

Langhe Pinot Nero 2014

Langhe, Piemonte, Italy



Grape Varieties	100% Pinot Noir
Winemaker	Aldo Vaira
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13%
Bottle Sizes	75cl

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

From the highest part of Bricco delle Viole, Bricco di Vergne, straddles the two Comunes of Barolo and La Morra. From here your eyes can span from Alta Langa (to the East) all the way to Monviso (to the West), while your thoughts drift off far and beyond the Alps.

VINTAGE

2014 was a cool vintage, showing an extremely slow ripening season, which enhanced the sense of place and minerality evident in all varieties. A mild winter and an early spring, with early vegetative growth, were followed by a summer characterised by good water storage and cool breezy nights. September and October were very positive from a climatic point of view with ideal conditions for phenolic ripeness. Harvesting was later than usual.

VINIFICATION

Determining the optimal moment for the harvesting of Pinot Noir comes in the month of September and it is, together with the vinification, one of those moments when G.D. Vajra physically push themselves to their limits. Pinot Noir is, in fact, an extremely delicate grape: one day early and the grapes are not ripe enough and one day later it could already be too late. The same happens during fermentation when the wine can go from being sweet to overly bitter in a heartbeat and the winery worker's time is always too little. 18 months in oak barrels establish its colour, soften the tannins and make us feel, in any case, minute compared to the forces of nature.

TASTING NOTES

Red with vibrant reflections in its young age, a rich array of aromas where red fruits, hay, flowers and liquorice are accompanied by minerality.