



PIO CESARE

2019 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.



BAROLO PIO DOCG 2019

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.

95PTS *Robert Parker* | Pio Cesare does a great job with its classic 2019 Barolo (in production since 1881). The bottom of the front label reads "Barolo Pio" in memory of the legendary Pio Boffa. He was a wine entrepreneur who gained the immediate respect and love of all those who knew him. He passed away tragically during the COVID-19 pandemic just as the vaccines were being rolled out. This is a large production of about 70,000 bottles with fruit sourced from across seven vineyards in five villages. Despite those ambitious numbers, the wine remains strictly focused on bright Nebbiolo fruit with red cassis and aniseed. The finish is smooth with tannins that elegantly dissolve over the palate.

94PTS *New Wine Review* | **94PTS** **JEB DUNNUCK**



BARBARESCO PIO DOCG 2019

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.

95PTS *JAMES SUCKLING.COM* | This is a very typical Barbaresco, with a solid core of fruit. Lots of strawberries, cedar and chewy tannins. Full and structured. Excellent length, with the tannins kicking in at the end. This needs at least four or five years of bottle age. Try after 2027.

93PTS *Wine Spectator* | **93PTS** *Robert Parker* | **92PTS** **JEB DUNNUCK**

2019 SINGLE-VINEYARD RANGE

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



BAROLO MOSCONI DOCG 2019

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.

96PTS **JEB DUNNUCK** | My favorite of the Pio Cesare wines at this tasting, the 2019 Barolo Mosconi displays great balance in its notes of raspberry liqueur, pressed roses, and blood orange. With fine, ripe tannins and a note of salty mineral earth, it is fresh and persistent with ripe red fruit and orange peel and is long on the palate. Drink 2025-2045.

96PTS *JAMES SUCKLING.COM* | This is so curated and fine, with a tannin structure that is both sophisticated and racy. Medium to full body. Silky texture with a finish that just takes off. Rose stems and dark fruit, such as plums and strawberries. Some black truffles, too. These are from vineyards planted in 1960 and 1970. Try after 2025.



BAROLO ORNATO DOCG 2019

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 oak bottles for about 30 months, and a small amount in French oak for the first 12 months.

94PTS **JEB DUNNUCK** | Introspective but expressive, the 2019 Barolo Ornato takes on more spice and savor with its notes of black licorice and cedar and is bolder in and broader in its expression. It has a more solar and warming feel, with medium to full body, ample structure, and fantastic length. This more serious and broad-shouldered wine will benefit from time in the cellars and move into more leather and red plum tones in the future. Drink 2025-2045.



BARBARESCO IL BRICCO DOCG 2019

This wine is a single-vineyard Barbaresco using very ripe grapes from several plots at the family's Il Bricco estate. The Il Bricco vineyard is primarily composed of limestone and clay. 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.

97PTS *JAMES SUCKLING.COM* | A solid and powerful Barbaresco with fantastic depth of fruit and layers of tannins. Full and so deep and focused, with great length and structure. Bark, berry, mineral and deep terroir and gravitas. Try after 2027.

96PTS **JEB DUNNUCK** | There is a more depth to the 2019 Barbaresco Il Bricco, although it is equally potent in its expressive perfume of licorice, leather, turned soil, and wild berries. Medium-bodied, with more ripeness, depth, and purity in its notes of red berries, tea leaf, and turned earth, it is long and persistent and has a great finish with present tannins. Drink over the next 12-15 years. This is all about perfume and incense.

