

# GAJA



## 2024 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

The 2023–2024 winter was mild, with higher-than-average temperatures and little rain until February. Spring and summer stayed cooler than historical norms. March brought strong vegetative growth, and budbreak occurred about two weeks early. By early summer, rainfall was already unusually high for the Langhe. July was the driest month, though storms still passed through. Summer progressed with excellent

diurnal shifts and no heat-related ripening issues. Rain returned in late August and continued through the season, requiring extensive vineyard work. September opened with a sharp temperature drop and increased rainfall, slowing maturation. The white harvest began on September 6th in Barbaresco and Serralunga, and on September 16th in Trezzo.

### WINEMAKING

Fermentation and ageing in oak for 18 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Its defining character lies in the balance between tension and roundness, between sweetness and citrus-driven salinity. The nose is particularly sweet, with notes of apricot, mango, white flowers, and honey, lifted by fresh calcareous nuances. On the palate, the entry is warm and full, showing excellent balance between structure and vibrancy. The persistence is impressive, leading into a markedly savory finish enriched by a pleasant sense of generosity and depth. The oak is present yet well integrated, enhancing the wine's sweet, citrus tinged finale.

### 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:** 14.5%