



G.D. VAJRA

PIEDMONT



Renowned for artful Nebbiolo extraction, Aldo Vajra produces fresh, fruit-driven wines with profound aromatic depth, a difficult task since Nebbiolo tends toward the tannic end of the spectrum when grown in the compressed sandstone soils that dominate Serralunga d'Alba and Monforte d'Alba. These wines are uniformly excellent with outstanding character and depth. As Parker's Wine Advocate attests, "Aldo and Milena Vajra craft some of the most beautiful, original wines in all of Italy. Frankly, it is impossible to go wrong with any of these superb bottles."



MOSCATO *Stelvin*

BIANCO LANGHE "Pètracine" *Riesling*

Antonio Galloni, Vinous on 2014: **92pts** "... bright, focused and beautifully nuanced from start to finish. This is a remarkably crystalline white with real class. Some of the edges have begun to soften, which gives the 2014 considerable near term appeal. Green apple, flowers and mint are all laced into the exquisite, subtle finish."

LANGHE ROSSO

Nebbiolo, Dolcetto and Barbera with bits of Albarossa, Freisa and Pinot Noir. Scents of red fruits, plums, and underbrush with floral and spicy hints; a corresponding palate with almond, black pepper and Asian spices.

BARBERA D'ALBA

Antonio Galloni, Vinous: **88pts** "Vajra's 2013 Barbera d'Alba is soft, sexy and enveloping, with no hard edges and lovely balance. Dark cherry, plum, spice, menthol and sweet spices are all pushed forward. Drink this succulent, racy Barbera over the next few years."

DOLCETTO D'ALBA

Wine Spectator on the 2013: **90pts** "This is expressive, offering cherry, raspberry and black pepper flavors. Rich, with well-integrated tannins and a long finish. Drink now through 2017."

PINOT NERO *Pinot Noir*

From the highest part of Bricco delle Viole straddling Barolo and La Morra, this Pinot is sustainably farmed. Pinot Nero is extremely delicate: one day early and the grapes aren't ripe enough, but one day later and it could already be too late; same with fermentation: the wine can go from being sweet to overly bitter in a heartbeat. 18 months in oak barrels establish color, soften the tannins, and make us feel, in any case, minute compared to the forces of nature.

Antonio Galloni, Vinous: **92pts** "The 2013 Pinot Nero is striking in its beauty. Expressive floral and spiced notes open into a core of exuberant, boisterous fruit. Beams of tannin kick in on the finish, bringing the palate and mind very much back to Piedmont. I am hardly a fan of international varieties in Piedmont, but the Vajras have once again done a terrific job with their Pinot. There is so much to like here."

NEBBIOLO LANGHE

Antonio Galloni, Vinous: **90pts** "The 2013 Langhe Nebbiolo is a beautiful example of the vintage. A dark, inviting wine, the 2013 possesses striking aromatics, expressive fruit and a classic, mid-weight feel. Sweet red cherry, plum, spices and licorice inflections add the closing shades of nuance. 2010: **92**; 2009: **90**; 2007: **91**; 2006: **90**

FRIESA "Kyè"

Antonio Galloni, Vinous: **92pts** "In 2011 Freisa Kyè is surprisingly laid back and refined... Sweet herbs, mint, rose petal and orange peel are some of the notes that mark an especially elegant Kyè from the Vajra family."

Vinous: 2012: **92**; 2010: **94+**; 2009: **91**; 2008: **96**; 2007: **94**; 2006: **95**; 2005: **93**; 2003: **94**

BAROLO "Albe"

Antonio Galloni, Vinous on the 2010: **93+pts** "Rose petal, mint, sage and licorice meld together in a supple, racy Barolo endowed with both tons of near-term appeal and the potential to develop beautifully in bottle. Vajra crafts the Albe to be accessible young... one of the very finest Barolos in its price range."

BAROLO "Ravera"

Antonio Galloni, Vinous on 2011: **92+pts** "Today the flavors are darker and broader than they have been in the past, yet there is also a gorgeous sense of aromatic lift and plenty of Ravera tannin to shape the wine's structural framework."

BAROLO "Bricco delle Viole"

Antonio Galloni, Vinous on 2011: **94ps** "Rose petal, spices and red-hued fruits hover in the glass, supported by fine, racy tannins. I can't remember a vintage of Bricco delle Viole that was this expressive young. The typical mid-weight, lifted Bricco delle Viole signatures are there, but at the same time, the contours are soft and the wine's personality beckons the taster with a total sense of seduction."

Vinous: 2010: **96+**; 2009: **95**; 2008: **96**; 2007: **95+**; 2006: **95**; 2005: **95**; 2004: **94**; 2003: **94**

