



PIO CESARE BARBARESCO 2015

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.

Barbaresco DOCG 2015

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.

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95 pts

A dense and layered red with plums, dried orange and lemon peel and a long and flavorful finish. Beautiful. Such impressive layers and a fantastic finish. Very exciting. Love the length. *September 2018*

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92+ pts

The Pio Cesare 2015 Barbaresco offers a mid-weight approach and a solid core of fruit. That dark fruit center is surrounded by supple but delicate tones of exotic spice, smoke, tar, licorice and crushed stone. This is a fragrant and elegant expression that drinks beautifully straight out of the gate. This is a classic Barbaresco with an easy and approachable personality. *June 2019*

Decanter

91 pts

The label states: 'Please don't call it "Regular."' Pio Boffa doesn't see this as a 'basic' or 'regular' bottling of Barbaresco, rather referring to it as the estate's 'classic' bottling, as opposed to the single-vineyard Il Bricco. And it's certainly 'classic' in outlook: the wine is matured for 24-30 months in mostly large oak botti, with a small amount in barrique. Sourced from four vineyards, three of which are in Treiso - the most elevated Barbaresco village - this has very fine, ripe yet fresh tannins with some gentle, savoury-edged red fruits. There's a slight strawberry plushness on the finish. A great match for lamb served pink. *May 2019*

