



PIO CESARE



VARIETALS

100% BARBERA



BARBERA D'ALBA DOC 2019

Piemonte, Italy

For over 140 years, the Pio Cesare family's unique winemaking method has emphasized 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.

Estate Vineyards

The grapes for the Barbera d'Alba come from the family-owned vineyards in Serraluga d'Alba (Ornato and Colombaro), in Sinio, Diano d'Alba and Grinzane Cavour.

Winemaking

15 days of skin contact in stainless steel temperature-controlled fermenters. The wine is aged for 18 months in French Allier oak, 30 percent in mid-toasted barriques that are half new and half one year old. The remaining 70 percent were aged in 20 to 50 hectoliter casks of Allier oak that are about eight years old.

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POINTS

SMART VALUES

Wine Spectator

"This is bright and focused, exuding blackberry, black cherry and violet flavors. Balanced and firm on the long, fruit- and earth-tinged aftertaste. Drink now through 2025." - Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator

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POINTS

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

"The Pio Cesare 2019 Barbera d'Alba delivers nice richness and concentration, with fresh blueberry, blackberry and plum. I love that the Barbera grape can bring about all that black fruit intensity without feeling too heavy or concentrated. Indeed, this wine is remembered for its freshness above all else and its food-friendly versatility." - Monica Lerner, June 2021