

G.D.VAJRA

BAROLO

Piedmont: Beyond the Usual Suspects.

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LANGHE FREISA
KYÈ
2016

"The 2016 Langhe Freisa Kyè is a gorgeous wine (...). Scorched earth, smoke, tobacco, grilled herbs and black pepper give the Kyè its distinctive brooding personality. As always, the Kyè is a powerful, deep wine, but, as in recent years, the style is a bit more restrained than the more explosive wines in the past. The Kyè emerges from a parcel in the Vajra family's Bricco delle Viole home vineyard."



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BARBERA D'ALBA
SUPERIORE
2017

"The 2017 Barbera d'Alba Superiore is plush, racy and flat-out delicious. Raspberry jam, cinnamon, dried flowers, sweet tobacco and cedar all flesh out in a forward, plush Barbera that will drink well right out the gate."



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LANGHE RIESLING
PIÉTRACINE
2018

"The 2018 Riesling Piétracine is a rare Piedmont white endowed with real distinction. Lime, white flowers, slate and chalk infuse the 2018 with tons of character as well as nuance. I love the energy here; this is very, very nicely done."



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DOLCETTO
D'ALBA
2018

"The 2018 Dolcetto d'Alba is a super-classic wine loaded with varietal flavors to match its mid-weight structure. Soaring aromatics and plush red and purplish berry fruit come through loud and clear in this refreshing, supremely delicious Dolcetto from the Vajra family. This is such a gorgeous wine."



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DOLCETTO D'ALBA
COSTE & FOSSATI
2018

"The 2018 Dolcetto d'Alba Coste & Fossati is a gorgeous wine. (...) The 2018 marks the second vintage of the return to submerged cap maceration, an approach the Vajra family used up until the late 1980s."



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LANGHE PINOT
NERO
2017

"The 2017 Langhe Pinot Nero is a pretty wine that offers an intriguing mix of varietal flavors with a distinctly Nebbiolo-leaning sense of structure."



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BARBERA D'ALBA
2017

"The 2017 Barbera d'Alba is a joyous wine that is sure to put a smile on readers' faces. (...) Sweet dark cherry, plum, mocha and sweet spice are pushed forward in this engaging, arrestingly beautiful Barbera. Best of all, the 2017 is a superb value."



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LANGHE NEBBIOLO
2018

"The 2018 Langhe Nebbiolo emerges from a parcel in Sinio. Dark fruit, spice, earthy notes and a good bit of tannin give the Vajra's Langhe Nebbiolo a decidedly brooding, powerful feel and quite a bit more seriousness than is typical at this level. (...) This is such a pretty and expressive wine."