

G.D.VAJRA

BAROLO

ROSABELLA

VINO ROSATO 2017

Ampeloscio Vajra



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

DESCRIPTION: Rosabella is rosé de saignée produced with native grapes. Floral on the nose, with roses, pomegranate and cherry, it is bright and fresh on the palate, with wonderful wild strawberry finish.

VARIETY: Nebbiolo 85%, Barbera 10%, Dolcetto 5%

VINEYARD AND TERROIR: Fruit is collected from a range of young vineyards in Barolo, La Morra, Novello, Sinio and Serralunga.

VINTAGE: 2017 was a vintage of rich wines with plenty of energy and aromatics. After a mild winter with little snow and an anticipated vegetative development, temperatures brutally dropped around mid April, causing frost across Europe (4/19th-20th). The Vajra vineyards were entirely spared from the ice, being located at high elevation, with our immense relief and gratitude. Starting May, weather turned stable. Days were hot but nights cooler than in 2003 or 2011. The major diurnal drop preserved the vines from water stress, despite little rainfalls. High elevation sites received more water too, contributing to a very healthy balance for the vines. By early September, night temperatures dropped even further, enhancing phenolic ripening while slowing down sugar accumulation. Average time between bud break and ripening was of 185 days. As a reference, 'hot' vintages lengthen 170 days and 'late' vintage 200 days (source: Consorzio Langhe).

HARVEST AND WINEMAKING: Rosabella vineyards are harvested early for their respective varieties, and usually no later than mid September to retain freshness and bright aromatics. Saignée with short skin contact for all grapes, at free temperature below 24°C. No malolactic fermentation.

AGING: Rosabella spent a short time in stainless-steel prior to bottling in January 2018.

TASTING NOTES: Rosabella is a delicate and translucent wine. Floral tones of rose, pure cherry and wild strawberry blossom on the nose, together with a hint of candied plum and incense. The palate is full of energy, bright, with a lingering minerality and a persistent, settled finish.



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