

GAJA

BARBARESCO DOP 2019

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Barbaresco is one of the greatest Italian wines, produced by each generation of the Gaja family.

APPELLATION: Barbaresco D.O.P.

VARIETAL: 100% Nebbiolo

VINEYARDS: 14 vineyards situated in the municipality of Barbaresco. The land, at a height between 250 and 330m above the sea level, covers a surface of 21.4 hectares. The plants are 40 years old on average.

VINIFICATION: The grapes, coming from each single vineyard, separately undergo fermentation, maceration and ageing in oak for 12 months. Then they are blended and further age in oak for another 12 months.

HARVEST NOTES: Scarce snowfalls in general in the winter months, the start to the season was marked by a dry spell. The months of January and February were dry with average and relatively low temperatures, these optimal conditions helped to protect against the onset of diseases. Abundant rainfall (200 mm) with average-low temperatures (15-17°C) turned out in April and May. At the end of June, the temperatures rose sharply (from 26 degrees to 41.5°C for about 3 days) and caused stress to the plants with signs of browning appearing on the leaves. From mid-July onwards, the first significant rains set in with 200 mm falling at Barbaresco. Temperatures settled at around 26-30° degrees for the rest of the summer. More rain fell resulting in a total of 800 mm from the beginning of the year to the end of August. The soil with a high water content plus warmth allowed the phenolic ripening to progress. We started the harvest in Barbaresco at the same time as the harvest in Barolo, but the harvest lasted longer in Barbaresco (rainier and cooler) with a slightly higher yield. The Nebbiolo harvest started at the beginning of October and finished on October 20.

TASTING NOTES: 2019 Barbaresco has glaring vivid colors thanks to a good presence of anthocyanins. It immediately brings out notes of rose and wild strawberries followed by lighter notes of marzipan, wild fennel and a hint of juniper. Tasting saline, the wine has good length and a perception of crisp red fruits balanced by bright acidity. Together with the freshness and a tense structure, they define the main characteristics of the 2019 vintage.



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