

Luigi Baudana (G.D. Vajra)

2016

Luigi Baudana is one of the smallest active wineries in Serralunga d'Alba and the entire Barolo region. With only 2,6 hectares (6.4 acres) farmed in some of the prime crus of the village, this can rightly be considered a true garage producer.

These wines are quintessential classical Barolo but regrettably with a very small production. Not to be missed in 2016.....

"The Vajra family has turned out a magnificent set of Barolos at both their own winery and at Baudana. Harvest wrapped up on October 22, very late by present day standards, and ideal for wines that emphasize purity of fruit. As always, the Barolos are all about finesse and nuance, very much like an artists' pencil etchings, where all the lines are totally delineated. At Baudana, the wines are naturally more muscular, but that is Serralunga, after all. Most importantly, the Vajra's have developed a personal style that melds classicism with a level of approachability that makes these wines so alluring, even upon release."

Antonio Galloni

2016 Barolo Cerretta

£365 c/s In Bond (6 bts per case)



Cerretta lays opposite from Baudana on the east slope of Serralunga. The soil belongs entirely to Formazioni di Lequio: a thin layer of white marl covers a deep subsoil of red clay.

The 2016 Barolo Cerretta is dark, virile and imposing. Black cherry, lavender, scorched earth, cloves, leather and a range of balsamic notes give the Cerretta its somber, virile feel. Ample and powerful yet also medium in body, the Cerretta captures so much of what makes Nebbiolo so captivating, specifically the ability for a wine to constantly transform in the glass.

95 Points, Antonio Galloni

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Baudana is located on the west slope of Serralunga and belongs to a fine cluster of vineyards among Lazzarito, Parafada, Rionda, Falletto and Francia. The soil is a composition of Marne di Sant'Agata mixed with Formazioni di Lequio. It's white on the surface and distinctively blue underneath.

The 2016 Barolo Baudana is laced with sweet red cherry, floral overtones and silky tannins, all of which make it one of the more refined, sensual Serralunga Barolos readers will come across. In this tasting, the Baudana impresses with its haunting aromatics and transparent expression of Nebbiolo. Like all of these wines, it needs time in bottle but it is super impressive, even in the early going.

95 Points, Antonio Galloni

Offered subject to remaining unsold and final written confirmation.

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Wines to be shipped late 2020.