

Pio Cesare

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Barbaresco, Piemonte, Italy

2021



Technical Information

Style: Still, Red

Varietal(s): 100% Nebbiolo

ABV (%): 14.5

pH: -

Residual Sugar (g/L): <0.50

Total Acidity(g/L): 5.18

Volatile Acidity(g/L): 0.42

Other Information

Dietary:

Suitable for Vegetarian: Yes

Suitable for Vegan: no

Allergens: Sulphites

Sustainability:

Organic: No

Biodynamic: No

Sustainable certification: No

Packaging Information

Barcode: 8014629032115

Case Weight (g): 7800

Case Dimension (mm): L310 x W243 x H160

Bottle Weight (g): 1240

Bottle Dimension (mm): H300, Dia76.2

Type of Closure: Cork

Vineyard & Viticulture Practice

Pio Cesare Barbaresco 2021 is produced from Nebbiolo grapes sourced from four vineyards in the Barbaresco region: Bricco di Treiso, San Stunet and Bongiovanni in Treiso, and Rocche Massalupo in Alba's San Rocco Seno d'Elvio area. Bricco di Treiso, at around 410 metres, is one of the region's highest sites and benefits from a fresher microclimate. San Stunet and Bongiovanni sit at around 400 metres, while Rocche Massalupo lies at around 280 metres. Soils are limestone-led, with varying proportions of clay and sand.

Vintage Notes

2021 has a long, cold winter with abundant snow and rain, building valuable water reserves. A cool, dry spring delayed the vegetative cycle and reduced the impact of April frost. Rainfall in early summer supported steady vine growth, while warmer conditions from mid-July encouraged balanced ripening. September brought cooler temperatures, followed by a dry and sunny October with strong day-night temperature variation. Grapes were harvested between 7-10 October.

Vinification

Fermentation and long maceration on the skins take place in stainless steel tanks, allowing careful extraction of colour, tannin and aromatic complexity. The wine is then blended from its different vineyard components and aged for nearly 24 months in large French and Eastern European oak casks, with a small proportion aged in French oak barriques. Extended bottle ageing follows before release, improving integration, approachability and long-term ageing potential.

Tasting Notes

Pio Cesare Barbaresco 2021 combines the diverse characters of Nebbiolo grown across several Barbaresco terroirs. The nose shows ripe red fruit, spice and floral nuances, reflecting the cooler, balanced conditions of the vintage. The palate is structured yet approachable, with ripe fruit concentration, round tannins and fresh acidity. Medium to full-bodied, it offers depth, complexity and precision. The finish is long, elegant and persistent, with strong ageing potential.

Food Pairing

Pair with roast veal, lamb, duck, mushroom risotto, tajarin with ragù, truffle dishes, aged cheeses, game birds or refined Piedmontese and Italian meat dishes.