

# G.D.VAJRA

## BAROLO



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DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA

NEBBIOLO CLARÉ J.C. 2017

Ampeloscopio Vajra

“ Claré J.C. is a Nebbiolo made according to a 1606 note from the House of Savoia jeweler Gian Battista Croce. This wine is a time-capsule into an era when Nebbiolo wines tasted fresher, lifted and slightly crisp. This is a wine for people who are young, brave at heart and curious about Piemonte forgotten past. ”

Giuseppe Vaira

**DESCRIPTION:** Produced with grapes from younger vines, Claré J.C. is a 100% Nebbiolo vinification. In 2017, approximately 25% of the fruit was vinified whole-cluster. The winemaking protocol follows the 1606 writings of Gian Battista Croce.

**VARIETY:** 100% Nebbiolo, ¼ whole cluster.

**VINEYARD AND TERROIR:** Young estate vineyards.

**VINTAGE:** 2017 was a warm vintage with a slightly anticipated harvest. We picked fruit for the Claré J.C. around 20th of September, to retain brighter acidity compared to the fruit for more structured bottlings.

**HARVEST AND WINEMAKING:** 25% of the fruit was gently put as whole-cluster at the bottom of the vat, and topped up with crushed juice. After 5 days, wine was raked into a closed tank to finish fermentation off the skins, for a more gentle extraction. Malolactic in stainless steel.

**AGING:** Claré J.C. was bottled in February 2018, after a very short period in vat, so to retain the most freshness into the bottle.

**TASTING NOTES:** Light ruby color, slightly sparkling and very fresh, eye-catching. The nose opens with red fruits, vin-nouveau like aromatics, spices, gentle incense and a touch of very unique Nebbiolo stem. Mouth is vibrant, refreshing and with plenty of energy. This wine is meant to serve slightly chilled during the warmer months (14-16°C) and can pair an amazing array of diverse food, from aperitifs and appetizers to fried delicacies and BBQs.

#### TRIVIA:

- The name, Claré J.C., pays homage to Thomas Jefferson – who visited Piemonte in 1787 and described Nebbiolo “dry as a claret, sweet and lingering as Madeira, brisk as Champagne” and to Darrell Corti of Corti Bros Sacramento, CA. – an amazing person and pioneer of Piemonte wines who helped us recreate the style of this forgotten, semi-sweet and sparkling Nebbiolos.
- Claré J.C. was first produced in 2014 and is a unique wine in its league.

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