## G.D.VAIRA BAROLO



## LANGHE

DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA

NEBBIOLO 2021

This wine is our quest for the innocence of Nebbiolo, its purest expression.

Giuseppe Vaira

**DESCRIPTION:** Varietal truth, purity of aromatics and depth are the elements we long for in our Langhe DOC Nebbiolo. The fruit is picked in the earliest hours of the day. A gentle and long maceration retains the lift and energy of this wine. 2021 is a vintage that shows all the pedigree of Nebbiolo, ethereal, graceful, yet poised for a wonderful evolution over time.

VARIETY: 100% Nebbiolo.

**VINEYARD AND TERROIR:** Young estate vineyards surrounding the winery, approximately 10 to 25 years old.

**GROWING:** In 1971, Aldo Vajra, then still a university student, was one of the earliest to adopt organic farming in Piemonte.

Vineyards have been nurtured, and soil preserved, by grassing and spontaneous cover crop for almost 50 years now. They are sustainable and organic certified. With an incredible ratio of manual work per hectare, farming at Vajra is a labor of love and "recipe-free" attention. Intense research is also placed into monitoring and improving the biodiversity of both flora and fauna not just in the vineyards, but also in the winery fields and forests.

**VINTAGE:** Despite a frost alert in the spring, and a few violent hailstorms during summer, the 2021 vintage was generally very positive, moderately dry and characterized by a late harvest. All grapes have abundance of acidity and good phenolics, and the shortage of nutrients in the fruit allowed for some of the longest and most gentle fermentations in recent years.

**HARVEST AND WINEMAKING:** We picked the fruit for this 2021 Langhe DOC Nebbiolo between September 15th and October 22th, making this one of the longest picking seasons ever.

Fermentation lasted 37 days on average and was followed by spontaneous malolactic fermentation.

**AGING:** Our 2021 Langhe Nebbiolo aged for 6 months in stainless-steel tanks only prior to bottling on June 25th, 2022.

**TASTING NOTES:** 2021 Langhe Nebbiolo shows a lively light garnet color. Whiffles of eucalyptus, mountain wild strawberry, raspberry, cherry, cherry stone, rhubarb, forest floor and spices infuse the nose with tons of character. Silky on the palate, with layers of crunchy red fruits, orange peel, liquorice, ripe tannins and a lingering long finish.



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