

SPERSS

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In 1988 the Gaja family purchased twelve hectares of vineyard in one of the best positions in Serralunga. The land was named Sperss, a Piedmontese dialect word meaning nostalgia, that of Giovanni Gaja (Angelo's father) for the childhood memories linked with Serralunga.



Winery	GAJA, Barbaresco, Piedmont
Denomination	Barolo D.O.P.
Varieties	Nebbiolo
Vineyards	<p>The Sperss vineyard is located in the Marenc-Rivette sub-area, in the municipality of Serralunga.</p> <p>The land, arranged as an amphitheatre on a surface of 12 hectares, consists of very compact clayey-calcareous marls and has south and south-west exposure with an average altitude of 370 m above the sea level.</p> <p>The vines are 50 years old on average.</p>
Winemaking method	Fermentation and maceration for around three weeks followed by ageing in oak for 30 months.
Characteristics	<p>The deep and mineral notes typical of the Serralunga <i>terroir</i> combine with the excellent fruity elements: sour black cherry, goudron, truffle, rhubarb and liquorice. The mouthfeel reveals an austere texture and a full body, dense and complex. It has an extraordinary bottle ageing potential.</p>
First vintage produced	1988