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## 2021 Pio Cesare Barbera d'Alba- Alba, Piedmont, Italy

An historic village situated right in between the famous regions of Barolo and Barbaresco, Alba is also the name for the larger wine region surrounding the village. “Alba” is a catch-all phrase, and includes the declassified Nebbiolo wines made in Barolo and Barbaresco, as well as the Nebbiolo grown just outside of the regions’ borders. Barbera, planted alongside Nebbiolo in the surrounding hills, is referred to as Barbera d’Alba. Pio Cesare has been producing wine for more than 100 years and through generations. At Pio Cesare, there has always been a conviction that great wine can come only from the finest grapes and the winery’s output has always been limited through adherence to the highest standards. Pio Cesare limits its production by using only the most mature and healthy grapes. Today, the estate is managed by Pio Boffa, great-grandson of Pio Cesare. The Barbera grapes grown in the Barolo area give full structure, plummy and complex flavor, with spicy and ripe fruit, blackberry aroma and a hint of toasted tobacco. This classic Barbera has a very well-balanced acidity and really represents the traditional character of the Barbera grape. Lovely and fresh, with crushed raspberries, blueberries and crushed stones. This wine has medium body with fine tannins and a bright finish. 91 PTS JS

Pairings: A proven pairing with braised beef dishes, ragù and pasta, or a winter stew. A spiced porchetta is an excellent pairing. Try meaty white fish, like turbot or monkfish.

## 2022 Elena Walch Castel Ringberg Pinot Grigio- Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy

A mountainous northern Italian region heavily influenced by German culture, Trentino-Alto Adige is actually made up of two separate but similar regions: Alto Adige and Trentino. Trentino, the southern half, is primarily Italian-speaking and responsible for the production of non-native, international grapes. Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio and Merlot are predominantly produced. The rugged terrain of German-speaking Alto Adige focuses on small-scale viticulture, and local varieties. Elena Walch is a leading Alto Adige wine estate, in family hands, and belongs to the elite in Italian wine production, with international success. Elena Walch stood at the head of the Alto Adige quality revolution and has gained local and international esteem for her efforts. This wine characterizes the Pinot Grigio Vigna “Castel Ringberg”. A complex variety of fruits, especially ripe pears and lime blossom, as well as spicy sage notes inform the bouquet. Structure and elegance, power and harmony dominate the palate, combined with creamy fullness and density. A single vineyard Pinot Grigio with a lot of character. 94 PTS JS, 93 PTS Decanter, 91 PTS WS

Pairings: Try salads, chicken and seafood, as well as light pasta dishes and risottos.