

GAJA

2023 COSTA RUSSI, 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

The word Costa indicates the side of a hill, while Russi was the nickname of the old sharecropper who worked in the vineyard.

VINEYARDS

The Costa Russi single vineyard, in the municipality of Barbaresco, has a south/southwestern exposure and is located below Sorì Tildìn, on the lowest and coolest part of the hill.

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, maceration and aging in oak for 24 months.

TASTING NOTES

Intense and full red color; it opens generously in the glass, with prominent aromas of cherry and blueberries, fresh fruit, marjoram, mint, and spicy notes. Very expressive on the palate, with a beautiful balance and volume, juicy and sweet on entry, finishing with a harmonious and polished tannic structure.



VINEYARD

Region: Piedmont
Appellation: Barbaresco D.O.P.
Vineyards: Barbaresco
First Vintage: 1978

WINEMAKING

Varietals: Nebbiolo
Aging: Aging in oak for 24 months

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 14%