



PIO CESARE

PIO CESARE BARBARESCO 2016

Founded in 1881 by its namesake, PIO CESARE is located in the Piedmont region of Italy. It is in the town of Alba that 4th generation proprietor Pio Boffa, great-grandson of Pio Cesare, has led his family's charge into modern winemaking. With ownership in over 170 acres of vineyards in Barolo and Barbaresco, Pio Boffa's wines are iconic representations of the region's best terroirs — reflecting the family's unwavering dedication to place and excellence.

Barbaresco DOCG 2016

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.

"While it will certainly benefit from additional time spent in bottle, the 2016 vintage is surprisingly supple, rich and approachable despite its youth."

- Pio Boffa, 4th generation winemaker

Piemonte produced excellent quality wine in 2016, with ripeness to match the very good 2015 but firmer tannin and higher acidity. Ideal harvest conditions allowed the Nebbiolo to ripen fully, and yields were higher than average too.

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Even though the 2015 vintage had been met with acclaim, it seemed to many that the 2016s were even better — an impression confirmed after tasting the 2016 Barolos.

Decanter

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95 pts

Yum. Very fine tannins with a dusty texture. Plenty of subtle ripe strawberries, orange peel and cedar. It's medium-bodied with a fresh, fruity finish. Tight and beautiful. Give it a year or two to open, but already a beauty. *July 2020*

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95 pts

Pio Cesare's 2016 Barbaresco is, quite simply, everything Barbaresco should be. Medium in body and translucent, with a firm backbone of youthful Nebbiolo tannin, the 2016 is captivating from the very first taste. Rose petal, lavender, mint, blood orange and red berry fruit open effortlessly. This is textbook Barbaresco. I loved it. *October 2020*

WINE ADVOCATE

93 pts

The Pio Cesare 2016 Barbaresco offers a subtle approach to Nebbiolo with a silky and graceful presence. The bouquet shows a nice and fanciful embroidery of wild berries, blue flowers and white licorice. Yes, these are the standard Nebbiolo traits, and this classic wine strives to deliver nothing more and nothing less than varietal purity. *July 2020*

