

GAJA

2020 SPERSS, 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

Sperss translates to “nostalgia” in local dialect. This was the first step outside Barbaresco for the Gaja family, and a project dear to Angelo Gaja and his father, Giovanni Gaja.

In 1988 the Gaja family purchased twelve hectares of vineyard in one of the best positions in Serralunga. The land was named Sperss, a Piedmontese dialect word meaning nostalgia, that of Giovanni Gaja (Angelo’s father) for the childhood memories linked with Serralunga.

VINEYARDS

The Sperss vineyard is located in the Marenc-Rivette sub-area, in the municipality of Serralunga. The land, arranged as an amphitheater on a surface of 30 acres, consists of very compact clayey-calcareous marls and has south and south-west exposure with an average altitude of 1,210 ft a.s.l. The vines are 50 years old on average.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2020 vintage wines have precise, complex fruit expressions and clean, elegant aromas. A memorable vintage for us. In 2020, rain was atypically distributed, concentrating in summer rather than winter and spring. Most winter rain fell in November, including early snowfall on the 15th, mitigating the drought from December to March. Winter temperatures were mild, especially in January 2020. Cold temperatures below freezing arrived mid-March and lasted a month, but no frost damage occurred. Apart from heat peaks in late May, August, and mid-September, May to early October had alternating warm days and thunderstorms followed by cooler days. Despite frequent summer thunderstorms, none of our vineyards were damaged by hail for the first time in years. Significant temperature variations in September and October favored the color, aromas, and health of the grapes. Nebbiolo’s harvest started on September 18th and finished on October 8th with great satisfaction.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation, maceration and aging in oak for 30 months.

TASTING NOTES

The nose is intense and compact, gradually revealing peaty notes, smoked meat, herbs, prune, sweet tobacco, and bitter cocoa.



VINEYARD

Region: Piedmont
Appellation: Barolo D.O.P.
Vineyards: Serralunga
First Vintage: 1988

WINEMAKING

Varietals: Nebbiolo
Aging: Aged in oak for 30 months.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 14%