

# MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



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## Barbaresco Pio DOCG

Piemonte, Italy  
Vintage: 2019

### 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.

### 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 traditional vintage delivering fresh fruits and beautiful aromas, with great structure and complexity, intense color and a balanced acidity, with sharp tannins but already approachable—all the classic components of the great outstanding vintages of Barbaresco.

### Harvest Notes

The family started picking Nebbiolo in the Barbaresco region on October 10th at the Rocche di Massalupo vineyard, located in one of most premium districts of Alba: San Rocco Seno d'Elvio. The harvest continued at the family's historical historic estate, Il Bricco di Treiso. October 16th concluded the 2019 harvest in the last vineyard sites in Treiso (San Stunet and Bongiovanni).

### 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