

G.D. Vajra,  
**Barolo `Bricco delle Viole` 2014**  
Barolo, Piemonte, Italy



Grape Varieties	<b>100% Nebbiolo</b>
Winemaker	<b>Aldo Vaira</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>13.5%</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

The 'Bricco delle Viole' vineyard is located at altitudes of 380-470 metres above sea level in the commune of Barolo and covers 4.79 hectares. One part of the vineyard is planted with vines which are now over 60 years old and yield less than 30 hectolitres per hectare. Its high altitude and long ripening season gives the wine an aromatic complexity and richness that is lacking in lower vineyards.

## VINTAGE

In Piemonte, 2014 was a surprising year. It was cool and wet, so work in the vineyard was the key. Hail hit some vineyards and those who cropped too high or didn't work hard enough in the vineyard will have produced pretty poor wines. Those who did - including the team at G.D. Vajra - have made good wines with good colour and perfume and good levels of acidity.

## VINIFICATION

Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks at temperatures up to 31°C and lasted between 30-40 days, with regular pumping over. The wine was then matured for 42-48 months in Slavonian oak barrels.

## TASTING NOTES

Brilliant ruby red, this Barolo has aromas of cherries, dark berries, violets and dried roses with nuances of citrus fruits and mint. On the palate, there are silky tannins. The wine is well balanced with a long delicately spiced finish.