAGI, 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

It was Giovanni Gaja, Angelo's father, who involuntarily named this wine, because when Angelo planted Cabernet Sauvignon instead of Nebbiolo, his first comment in Piedmontese dialect was Darmagi! (What a pity!).

VINEYARDS

Planted in 1978 in the heart of Barbaresco village, Darmagi demonstrates the Langhe's capacity to produce a fine wine from an international variety. Excellent sun exposure with a balance of clay and silt that creates optimal soil drainage.

VINTAGE NOTES

In March the Tanaro river was dry and the hills barren. From May 1st the character of the vintage suddenly changed completely. Abundant rainfall and temperatures lower than usual in May and June led to vines greater productivity and, as a result, extended the period for full grapes maturation. July and August were hot and dry, on the 7th of July a violent hailstorm affected the region, fortunately hitting us only marginally. The weather in August was erratic, with drops in temperature, extreme heat and then

storms. Despite the grape bunches being larger than usual due to the abundant rains, the summer heat caused greater concentration which balanced the proportion between the skins and the pulp. Grapes showed high levels of malic acid and moderate sugar levels, resulting in wines with exceptional freshness and complex aromas.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation and maceration, followed by ageing in oak for 24 months.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, the wine reveals aromas of sweet licorice, juniper berries, elderflower, and blueberries, accompanied by a mentholated finish and a spicy note of pepper. On the palate, the entry is fresh and tense, with firm tannins supported by significant acidity. There are hints of blood and a slight smokiness. The finish showcases notes of graphite and blackberry.

VINEYARD

Region: Piedmont
Appellation: Langhe D.O.P.
Vineyards: Barbaresco
First Vintage: 1982

WINEMAKING

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon
Aging: Aged in oak for 24 months

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 14%