

GAJA



2022 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

The 2022 Langhe vintage was marked by extreme drought, unprecedented in the area. The Barbaresco region received only 300 millimeters of water from November 2021 to the 2022 harvest, while Barolo received almost 400 millimeters. This is much lower than the historical average of 800 to 1200 millimeters in Piedmont. The low rainfall affected budding, which was uneven and resulted in low bud fertility. Rainfall finally arrived in April, with 100 millimeters of rain, causing vegetation to surge in the vineyards. However, dry conditions in June halted vegetative growth, and early green harvesting was carried out in the sori to reduce water stress. This vintage is similar 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 30 months.

TASTING NOTES

Conteisa is distinguished by its fresh, expressive aromatics, with notes of black cherry, plum, spice, and fragrant herbs. The palate is generous and enveloping, with a harmonious tannic texture that brings balance and elegance.

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%
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