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ROSSJ-BASS 2018

NEW RELEASE

The 2018 white wines show elegance, freshness and *finesse*.

Climate and harvest

The winter was mild, dry, with no snow or rainfall. It was followed by a very rainy and cold spring. An unusual heatwave occurred at the end of April, with temperatures as high as 30°C, which led to an early bud break. Rain and below average temperatures continued through April, May and June, slowing down the entire growing season (1300 mm of rain from March to June). In particular, between May 1 and June 14, it rained consistently for 24 days, making our effort in the vineyards remarkably intense and complicated. Nevertheless, our historical full-time team was able to overcome the challenges of downy and powdery mildew. A bad hailstorm unfortunately hit Barbaresco on Sunday July 17, resulting in a loss of 30% of the overall production. September 2018 was sunny, fresh, and windy, with no drastic changes in temperature from day to night, which allowed the grapes to continue to ripen. The harvest started at the end of August with Sauvignon blanc and finished with Chardonnay on September 15th. Despite damage endured from the hailstorm in Barbaresco, the vineyard in Serralunga d'Alb exhibited an excellent ripeness of grapes, with high acidity, low pH and a balanced concentration of sugars.

Tasting notes

It shines in fresh and sweet flavors consisting of white melon and white nectarine peach combined with elder and jasmine blossom. A zest of spring shows up. This wine opens up on the palate to citrus fruits and fresh hints of menthol (reminiscent of pepper mint) around a steely core of laser-sharp acidity. A vibrant wine, with a firm texture noticeable along the entire centre of the tongue with a crisp, lingering finish.

Vineyards

In Barbaresco and Serralunga.

Appellation Langhe D.O.P.

Grape varieties

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc.

Winemaking method

Steel fermentation and aging in oak for six months.

First vintage produced 1988.



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