

# GAJA®

## 2011 Sorì San Lorenzo

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This wine made history when it became one of the earliest single-vineyard bottlings of Nebbiolo in Piedmont with the 1967 vintage. Sourced from the GAJA winery's top growing site, San Lorenzo, located just south of the village of Barbaresco in the famed cru Secondine, the wine is made with 95% Nebbiolo grapes and 5% Barbera. This practice hails back to the earliest era of Barbaresco, when the lighter-bodied Barbera was traditionally blended into the tannic Nebbiolo to temper its power and structure.

In 2000, with the release of the legendary 1996 vintage, GAJA decided to reclassify this wine and use the Langhe DOC appellation on the label, omitting the Barbaresco DOCG. In part, the motivation for this change was purely semantic. As the number of single-vineyard bottlings grew in the 1990s, their popularity began to eclipse the importance of the traditional, classic Barbaresco, a cuvee or blend of many different vineyards. In a sense, the gesture was meant as a testament to the winery's steadfast belief that Barbaresco is one of the great wines of the world and should be accompanied rather than overshadowed by its single-vineyard fellows.

- Appellation:** Langhe Nebbiolo D.O.C.
- Varietals:** 95% Nebbiolo, 5% Barbera
- Color:** Deep red
- Aroma:** Highly concentrated currant and black cherry fruit with a hint of coffee, in addition to aromas of fine herbs, minerals and exotic spices.
- Taste:** Almost always the most powerful and austere of Gaja's five single-vineyard wines, requiring a longer time to fully develop. A very focused, concentrated wine with a long, lingering finish and refined tannins, it has excellent aging potential.
- Fermentation:** Fermentation with the skins in stainless steel tanks.
- Aging:** 12 months in barriques followed by 12 months in large oak casks.

### Features & Benefits

- GAJA's iconic status serves as a benchmark among the world's leading wines for collectors.
- GAJA uses only estate fruit in all wines, which ensures exceptional quality vintage after vintage.
- Fifth generation continues the GAJA passion for original wines which reflect the tradition and culture of their native regions.

### Key Selling Points:

- Sorì San Lorenzo is usually the most powerful and austere of GAJA's single-vineyard wines, requiring a longer time to fully develop.
- GAJA's innovation of single-vineyard wines originated with Sorì San Lorenzo.



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