

BARBARESCO IL BRICCO DOCG 2021

Piemonte, Italy



VARIETALS:
100% Nebbiolo

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 wine is a single-vineyard Barbaresco using very ripe grapes from several plots in the famous Il Bricco estate owned by the Pio Cesare family. While soils in surrounding villages are sandy, the Il Bricco vineyard is primarily composed of limestone and clay. In the Piemontese dialect, Il Bricco translates to "peak of the hill." Reaching 400 meters above sea level, this estate is characterized by cool weather and important diurnal swings—both favorable conditions for the ripening of the Nebbiolo grape.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks, with 15 days of skin contact. This wine ages in French oak for 30 months: 70 percent in new barriques and 30 percent in 20-hectoliter casks. It is produced in small quantities and only in excellent vintages.

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Intense aromas of oyster shell and dark fruit, such as black cherries and blackberries, together with some black olives, dark mushrooms and just a touch of clove. It's medium- to full-bodied with linear and long tannins and a powerful finish. Yet, it's polished and refined at the same time. Needs time to open, but there's so much going on here. March 2025 release. Drink after 2028.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST

Perched in Treiso's loftiest heights where cool breezes whisper to Nebbiolo vines, Il Bricco crafts liquid poetry. Dark marasca cherries play a duet, some fresh from the branch, others transformed into candied jewels, while incense smoke and flower petals dance through the air. The palate performs a high wire act, balancing graceful power with aristocratic tannins from its 30 month slumber in French and Slavonian oak. A wine that's dressed for tonight's gala but has decades of stories yet to tell. Drink Now - 2045.

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VINOUS

The 2021 Barbaresco Il Bricco caresses the palate with crushed raspberry, cinnamon, rose petal, cedar, sweet spice and pipe tobacco. Sensual at first, the 2021 is deceptive, as it packs a pretty substantial punch of acidity, tannin and overall structure. I find it absolutely beguiling and wonderfully complex right out of the gate.

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WINE SPECTATOR

Bright and precise, this red exudes cherry, strawberry, floral, wild herb and mineral flavors. Tightens up, yet the energy and thrust of fruit extend on the lengthy aftertaste. Shows fine harmony and expression. Best from 2028 through 2045.

