

## BAROLO MOSCONI 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.

Mosconi is thought to be one of the true "grand crus" of the commune of Monforte d'Alba, itself one of the most prestigious areas within Barolo. Its soils and microclimates allow Nebbiolo to grow exceptionally well and produce styles of Barolo with great structure, incredibly unique and distinctive aromas, and big opulent tannins that are accessible and ripen, silky and rich.

### WINEMAKING

This is a single-vineyard Barolo from grapes sourced from the oldest Nebbiolo vines (1947 and 1971) in the family's famous Mosconi vineyard in Monforte d'Alba at an altitude of 390 meters.

The grapes are softly crushed and destemmed at the winery's ancient cellars in the center of Alba. Fermented in two stainless steel tanks for ten days: the skin cap, frequently punched down, reached a maximum temperature of 86°F. Maceration on the skins for over 30 days.

**97**  
POINTS  
WINE ENTHUSIAST

**CELLAR SELECTION** | This regal expression of Barolo comes from old vines in Monforte d'Alba's prized Mosconi vineyard. Aromas of dusty dried cherries lead a procession down a gravel path, accompanied by black tea leaves and whispers of cigar box spice. Warmed plums and fruit compote ascend on the palate, lifted by blood orange zest and fresh cut herbs. The elegant tannins, shaped by 30 months in French oak, descend like royalty on a grand staircase, floating not walking. The finish refuses to bid farewell, lingering like the last dance at a royal ball. A wine that makes time stand still. Drink from 2027.

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This is so floral, with violets, roses, dark fruit and lovely sandalwood and cedar. A touch of flint, too. Medium- to full-bodied with such elegance and a long and rather endless finish. It goes on and on. What a wine. Drink after 2027.

**96**  
POINTS  
Wine Spectator

Pure and expressive flavors of cherry and raspberry highlight this enticing, harmonious red, which is elegant yet well-structured, with dense tannins lining the finish. Though tight in the end, this reveals layers of mineral and savory elements, plus plenty of ripe fruit. Best from 2029 through 2047.

