



PIO CESARE

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.

BAROLO PIO 2017

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 Barolo is produced using the classic "formula" used by traditional Barolo 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 Barolo since the 1960s: Barolo Pio!

WINEMAKING

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.

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POINTS

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Aromas of dried orange, berry and hazelnut with hints of dried flowers. Tar, too Full-bodied with chewy tannins and a juicy finish. The tannins are very fine and integrated. Chewy and encompassing flow across the palate. Very structured. Try after 2024.

94+
POINTS

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

This is the wine to buy in commemoration of the 140th anniversary (1881-2021) of the historic house of Pio Cesare. The most traditional and classic of the wines in this important portfolio, the 2017 Barolo is packaged in a retro label that speaks to all the grandeur of this important Italian wine appellation. The wine imparts delicate and fine tones of wild fruit, cassis, tar, smoke and crushed rose. The wine is buttoned up and straitlaced, especially now in its youth.



VARIETALS:
100% Nebbiolo

