

# GAJA

## 2021 SORÌ SAN LORENZO, BARBARESCO 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

In the local dialect, Sorì refers to the hillside facing south, while San Lorenzo is the patron saint protecting Alba's Cathedral, as the vineyard was church property until 1964, when it was purchased by the Gaja family.

### VINEYARDS

The Sorì San Lorenzo single vineyard is located in Barbaresco, close to the historic town center. It is south/southwestern faced and it overlooks the Tanaro River, which regulates temperature and humidity.

### VINTAGE NOTES

In 2021, the grape harvest yielded thin-skinned grapes that were rich in aroma and color, resulting in structured wines with significant volume, richness, and sweet tannins. Abundant snowfall and low temperatures led to an unusually severe, rainy winter, followed by a dry spring. Temperatures rose in mid-March but dropped again in early April with icy winds. Some lower-altitude vineyards were affected by frost, recording losses between 30% and 5%. The summer had hot, dry days alternating with short, frequent gusts of wind that lowered temperatures. Powdery mildew became a real threat in Barbaresco in July, requiring a lot of attention from our team. After a generally dry season, a redeeming rainfall came at the end of August, refreshing the Barbaresco

region. Nebbiolo ripened slowly, helped by rainfall on September 17, along with a drop in temperatures and dense fog. The harvest began in Barbaresco on September 21. This relatively dry and cold vintage led to a late harvest and resulted in high quality grapes characterized by smaller berries.

### WINEMAKING

Fermentation, maceration and aging in oak for 24 months.

### TASTING NOTES

The nose is very intriguing and iridescent with mineral scents, intense aromas of citrus, blackberry, currant and raspberry; yet violet, lily of the valley, rose and wild herbs. On the palate it has volume and power, the texture is dense, with long and full tannins. It's very complex and changes a lot in the glass.



### VINEYARD

**Region:** Piedmont  
**Appellation:** Barbaresco D.O.P.  
**Vineyards:** Barbaresco  
**First Vintage:** 1967

### WINEMAKING

**Varietals:** Nebbiolo  
**Aging:** Aged in oak for 24 months

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

**Alcohol:** 14.5%