

G.D.VAJRA

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DENOMINAZIONE DI ORIGINE CONTROLLATA E GARANTITA

ALBE® 2014

Selezioni Varietali

“ The true Beauty of Albe is the caress of the sun that rises three times every morning over our vineyards. It's the exceptional simplicity of nature that makes the awakening of life an everyday miracle. ”

Milena Vaira

DESCRIPTION: Albe® is a tribute to the masters of the 1950s and 60s, to those winemakers who had the vision and the taste to blend some of the most amazing crus in order to achieve a Barolo of balance and charme. This is a blend of high-elevation vineyards.

VARIETY: 100% Nebbiolo.

VINEYARD AND TERROIR: Albe is a blend of wonderful Barolo vineyards ranging from south-south-east to south-west.

VINTAGE: 2014 vintage unrolled like the best action movies: it was no game for the weak hearts, but ended great. Abundant rainfalls and low temperatures were the norm throughout the season, with snow on the mountains at low altitudes for most of the summer. Alas, the season had an early start due to the gentle Spring, and lengthened more than usual thanks to a wonderful, dry Indian summer that lasted till October, with important diurnal temperature drops. Three hailstorms between July and August all spared the Vajra vineyards. The long, yet mild, season allowed late-ripening varieties like Nebbiolo, Freisa, Barbera to deliver wines of finesse, with extremely pure red tones and silky tannins.

HARVEST AND WINEMAKING: High-elevation vineyards for Barolo Albe are usually picked in the second half of Nebbiolo harvest. Vinification is made in custom-designed vertical tini, with gentle punch down and rinsing of the cap. Maceration lasts 25 days on average. Malolactic is held in stainless steel, the following spring.

AGING: Albe rests on average between 30 and 36 months in Slavonian oak casks of large capacity: 40, 50 and 75hL. The wine is usually raked once a year. Blending is decided in the spring prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES: 2014 is one of the most vibrant and elegant vintages for GD Vajra's Barolo Albe. Red fruit aromatics wrap all senses. The fresh, pure aromatics allow this wine to be enjoyed young with a plenitude of pairing, or to be aged for approximately fifteen years after release.

TRIVIA:

- Albe means 'sunrises', as you can see the sun rising three times every morning on the vineyards that compose this blend.
- Albe appeared in *Burnt* (2015), a movie directed by John Wells featuring Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller, Uma Thurman. This was a choice of the authors, not a product placement, and the Vajra family heard about this only after the movie was first released.

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