

Langhe Nebbiolo 2014

Langhe, Piemonte, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Aldo Vaira
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13%
Residual Sugar	1g/L
Acidity	6.2g/L
Wine pH	3.5
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

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. Vaira was established in 1972 and named after Aldo's father, Giuseppe Domenico Vaira. Aldo has been gradually increasing the area under vine to 60 hectares, of which 10 are Nebbiolo for Barolo, located in such strategic spots as Bricco delle Viole, Fossati, La Volta and Coste di Vergne. A traditionalist, 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

These grapes come from young Nebbiolo vines in Vaira's own vineyards in the communes of Barolo and Novello. The vines are four to seven years old and will produce Barolo DOCG in several vintages time. This Nebbiolo is also enriched by grapes from the wonderful Roccabella vineyard in the commune of Sinio, planted on steep south-facing terraces.

VINTAGE

The vintage 2014, despite being one of the most complex in vineyard management in the past years, has reserved a pleasant surprise regarding the grape quality due to a favourable end of the season. The spring raised over the vineyards of the Langhe gradually but prematurely, causing earlier vegetative growth in comparison to 2013. Summer brought standard temperatures with higher than average rainfall, meaning vigilance against fungal disease was very important. September and October were positive from the climatic point of view with ideal conditions for phenolic ripeness.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation lasted two weeks, at temperatures no higher than 29 -30°C with indigenous yeast strains and traditional daily punch downs. Malolactic fermentation followed and the wine was then aged for six months in stainless steel tanks before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The wine is bright ruby-red with intense notes of violet and rose, accompanied by the freshness of ripe red berry fruits on the nose. This is an elegant Nebbiolo with herbaceous notes and perfumes of roses and red berries complemented by silky tannins and delicate acidity.