

# MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



## PIO CESARE



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## Barbaresco Pio DOCG

Vintage: 2018

### Overview

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" of 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!

### Harvest Notes

The nebbiolo harvest started on October 5th at the Il Bricco di Treiso vineyard in the Barbaresco region. 2018 was a traditional vintage, not excessively hot, with abundant rainfall, and therefore less problematic than 2017 from an agronomical standpoint. The family produced Barolos and Barbarescos with defined structure, intense color and aromatic complexity, a great concentration of red fruits, high acidity, clean and firm tannins, round and silky but at the same time structured and powerful, very long-lasting and with an excellent aging potential.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 100% Nebbiolo

Aging: 35% in French oak barriques (one-third new) for 2.5 years, 65% in French oak casks for 3 years