

GAJA

2022 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

The 2022 vintage will be one that will leave an indelible mark on the Langhe. The extreme drought that we experienced has no historical precedent. Winter was very dry, on December 8th there was a small snowfall that was followed by 113 days of complete drought. Consequently, the budding was delayed and started after the 30th of March. April continued to be very dry and finally water came in May which was immediately absorbed by the soil and helped the formation of the bunches. Then we experienced a very hot June and even hotter July. Green harvesting during July was instrumental to reduce the stress and allow for a complete maturation of the grapes. During August we had two rainfalls on the 7th and on the 17th that saved the vintage, refreshing the weather and giving relief to the vines. The first part of September

was still characterized by warm weather and then finally starting from the 15th temperatures dropped and diurnal shifts increased. Harvest started on August 19th for the whites and ended on October 9th for Nebbiolo. It was one the most anticipated harvest we have ever experienced. We compare this vintage to 2003, which was initially underestimated but turned out to be an excellent vintage after aging in the bottle.

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%