

## Pio Cesare 2016

In the 1950's Pio Cesare was one of the first producers to export Barolo to the UK and thereby developing the wine's reputation overseas. Today, the founder's great grandson, Pio Boffa, continues the family tradition producing Piedmontese wines in a style that manages to balance the best of the old with the best of the new.

Pio Boffa has been responsible for evolving the family style, carefully modernising the wines without losing the classic family traits or the Piemonte character. Shorter maceration, separate lot fermentation, judicious selection from barrel and large cask ageing all respect the individuality of the region's wines. These are wines that are determined by the vineyard rather than fashion.

*"2016 was characterized by one of the longest vegetative cycles in recent memory, with a slow and gradual ripening season. Spring started with delayed yet consistent rainfall, allowing vines to accumulate an abundant water supply for the summer ahead. This explains a late phenological ripening compared to previous vintages, amplified by the hot temperatures of August and September. Thanks to the spring water supply, our grapes were not affected by the heat and in fact achieved a perfect and healthy ripening, producing remarkably well-balanced wines with excellent bouquets, great structure and very ripe tannins. The absence of rain later in the season allowed us to plan the harvest respecting each individual plot's phenolic needs. We harvested the first Nebbiolo on October 4th and finished on October 13th. A traditionally late harvest, very close to the highly regarded 2013 vintage!" Pio Boffa*

### 2016 Barolo Releases

#### 2016 Barolo

**£225 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case)

**£450 c/s In Bond** (6 Magnums per case)

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.

This vintage has extraordinary elegance, complexity and character. Silky and intense bouquet. Full body, great structure, right tannins, incredible ageing potential, precise and classic Nebbiolo style. The wine has sweet and very elegant tannins.

#### 2016 Barolo Ornato

**£380 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case)

**£770 c/s In Bond** (6 Magnums per case)

A historically significant amphitheatre located in Serralunga, a village renowned for great structure and longevity. The very first "cru" ever produced by the family in 1985



The blue fruit and freshness are impressive here. At the same time, there's richness and focus with ripe fruit. Yet, it remains cool and bright. Superb center palate with great fruit and depth, but compact and focused. Needs three or four years to come together. Better after 2021.

**98 Points, James Suckling**

## 2016 Barolo Mosconi

**£230 c/s In Bond** (3 bts per case)

**£465 c/s In Bond** (3 Magnums per case)

**Now in its second 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.**

Really attractive blue fruit and flowers with hints of minerals. Full-bodied, very tight and sexy with super fine tannins, at the same time. A structured and racy young wine. Better after 2021.

**97 Points, James Suckling**



## 2016 Barbaresco Releases

*"The 2016's confirm all of the promise they have always shown. It is a stunning, brilliant vintage across the board."*

*"2016 has turned out to be a truly magnificent vintage. Last year, I wrote, 'The 2016s, wines from a potentially historic vintage, may very well put Barbaresco on the map big time. As I travelled from producer to producer, I experienced that sense of excitement and energy I always feel when in the presence of important vintages and wines.' I feel exactly the same way today."*

**Antonio Galloni**

## 2016 Barbaresco

**£225 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case)

**£450 c/s In Bond** (6 Magnums per case)

**From family-owned vineyards in Treiso (Il Bricco, San Stefanetto and Bongiovanni) and in San Rocco Seno d'Elvio (Rocche di Massalupo). This wine has been always and traditionally produced from grapes coming from different locations within Barbaresco appellation. This is the classic "formula" used by the ancient Barbaresco families to produce a wine which embraces and combines each of the unique characteristics of the different vineyards and terroirs of the Barbaresco area.**

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**2016 Barbaresco Il Bricco**

**£380 c/s In Bond** (6 bts per case)

**£770 c/s In Bond** (6 Magnums per case)

**From a meticulous selection of the ripest grapes of three different plots in the highest part of our Family-owned vineyard Cascina Il Bricco, located in the village of Treiso. Il Bricco vineyard is characterized by a very high elevation and a very cool climate.**

This shows phenomenal structure to it with fantastic linear tannins that take this wine deep and long on the palate. It's buttressed by a beautiful balance of ripe fruit characterized by strawberry and orange-peel undertones. Chewy and focused. Needs four or five years to soften and show its true greatness, this will have a very long life.



*Offered subject to remaining unsold and final written confirmation.*

*Delivery will be charged at cost.*

*Wines to be shipped late 2020.*