



PIO CESARE

PIO CESARE BAROLO ORNATO DOCG 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.

Barolo Ornato DOCG 2016

A historically significant amphitheater located in Serralunga, a village renowned for great structure and longevity. The very first "cru" ever produced by the family in 1985 (14,015 bottles).

"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

"Based on 20+ years of tasting young Barolo vintages, my view is that 2016 is one of the most consistently outstanding vintages I have come across. It is simply hard to go wrong with Barolo in 2016."
- Antonio Galloni, VINOUS

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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98 pts

The blue fruit and freshness are impressive here. At the same time, there's richness and focus with ripe fruit. Yet, it remains cool and bright. Superb center palate with great fruit and depth, but compact and focused. Needs three or four years to come together. *September 2019*

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96 pts

This fine site in Serralunga is elevated at 380 metres, which may explain the wine's finesse. Very ripe sour cherries dominate the nose, which is perfumed and lifted, with a touch of vanilla beneath the soaring fruit. It's taut and sleek, with high acidity but no greenness. The tannins are well integrated, so the texture is polished. It's still tight and undoubtedly complex, with hints of tobacco and coffee. The balance is impeccable and this will go the distance. Although it may be accessible young, this will develop more nuances with further ageing. Long minty finish. *April 2020*

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95+ pts

The 2016 Barolo Ornato is a gorgeous wine. Moreover, it very clearly represents a shift towards a more classic style. I think this is the first time I have tasted the real character of Serralunga in Pio Cesare's Ornato. I don't mean the rich, oak-laden textures of the past, but the wild herbs, minerals and ferrous notes that are typical of so many wines in this sector of Serralunga. A wine of power and intensity, the Ornato is so impressive in 2016. It will need a few years to soften (at least), but there is plenty to look forward to. Monforte site. Tar, licorice, rose petal, mint, incense and dried herbs all develop with time in the glass. The 2016 is a powerhouse. I would give it at least a few years in bottle. *October 2020*

