



PIO CESARE

2018 CLASSIC RANGE

PIO CESARE'S CLASSIC BAROLO & BARBARESCO IS PRODUCED IN THE MOST TRADITIONAL WAY: A COMBINATION OF MULTIPLE SINGLE-VINEYARD SITES SPANNING DIFFERENT VILLAGES, ENHANCING THE PECULIARITIES OF EACH RESPECTIVE TERROIR. LONG MACERATION AND AGING IN OAK "BOTTI" IN THE WINERY'S ANCIENT CELLARS HAVE DEFINED THE FAMILY'S STYLE SINCE 1881.



BAROLO PIO DOCG 2018

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 30 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.

94 POINTS | JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Aromas of spicy red cherries on a loamy underlay, together with savory twists of forest floor and walnut shell. Some orange rind, too. Full-bodied with very fine, firm and silky tannins and lots of long, focused fruit and spice flavor. Good structure for 2018. Needs a year or two to fully knit together. Best from 2024.



BARBARESCO PIO DOCG 2018

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.

2018 SINGLE-VINEYARD RANGE

A COLLECTION OF PRIZED PARCELS ALSO ALLOWS THE FAMILY TO PRODUCE LIMITED RELEASES OF SINGLE-VINEYARD WINES.



BAROLO MOSCONI DOCG 2018

This is a single-vineyard Barolo from grapes sourced from the oldest Nebbiolo vines (1945 and 1971) in the family's famous Mosconi vineyard in Monforte d'Alba. 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.

95 POINTS | JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Very compact both on the nose and palate, offering dried red berries and notes of truffle-tinged sous-bois and dried flowers. Full-bodied with a fine-tannin framework and a very long finish. Compact and solid. This needs plenty of time to open, but is showing real class. Try from 2025.

94 POINTS | Wine Spectator

Rich, with plum and cherry flavors, this Barolo also shows a savory side of eucalyptus, licorice and clove. Reveals viscosity to the texture as well as terrific balance. Ends with dense, refined tannins and lingering steeped fruit and savory notes. Best from 2025 through 2042.



BAROLO ORNATO DOCG 2018

This is a single-vineyard Barolo from very ripe grapes of three different plots of the famous Pio Cesare family's Ornato estate in Serralunga d'Alba, one of the top vineyards in the Barolo region. It is fermented in stainless steel with skin contact for 30 days and aged in in oak botti for about 30 months, and a small amount in French oak for the first 12 months.

96 POINTS | JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Complex on the nose, offering a blend of ripe red berries, nutty minerals, orange-peel and spice. Some savory, almost meaty notes, too. Full, compact and intense, yet there's a graceful feel to the palate, thanks to the really fine web of tannin. Super polish and promise here. Classy. Needs some time. Try from 2025.

95 POINTS | Wine Spectator

Spicy, displaying white pepper, cumin, fennel seed and mineral notes that frame a core of macerated plum and cherry. Dense, viscous and lively, this is balanced and expressive. Ends with excellent length and power. Best from 2025 through 2043.



BARBARESCO IL BRICCO DOCG 2018

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.