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## PIO CESARE BAROLO 2016

Founded in 1881 by its namesake, PIO CESARE is located in the Piedmont region of Italy. It is in the town of Alba that 4th generation proprietor Pio Boffa, great-grandson of Pio Cesare, has led his family's charge into modern winemaking. With ownership in over 170 acres of vineyards in Barolo and Barbaresco, Pio Boffa's wines are iconic representations of the region's best terroirs — reflecting the family's unwavering dedication to place and excellence.

### Barolo DOCG 2016

The grapes are sourced from family-owned vineyards in Serralunga d'Alba (Ornato), Grinzane Cavour (Gustava), La Morra (Roncaglio), Barolo Novello (Ravera), and Monforte d'Alba (Mosconi). The balance of the grapes comes from other exclusive vineyards owned by growers, who have been providing grapes to the Pio Cesare family for generations. 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.

“While it will certainly benefit from additional time spent in bottle, the 2016 vintage is surprisingly supple, rich and approachable despite its youth.”

- Pio Boffa, 4th generation winemaker

Piemonte produced excellent quality wine in 2016, with ripeness to match the very good 2015 but firmer tannin and higher acidity. Ideal harvest conditions allowed the Nebbiolo to ripen fully, and yields were higher than average too.

*Jancis Robinson*

Even though the 2015 vintage had been met with acclaim, it seemed to many that the 2016s were even better - an impression confirmed after tasting the 2016 Barolos.

**Decanter**

**WINEENTHUSIAST**

**96 pts**

**Editors' Choice**

Enticingly fragrant, this wine offers alluring scents of iris, rose, perfumed berry and wild herb. It's full-bodied and elegant, delivering crushed raspberry, juicy Marasca cherry, star anise and orange zest set against a backbone of taut, fine-grained tannins. Bright acidity keeps it balanced and lends density. Drink 2024-2036. *September 2020*

WINE ADVOCATE

**95 pts**

Traditionalists happily fall back to this wine from Pio Cesare. This historic winery, now in its fifth generation and located within the city limits of Alba, takes care to shape a classic interpretation without too many extra bells or whistles. The fact that Pio Cesare now has the flashier Barolo Ornato and the newly created Barolo Mosconi, only gives more importance to this wine. The Pio Cesare 2016 Barolo offers deep, dark fruit with a mingling of spice, smoke, tar and smoke. *July 2020*

