Moscato d'Asti 2023

Asti, Piemonte, Italy





Grape Varieties	100% Moscato
Winemaker	Aldo and Giuseppe Vaira
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	5.5%
Residual Sugar	3.2g/L
Acidity	5.6g/L
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl,75cl
Notes	Certified Organic, 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. 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

Aldo Vaira grows his Moscato grapes in the 'Riforno' vineyard in the Comune of Mango, in the Moscato d'Asti zone. It is a south-facing, 2.5 hectare vineyard planted at the top of a very steep slope, at 420-470 metres above sea level. The vines are trained in mixed Guyot system and were planted between 1986-2007. The planting density is 3,600 vines per hectare.

VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage was a lovely vintage in Barolo, despite some erratic weather which hit many regions across Italy. The season was long, with an early bud break in mid-March. This was followed by early flowering and a late harvest. Excellent diurnal shifts developed wonderful aromatics. The cluster size was reduced leading to lower yields of very healthy grapes.

VINIFICATION

The Moscato harvest began at the end of August. Picking decisions were made based on each individual site. Aldo always provides some extra days of ripening for this variety to develop intense aromatics and flavour. Following harvest, the fruit was brought to the winery as quickly as possible where the grapes immediately underwent a very gentle pressing. Fermentation was carried out in small batches to provide the brightest, and most enticing aromas to each bottle.

TASTING NOTES

Beautiful bright gold in colour, this wine has delicate aromas of tropical fruits, orange blossom, apple, and lemon. The palate is well balanced and clean with lively acidity and delicate bubbles.