

# G.D.VAJRA

## BAROLO

### rosa bella

VINO ROSATO 2023



“ Rosabella is the beauty of spring flowers and wild berries. This is Piemonte in its most transparent essence; a rosé dressed in aromatics, lift and minerality. ”

Francesca Vaira

**DESCRIPTION:** Rosabella is our still rosé. The early picking and a gentle maceration express the grape aromatics in a fragrant, translucent style. This is a seasonal, limited production that shows a surprising capacity of evolution.

**VINEYARD AND TERROIR:** Young vineyards located very close to our winery.

**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.

**HARVEST AND WINEMAKING:** In 2023 fruit was picked in a prolonged time window, between August 25th and October 19th. Half of the Nebbiolo underwent “saignée” - a short skin contact at low temperature- whereas the rest of the fruit was gently pressed so as to minimize extraction. No malic fermentation in order to preserve more energy and sapidity in this wine.

**AGING:** Rosabella spent a short time in stainless-steel tanks at low temperature prior to bottling, to preserve most of its aromatics and energy.

**VINTAGE:** 2023 is shaping to become a lovely vintage in Barolo, despite the erratic weather that hit east of the Langhe and in many regions across Italy. The year features some markers of classicism: a long phenolic season - starting with early bud break around mid of March- early flowering and a late harvest blessed by good diurnal shifts. Clusters were loose since flowering, which resulted in low yields and very healthy grapes. We expect this to be a vintage of good density, vibrant energy and beautiful structure.

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2023 Rosabella reveals an amazing bouquet of flowers and fruits, with nuances of rose petals, grapefruits and white raspberries. The palate is tasty and mineral, with whiffles of peach, lemon oil, green apple energized by the freshness that is such a signature of Nebbiolo.

**FORMAT AND CLOSURE:** 0,75L with Stelvin closure.



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