



PIO CESARE

PIO CESARE 2017: AN EXCEPTIONALLY CLASSIC VINTAGE

"Always somewhat indestructible, Serralunga d'Alba has the power and fruit bandwidth to trump the most difficult weather patterns."

WINE ADVOCATE

"The best 2017s are exceptionally polished, vivid and flat-out delicious."

vinous

"The majority and best wines of the 2017s had a generous fruit-forward nature while remaining fresh and vibrant, with more acidity than the 2015 vintage."

JEB DUNNUCK

CLASSIC RANGE

Pio Cesare's classic Barolo and Barbaresco are 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 2017

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). 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.

95 POINTS | JAMES SUCKLING.COM

94 POINTS | WINE ADVOCATE

This is the wine to buy in commemoration of the 140th anniversary (1881-2021) of the historic house of Pio Cesare. The most traditional and classic of the wines in this important portfolio, the 2017 Barolo is packaged in a retro label that speaks to all the grandeur of this important Italian wine appellation. The wine imparts delicate and fine tones of wild fruit, cassis, tar, smoke and crushed rose. The wine is buttoned up and straitlaced, especially now in its youth.



BARBARESCO PIO DOCG 2017

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.

95 POINTS | JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Plenty of blackberry and black cherry on the nose with violet and lavender undertones. Full-bodied with powerful tannins that flow across the palate. Ever enveloping and imposing, yet polished and impressive. Drink after 2024.

92 POINTS | WINE ADVOCATE

SINGLE-VINEYARD RANGE

The collection of prized parcels also allows the family to produce limited releases of single-vineyard bottlings.



BARBARESCO IL BRICCO DOCG 2017

Sourced from two plots at the top of the Il Bricco vineyard in Treiso, one of the highest and coolest points in the Barbaresco region (6,478 bottles).

97 POINTS | JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Dried strawberries, ash, tar and dried flowers, such as roses, on the nose. Full-bodied and very tannic with powerful tannins and a savory finish. It's spicy and intense at the end. A very structured red. Imposing tannins. Drink in 2024.



BAROLO ORNATO DOCG 2017

A historically significant amphitheater located in Serralunga, a village renowned for great structure and longevity. The very first "cru" ever produced by the family in 1985 (14,015 bottles).

98 POINTS | JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Extremely perfumed with dark berries, cherries, strawberries and crushed stones. Full-bodied with chewy, polished tannins that are muscular. Fantastic structure to this young Barolo, as well as great length. It grows on the palate with ease. Truly impressive. Incredible. Try after 2025.

95 POINTS | WINE ENTHUSIAST

Rose, wild herb, forest floor and woodland berry aromas come to the forefront along with a warm spice accent. Structured and elegant, the full-bodied palate features raspberry compote, vanilla, star anise and crushed mint framed in tightly-knit, refined tannins. An espresso note lingers on the close. Drink 2022–2032.



BAROLO MOSCONI DOCG 2017

Now in its third vintage, the family's latest acquisition in the village of Monforte, from a selection of the oldest Nebbiolo vines, the Mosconi vineyard is recognized for complexity and supple tannins (5,799 bottles).

98 POINTS | JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Subtle aromas of crushed stone and cherry with dried strawberry and white truffle, following through to a full body. Yet it is tight and very tannic with a fine-grained texture and a long, intense finish. A superb combination of structure and finesse. Very typical for Mosconi and the Ginestre area. Exceptional. Try after 2026.

96 POINTS | WINE ENTHUSIAST

Aromas of underbrush, camphor, purple flower and forest berry slowly take shape in this classy, full-bodied red. It combines structure and finesse, featuring crushed raspberry, juicy Marasca cherry, tobacco and baking spice framed in taut, elegant tannins. Fresh acidity keeps it nicely balanced.