



Founded in 1881 by its namesake, Pio Cesare is located in the Piedmont region of Italy. It is in the town of Alba that 5th generation proprietor Federica Rosy Boffa is leading her family's charge into modern winemaking. With ownership in over 170 acres of vineyards in Barolo and Barbaresco, Pio Cesare's wines are iconic representations of the region's best terroirs — reflecting the family's unwavering dedication to place and excellence.



VARIETALS:
100% Nebbiolo

BARBAESCO PIO DOCG 2018 PIEMONTE, ITALY

The Pio Cesare family's unique winemaking method stresses minimal intervention to produce wines of particularly supple flavor expression. A ceaseless devotion to the individuality of each of the region's wines informs Pio Cesare's choices in the cellar: shorter maceration, separate lot fermentation, judicious selection for barrel and large cask aging, and bottling schedules determined by the ideal structure of each wine. This allows Pio Cesare to craft wines of varying weight, ageability and drinkability as determined by the vineyard rather than market fashion.

This Barbaresco is produced using the classic "formula" used by traditional families: a wine which embraces and combines each of the unique characteristics of the different terroirs of the appellation, sourcing grapes from the family's multiple vineyards in different communes.

In light of the family's 140th anniversary, the updated label pays homage to the name loyal enthusiasts have given Pio Cesare's Barbaresco since the 1960s: Barbaresco Pio!

WINEMAKING

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.

TASTING NOTES

A classic Barbaresco vintage: elegant and velvety, with ripe and spicy fruit. Strong yet refined tannins. Good structure and concentration. A very long life ahead!

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POINTS

JAMES SUCKLING.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.

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POINTS

Robert Parker
THE WINE ADVOCATE

Pio Cesare excels when it comes to the classics, and this wine is one of those. The 2018 Barbaresco (released one year later compared to its peers) delivers some mild candied raspberry ripeness with lilac, tarry smoke, cedarwood and spice. The mouthfeel is silky smooth with softly integrated tannins."

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POINTS

Jancis Robinson

Just mid ruby. Perfumed cherry fruit laced with subtle oak and a hint of cumin. Fresh, supple cherry fruit with a savoury edge and firm but ripe and crunchy tannins. Great length and juiciness.



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