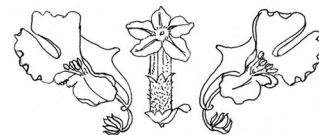


Luigi Baudana,
Barolo `Baudana` 2020
Serralunga d'Alba, Piemonte, Italy

LUIGI BAUDANA
SERRALUNGA D'ALBA



Grape Varieties	100% Nebbiolo
Winemaker	Aldo & Giuseppe Vaira
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14%
Acidity	5.54g/L
Wine pH	3.24
Notes	Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

This small estate has just over four hectares of vineyard, all in the commune of Serralunga d'Alba. Their tiny cellar is situated in the village of Baudana, while their vineyards are primarily in the 'crus' of Baudana and the highly regarded Cerretta. After 30 years running the winery, and without heirs to take over the business, Luigi and Fiorina Baudana took the difficult decision to sell. As part of his research, Luigi visited the Vajra winery incognito one day, and was so impressed with the way they dealt with people and communicated their philosophy that he rang Aldo soon afterwards to ask if he would be interested in buying the estate. A deal was soon done, and the Vajra family have run this estate alongside Luigi and Fiorina ever since. The first vintage was 2009 and from then onwards we can see the true expression of the new Luigi Baudana.

VINEYARDS

Baudana is on the Western slope of Serralunga d'Alba, located in between Sorano and San Rocco to the north, and Lazzarito, Parafada, Rionda and Francia to the south. Sitting at 250-350 metres above sea level with south to south-west facing slopes, this single hectare vineyard grows in two blocks. One is on typical Marne di Sant'Agata fossili in the northern sector of the MGA and planted with pre-clonal vines of approximately 50-55 years old. The second block is younger and located on the south edge of the cru, on Formazioni di Lequio of Serravallian age. The white soil is compact and calcareous with limited amounts of sand which enhances water retention. Vajra has always believed in sustainable farming and keeps the turf natural and green in the vineyard. Traditional pruning is practised in conjunction with the Guyot mixed system of trellising. No irrigation is used, and green harvesting is carried out according to the vintage.

VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage was truly remarkable, and one of the longest in recent years. The season started with an on-time bud break and abundant flowering. This set the stage for gorgeously perfumed and dominating wines. Rainfall in July resulted in a less regular fruit set, but also created cooler temperatures which prompted the extra long growing season which was what allowed the fruit to develop outstanding aromatics.

VINIFICATION

The fruit was picked on October 9th. A delicate fermentation took place in open-top tini and was followed by a submerged cap maceration for 51 days. Spontaneous malolactic fermentation was carried out the following spring. The 2020 Baudana was aged for 24 months in custom-made Slavonian oak casks and was bottled on 10th July 2023.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is ruby in colour with attractive notes of strawberry, dried rose, tobacco and eucalyptus. The tannins are fine-grained and the finish is laced with elegant notes of wild berries, cranberry, and savoury spices.