

## Langhe Nebbiolo 2016

Langhe, Piemonte, Italy



Grape Varieties	<b>100% Nebbiolo</b>
Winemaker	<b>Aldo Vaira</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>14%</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>

### 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 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 Vajra'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

2016 saw a hot and dry summer in Piemonte. A cool spring with some rainfall was followed by a hot June and July. Large shifts between day and night time temperatures throughout August helped to balance grape ripening and produce healthy, ripe grapes with refreshing acidity.

### VINIFICATION

Fermentation lasted 15-18 days, 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 largely in stainless steel tanks, with a small portion in neutral wood, 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.

### AWARDS

Sommelier Wine Awards 2018, Silver