**G.D. Vajra N.S. della Neve Blanc De Noir Extra Brut Rosé NV /** *(Retail 33.95)* ***Sale 30.55***

This visually enticing salmon-hued sparkling wine has a gorgeous nose of red berry, toasted nuts, and pink grapefruit. The bright palate offers notes of strawberry, walnut, and a hint of white pepper alongside fresh acidity and persistent bubbles. It’s a fragrant sparkling wine, unveiling on the nose and palate the decisive character of the Nebbiolo grape and the gentle elegance of Pinot Noir. Ample in the mouth, this wine shows loads of vitality making it the perfect aperitif with raw fish or an accompaniment to an entire meal.

**50% Nebbiolo and 50% Pinot Nero.**

**G.D. Vajra Luigi Baudana Dragon Langhe Bianco 2017 /** *(Retail 22.95)* ***Sale 20.66***

The small Baudana estate is just four hectares of vineyard, all in the commune of Serralunga d'Alba. Their tiny cellar is situated in the village of Baudana, while their vineyards are primarily in the 'crus' of Baudana and the highly regarded Cerretta. After 30 years running the winery, Luigi Baudana visited the Vajra winery incognito one day, and was so impressed with the way they dealt with people and communicated their philosophy that he rang Aldo Vajra soon afterwards to ask if he would be interested in buying his estate. A deal was soon done, and the Vajra family have run this estate alongside Luigi and his wife Fiorina ever since. In the glass this white field blend shows a beautiful straw yellow color, very intense and luminous. The nose is full of floral sensations, enriched with nuances of peach, apple, lemon, and a touch of fresh grass. On the palate it is light-bodied and savory with a pleasant freshness.

**80% Chardonnay, 10% Sauvignon Blanc, 10% Riesling, and Nascetta.**

**G.D. Vajra "Claré JC" Langhe Nebbiolo 2017 /** *(Retail 23.95)* ***Sale 21.55***

This is technically billed as a Langhe Nebbiolo but is actually an historic experiment to recreate the style of wine written about by Thomas Jefferson: fairly light, silky and sweet like Madeira, tannic like Bordeaux, and slightly effervescent. The wine is made in the Metodo Ancestrale, meaning fermentation starts in the tank on the skins and finishes in the bottle. Slightly off-dry, high in acid, fully red and slightly tannic from the Nebbiolo grape, this wine is fresh and lively in the mouth but finishes with finesse and length. Enjoy this red slightly chilled.

**100% Nebbiolo.**

**G.D. Vajra Langhe Rosso 2016 /** *(Retail 17.95)* ***Sale 16.15***

One of the singular best values in European table reds, this creative regional blend of Barbera, Nebbiolo, and Dolcetto sings with wild berries, cherries, and deeply succulent fruit. Zesty and refined, this red pairs famously with all things pasta, pork and lamb. Vajra’s Langhe Rosso blend is primarily Nebbiolo, Dolcetto, and Barbera, with deft touches of Albarossa, Freisa, and Pinot Noir for added complexity. Brisk and lively in the mouth, the wine conveys a core of chewy cherry, loganberry, and cassis fruit before transitioning to a long finish marked by notes of menthol, tobacco, cloves, sarsaparilla, and fresh button mushrooms. The combination of dazzling aromas with fresh, transparent red and black fruits, food-friendly tannins, authentic Piemontese character, and everyday affordability will make Vajra’s Langhe Rosso a lovely choice at any table. Enjoy with pasta tossed in a butter and sage sauce, grilled burgers, salumi, beef, lamb, sausages, pizza – anything that calls for a robust, versatile red. Enjoy now and over the next three years.

**Nebbiolo, Dolcetto, Barbera, Albarossa, Freisa, and Pinot Noir.**

**Vajra Barbera D’Alba Superiore 2015 / (***Retail 40.95)* ***Sale 36.85***

A phenomenal effort, this red is easily one of Piedmont's finest Barberas with a profound expression of the region’s native grape. This gorgeous wine is made mostly from old vines (averaging 63 years old) from the Vajra’s top Barolo cru "Bricco delle Viole". The yields here are so low that it takes two or three vines to make a single bottle of wine, resulting in incredible depth with stellar purity. Crushed wild berries and dark cherry flavors with beautiful aromas of sweet earth and raspberries flow on a full and luscious palate. This beautiful Barbera will continue a steady evolution over the next decade, just like good Barolo.

**100% Barbera.   
92 Points Wine Enthusiast.**

**Vajra Barolo Bricco Viole DOCG 2014 / (***Retail 83.95)*  ***Sale 75.55***

Bricco delle Viole is like a cut of silk: pure, elegant, and ethereal. Born on the highest hill of Barolo, a promontory-facing south vineyard, embraced by the Alps and receiving the first morning sun and the last ray of the evening. In autumn this vineyard seems to float above the fog, as if detached from time and light. Brilliant ruby color in the glass, this beautiful Barolo has notes of cherry, roses, dark fruits, licorice, and violet that merge with shades of citrus and mint. On the palate, graceful and silky tannins meet a perfect aromatic balance. Although this wine is already delicious and accessible it will only get better in the following years.

**100% Nebbiolo.**

**92 points, Wine Advocate.**

**96 points, Vinous.**