



# PIO CESARE

## 2018 CLASSIC RANGE


PIO CESARE'S CLASSIC BAROLO & BARBARESCO IS PRODUCED IN THE MOST TRADITIONAL WAY: A COMBINATION OF MULTIPLE SINGLE-VINEYARD SITES SPANNING DIFFERENT VILLAGES, ENHANCING THE PECULIARITIES OF EACH RESPECTIVE TERROIR. LONG MACERATION AND AGING IN OAK "BOTTI" IN THE WINERY'S ANCIENT CELLARS HAVE DEFINED THE FAMILY'S STYLE SINCE 1881.



### BAROLO PIO DOCG 2018

The grapes are sourced from family-owned vineyards in Serralunga d'Alba (Ornato), Grinzane Cavour (Gustava), La Morra (Roncaglio), Barolo Novello (Ravera), and Monforte d'Alba (Mosconi). Vinification takes place in stainless steel tanks, with skin contact for about 30 days. The wine is aged in mid-toasted French oak for three years: 70 percent in 20 to 50 hectoliter casks; 30 percent in barriques.

**94 PTS** [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | Aromas of spicy red cherries on a loamy underlay, together with savory twists of forest floor and walnut shell. Some orange rind, too. Full-bodied with very fine, firm and silky tannins and lots of long, focused fruit and spice flavor. Good structure for 2018. Needs a year or two to fully knit together. Best from 2024.

**93 PTS**  | **93 PTS** [vinous](https://www.vinous.com)



### BARBARESCO PIO DOCG 2018

The grapes are sourced exclusively from the Pio Cesare family's vineyards: the famous "Il Bricco" estate and the great hill of San Stefanetto, both located in the village of Treiso. The wine is fermented in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. There is skin contact for 20 days. Thirty-five percent of the wine is aged in French oak barriques (one-third new) for 30 months. The remaining 65 percent spends three years in French oak casks, 20 to 50 hectoliters each.

**94 PTS** [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | Strawberries with hints of walnuts, asphalt and bark. Dried flowers, too. Full-bodied with fine, racy tannins and a very long, pretty finish. Refined tannins. Shows excellent length for the vintage. Beautiful now, but better in two or three years.

**93 PTS**  | **92 PTS** [vinous](https://www.vinous.com) | **17/20 PTS** 

## 2018 SINGLE-VINEYARD RANGE

A COLLECTION OF PRIZED PARCELS ALSO ALLOWS THE FAMILY TO PRODUCE LIMITED RELEASES OF SINGLE-VINEYARD WINES.




### BAROLO MOSCONI DOCG 2018

This is a single-vineyard Barolo from grapes sourced from the oldest Nebbiolo vines (1945 and 1971) in the family's famous Mosconi vineyard in Monforte d'Alba. The grapes are softly crushed and destemmed at the winery's ancient cellars in the center of Alba. Fermented in two stainless steel tanks for ten days: the skin cap, frequently punched down, reached a maximum temperature of 86°F. Maceration on the skins for over 30 days.

**97 PTS** [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | This is an exquisite 2018, with super-fine tannins that are totally integrated into the wine and spread across the palate. Full-bodied, yet so graceful and linear, with transparency and focus. Drinkable now, but will be so great in 2026 and onwards.

**95 PTS** [vinous](https://www.vinous.com) | The 2018 Barolo Mosconi is superb. It offers up a complex mélange of rose petal, dried herbs, iron, graphite, smoke, incense, scorched earth and blood orange, capturing all the complexity that makes the best Barolos from this site so compelling. Powerful and deep, yet also quite elegant, the 2018 is another fine Barolo from an estate that has undergone a pretty significant stylistic shift over the last handful of years.

**95 PTS**  | **94 PTS** [Wine Spectator](https://www.winespectator.com)



### BAROLO ORNATO DOCG 2018

This is a single-vineyard Barolo from very ripe grapes of three different plots of the famous Pio Cesare family's Ornato estate in Serralunga d'Alba, one of the top vineyards in the Barolo region. It is fermented in stainless steel with skin contact for 30 days and aged in in oak botti for about 30 months, and a small amount in French oak for the first 12 months.

**96 PTS** [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | Complex on the nose, offering a blend of ripe red berries, nutty minerals, orange-peel and spice. Some savory, almost meaty notes, too. Full, compact and intense, yet there's a graceful feel to the palate, thanks to the really fine web of tannin. Super polish and promise here. Classy. Needs some time. Try from 2025.

**95 PTS** [Wine Spectator](https://www.winespectator.com) | Spicy, displaying white pepper, cumin, fennel seed and mineral notes that frame a core of macerated plum and cherry. Dense, viscous and lively, this is balanced and expressive. Ends with excellent length and power. Best from 2025 through 2043.

**95 PTS** [Decanter](https://www.decanter.com) | Pio Cesare owns the largest part of Ornato, located between Briccolina and Falletto. The Serralunga character is exquisitely typical here, with wild strawberry and cherry fruit allied to rhubarb and minerality. The attack is silky, with great concentration and savouriness, woven acidity and refined tannins to the persistent finish.

**94 PTS** [vinous](https://www.vinous.com)



### BARBARESCO IL BRICCO DOCG 2018

Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks, with 15 days of skin contact. This wine ages in French oak for 30 months: 70 percent in new barriques and 30 percent in 20-hectoliter casks. It is produced in small quantities and only in excellent vintages.

**95 PTS** [JAMESUCKLING.COM](https://www.jamesuckling.com) | This is a very solid red for the vintage, with a medium to full body and extremely refined and focused tannins that run the length of the wine. Bitter-lemon, strawberry and spice flavors. Compact and long. Give it at least two or three years.

**94 PTS** [vinous](https://www.vinous.com) | The 2018 Barbaresco Il Bricco is a worthy follow-up to the stellar 2017. Menthol, licorice, gravel, incense and a range of deeply-pitched spice notes open first, but it is the wine's overall depth that I find especially alluring. Racy and complex, yet so refined, the 2018 has a ton to offer. Best of all, it can be enjoyed with minimal cellaring. It's a gorgeous Barbaresco that captures the essence of Treiso.

**94 PTS** 