

# G.D.VAJRA

## BAROLO

### rosa bella

VINO ROSATO 2018

Ampeloscopio 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 a rosé de saignée, produced with the lighted touch in order to preserve the lightness and fragrance of our grapes. First produced between 2004 and 2007, Rosabella is a focus on Nebbiolo, with small amounts of Barbera and Dolcetto.

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

**VINEYARD AND TERROIR:** Fruit for the 2018 Rosabella comes from young estate vineyards located in the villages of Barolo, La Morra, Novello and Serralunga.

**GROWING:** In 1971, Aldo Vajra was one of the earliest adopters of organic farming in Piemonte. Vineyards have been nurtured and soil preserved by natural grassing and cover crop for almost 50 years now. Production will be certified organic starting from 2019 vintage. 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 2018, fruit for Rosabella was picked mostly between August 29th and 31st, in order to retain freshness, bright aromatics and a moderate alcohol level. Saignée was carried on Nebbiolo, while the remaining fruit underwent a short skin contact before pressing. Fermentation at free temperature below 24°C. This wine underwent no malolactic fermentation.

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

**VINTAGE:** 2018 was marked by an abundant flowering, a gradual ripening and one of the latest harvests of the decade. Precipitations were exceptional during the entire year, as the dedication of our vineyard team. Such determined work and a meticulous sorting gifted us with healthy grapes, with delicate perfumes and a juice that was pink already upon crushing. This harvest was particularly favorable for the best exposed vineyards, those at high elevation, and the late ripening varieties - but it is giving us great surprises also on the whites and Dolcetto. All the wines are fragrant, deliciously aromatic, with elegant tannins. 2018 reminds 2016 and perhaps even more 2004, and promises to become an elegant and classic vintage.

**TASTING NOTES:** 2018 Rosabella is a delicate and translucent wine, with a pale rose hue in the glass. Nose is floral, rich, with rose petals, raspberry, fresh strawberry and strawberry blossoms, cherry stone and a very distinctive signature of Nebbiolo. In the mouth, it discloses a lovely balance and texture, with aromatics of oriental citrus, strawberry, raspberry, orange blossoms and a hint of incense. It finishes long, soft and fruity.



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