The winery’s historic Gaia & Rey Chardonnay is a wine that not only reshaped the legacy of the house itself, but also redefined Piedmont as one of the truly great winemaking regions of the world. Named after Lucia and Angelo Gaja’s daughter, Gaia Gaja, and Angelo Gaja’s grandmother Clotilde Rey (the family’s great matriarch and one of its most forward-thinking visionaries), Gaia & Rey was first bottled in 1983 and released the following year.

With this historic bottling, Angelo Gaja showed the world that exceptional white wines could be produced in the Langhe Hills, where red wines had been produced almost exclusively before. He also delivered to the world what is now considered one of the greatest white wines of Europe, a truly remarkable accomplishment in a country where red grapes have historically dominated the realm of fine wine.

**Balance, freshness and sweet concentration are the benchmark of the 2016 wines.**

**Appellation:** Langhe D.O.P.

**Varietals:** 100% Chardonnay – 100% Estate

**Color:** Straw color

**Aroma:** Creamy and floral, the 2016 Gaia & Rey opens with inviting sweet notes of white flowers, lemon peel, nectarine, almond, agave, dandelion honey, fresh ginger and white pepper.

**Taste:** The richness of the nose is reflected in the palate, where the bright acidity elevates the wine and leads to an overall rich yet fresh character.

**Fermentation:** Fermentation, with natural yeasts, occurs in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperatures for four weeks.

**Aging:** 6-8 months barrique aging (with malolactic fermentation).

**Features & Benefits**

- Gaia & Rey is widely considered one of, if not the finest, white wines produced in Italy. It has exceptional aging potential which can exceed 10, 15 even 20 years.

- Often called the Burgundy of Italy, the Piedmont climate and soils share a lot in common with that of the Cote d’Or. The original 9 acre Gaia & Rey vineyard was the first dedicated Chardonnay vineyard to be planted in Piedmont. Today, as demand continues to exceed supply, additional Chardonnay has been planted in the family’s vineyards in Serralunga, allowing a few more consumers to experience this outstanding wine.

- The Gaia & Rey vineyard is GAJA’s highest elevation planting in Barbaresco. It is planted to high density using mindful vineyard practices to ensure the very best fruit and quality vintage to vintage.