

GAJA



2023 GAIA&REY, 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

The first Chardonnay planted in Piemonte and first Italian white wine aged in barriques, Gaia & Rey was named by Angelo after his first daughter, Gaia, and grandmother Clotilde Rey.

VINEYARDS

Gaia & Rey is produced from two separated vineyards in the Langhe district: one was planted in 1979 in Treiso (Giacosa) and the other in 1989 in Serralunga d'Alba (Rivette). This last vineyard provides more acidity and structure to Gaia & Rey, while the first gives fragrance and balance.

VINTAGE NOTES

We seriously feared of reliving the drought of 2022 as from October through April we suffered a severe scarcity of water. 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. Harvest of the white grapes began on August 21st. Grapes showed high levels of malic acid and moderate sugar levels, resulting in wines with exceptional freshness and complex aromas.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation and ageing in oak for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, it opens with notes of honey and hints of hemp and jute, accompanied by a calcareous base and smoky woody notes, along with a good citrus freshness. Accents of pastry cream and cedar also stand out, with well-integrated wood and a long-lasting freshness. The intensity on the nose is heightened by spices such as sandalwood and vanilla, culminating in a pleasant green and smoky finish. On the palate, the wine is fresh, full, sweet, and persistent.

VINEYARD

Region: Piedmont
Appellation: Langhe D.O.P.
Vineyards: Treiso and Serralunga
First Vintage: 1983

WINEMAKING

Varietals: Chardonnay
Aging: Aged in oak for 18 months

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13.5%