

GAJA

2021 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. The land 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

Abundant snowfall and low temperatures led to an unusually severe, rainy winter, followed by a dry spring. Temperatures picked up in mid-March but unfortunately, the cold returned in early April with icy winds. Some vineyards lower in altitude were affected by frost and recorded losses between 30% and 5%. The summer rolled out with hot and dried days alternating with short and frequent gusts of winds that had the effect of lowering the temperatures. Powdery mildew became a real threat in Barbaresco in July and required a lot of attention and focus from our team.

After an overall dry season, a redeeming rainfall came in the end of August, refreshing the Barbaresco region. Nebbiolo ripened slowly, helped by a rainfall on September 17 along with a drop in temperatures and a dense fog. The harvest kicked off in Barbaresco on September 21. This relatively dry and cold vintage led to a late harvest and paid off with high quality grapes, characterized by smaller berries.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation, maceration and aging in oak for 30 months.

TASTING NOTES

Ruby color tending towards garnet. On the nose, it is compact and complex, with intense and warm notes of candied orange, linked to a sweet spiciness of juniper and fresh wild mint. On the palate, it is imposing, with excellent balance between acidity and a citrusy, fruity aftertaste that is persistent and savory; it is a precise and taut wine, with great length, featuring a smooth, sweet, and dense tannic structure.



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: 14.5%