

GAJA



2021 CONTEISA, 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

The Piedmontese word Conteisa (in English: contest) recalls the dispute which lasted for over 100 years between the two municipalities of La Morra and Barolo for the possession of the Cerequio area. The dispute was finally settled with the agreement signed in 1275, which can be found in La Morra municipal archives.

VINEYARDS

The Conteisa single vineyard is located in La Morra. It faces south and consists of clay, calcareous marl soils and sand.

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 Langhe 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 region.

Nebbiolo ripened slowly, helped by a rainfall on September 17th along with a drop in temperatures and a dense fog. The harvest kicked off on September 21st. 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

Very expressive on the nose, with a sweetness that almost resembles honey; complex and fresh notes reminiscent of cherry, blackberry, and dark fruit. On the palate, it is harmonious, characterized by fullness and a rich, velvety body; the tannins are very sweet, persistent but not overpowering.

VINEYARD

Region:	Piedmont
Appellation:	Barolo D.O.P.
Vineyards:	La Morra
First Vintage:	1996

WINEMAKING

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	14.5%
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