

# MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



## PIO CESARE



Pio Cesare

## Barolo DOCG

Piemonte, Italy

Vintage: 2016

WE	96	WA	95	JS	95	JD	94	D	92
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	---	----

### 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.

Year after year, the wines of Pio Cesare are recognized for their consistency and regional expression. From world-class Barolo and Barbaresco to crisp Cortese and sweet Moscato, the wines of Pio Cesare offer exceptional quality and variety.

### Winemaking

The grapes are sourced from family-owned vineyards in Serralunga d'Alba (Ornato), Grinzane Cavour (Gustava), La Morra (Roncaglie), Barolo Novello (Ravera), and Monforte d'Alba (Mosconi). Vinification takes place in stainless steel tanks, with skin contact for about 20 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.

### Tasting Notes

This vintage has extraordinary elegance, complexity and character. Silky and intense bouquet. Full body, great structure, right tannins, incredible ageing potential, precise and classic Nebbiolo style. The wine has sweet and very elegant tannins. It still needs one year in bottle for the best maturation.

### Harvest Notes

2016 was characterized by a very long-lasting vegetative cycle, with a slow but regular ripening season. Spring begun with abundant rainfalls, which provided the vines with adequate water levels. Summer, which started late, lasted until the end of September with mild temperatures. Thanks to this very long vegetative window and a good water supply, the grapes achieved a complete and healthy ripening, producing remarkably well-balanced wines with excellent aromas and great structure. An exceptional and classic vintage, very similar in style to 2013.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 100% Nebbiolo