

Luigi Baudana (G.D. Vajra) 2017

The Vajra family produced a bevy of stellar wines from both their estates, G.D. Vajra in Barolo and Baudana in Serralunga. The 2017s are deep, fleshy and impeccably balanced. All of the 2017s were fermented in steel, where they spent 50-60 days on the skins, including submerged cap maceration at the end. Aging was done mostly in cask, with some smaller neutral oak barrels.

"Most of our work in the vineyard is done by June," Aldo Vajra told me. "What vines don't like are sudden changes, so we try to do most of our work early. It's not just the heat that is an issue, but also direct sunlight on the berries. In 2017 we left a little more fruit on the vine in order to maintain freshness and delay harvest as much as possible." **Antonio Galloni**

"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



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.

2017 Barolo Cerretta

£345 c/s In Bond – 7 cases available (6 bottles per case)

A dark, somber wine, the 2017 Barolo Cerretta shows the more potent, brooding side of Serralunga. Black cherry, gravel, smoke, cured meats, cloves and menthol add to an impression of virile intensity and pure power. Readers will have to be patient here, but there is certainly a ton to look forward to. This is another impressive showing from Baudana and the Vajra family.

95 Points, Antonio Galloni



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.

2017 Barolo Baudana

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The 2017 Barolo Baudana is such a gorgeous wine. It, too conveys the power of Serralunga, but with a bit less heft than is typically the case. Sweet dark cherry, iron, cedar, rose petal, mint and white pepper give the 2017 its effusive, inviting personality. This is such a tremendous showing.

95+ Points, Antonio Galloni

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Wines to be shipped autumn 2021.