

`Kyè` Langhe Freisa 2011

Langhe, Piemonte, Italy



PRODUCER

Aldo Vaira's wines are characterised by pristine flavours and clearly defined perfumes. These characters are attributable to the position of his vineyards at about 400 metres above sea level in the village of Vergne in the commune of Barolo. G.D. Vajra was established in 1972 and named after Aldo's father, Giuseppe Domenico Vajra. Aldo has been gradually increasing the area under vine, which now includes 20 hectares of Barolo vineyards located in such strategic spots as Bricco delle Viole, Fossati, La Volta and Coste di Vergne. Aldo adheres to old-style winemaking methods, though blends these with new techniques, such as temperature-controlled fermentation, to produce such superbly elegant wines.

VINEYARDS

This wine is made from Freisa grapes which are grown on the San Ponzio Vineyard, in the Commune of Barolo. With an elevation of 390-410 metres above sea level, it has a clay rich soil and is planted with vines selected by Aldo Vaira from an old vineyard planted by his grandfather.

VINTAGE

Production in Piemonte in 2011 was 10% down on 2010 levels. Reports are of light-filled, sunny days and higher than normal temperatures, interspersed by sporadic rainfall. The harvest was early for all Piemontese varieties, starting on 18th August with the white grapes and finishing as early as the first week of October.

VINIFICATION

The destemming and elimination of the most acidic parts along with the greenest tannins, is an essential practice for this variety. Fermentation lasted approximately two weeks, at temperatures no higher than 28-30°C, allowing the tannins to become well integrated. For this rather wild variety, malolactic fermentation is equally important. The wine was aged for 12-18 months in Slavonian oak barrels and barriques, giving necessary balance to the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red in colour. Perfumes of red berries, tobacco, roses, and white pepper with hints of hay and wild herbs. Full bodied with balanced acidity and alcohol, this wine is flavoursome and rich with black fruits and spice on the long finish.

Grape Varieties	100% Freisa
Winemaker	Aldo Vajra
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	3.1g/L
Acidity	6.6g/L
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan