

GAJA



SITO MORESCO LANGHE DOP 2020

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The name derives from Moresco, the previous owner of the parcel in Pajorè vineyard which was purchased in 1979.

APPELLATION: Langhe D.O.P.

VARIETALS: Nebbiolo and Barbera

VINEYARDS: Mainly Pajoré in Treiso with additional grapes coming from Serralunga

VINIFICATION: The two varieties ferment and macerate separately for three weeks. After the malolactic fermentation, they are blended and then aged in oak for 12 months.

HARVEST NOTES: 2020 was characterized by frequent rainfalls that for various reasons can be defined as atypical. Rains were overall above average (the total annual average has been of 1000 mm in the Barolo area and 900 mm in the Barbaresco area compared to the usual 800mm). The distribution instead of being in winter and spring was concentrated in the summer months. Surprisingly, despite the very frequent summer thunderstorms, for the first time in many years none of our vineyards were damaged by hail. Most of the winter rains fell in November (there was also an early snowfall on the 15th) which helped counteract the drought from December to March. During the course of winter, the temperatures were mild. In particular, January 2020 will be remembered for being the warmest in the last 50 years. The actual cold, with temperatures below freezing, arrived in mid-March and lasted a month, however no frost damage occurred. With the sole exceptions of a heat spike in late May, one in August and one in mid-September, the period from May to early October was characterized by alternating warm days and thunderstorms followed by cooler days. The heat spikes in mid-August and in September from the 10th to the 18th helped grape maturation and the final ripeness for Nebbiolo. Significant temperature variations characterized the rest of September and October, favoring color, aromas, and the overall health of the grapes.

TASTING NOTES: Ruby red with violet hues. The wine has primary citrus notes reminiscent of fresh blood oranges. An explosion of red cherry and herbal notes follow with ripe apricot and bell pepper. The fragrant mouthfeel matches the olfactory impressions. Juicy, vinous and fresh, with soft tannins. It is structured and balanced, full-bodied and creamy, with a long finish.

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