PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

IAN D'AGATA WINE REVIEW

2021

97/100

IAN D'AGATA

Vivid red. The enticing nose offers wonderful floral lift to the expressive, pure aromas of redcurrant, raspberry, mint, graphite and spices. Sweet, concentrated and very refined, with an impeccable sugar/acid balance to the ripe flavours of dark and red berries and woodsy underbrush. Firmly structured and nicely concentrated, this juicy, penetrating classic Brunello is quite impressive for a “regular” wine and strikes me as being one of the top five classic Brunellos of the vintage. Drinking window: 2029-2036.

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Robert Parker WINE ADVOCATE

2021

96+/100

MONICA LARNER

Castello Romitorio's 2021 Brunello di Montalcino channels much of the estate's fruit over seven plots, as no Riserva was produced, resulting in a wine of notable depth and cohesion. Whispered and delicate at first, the bouquet unfolds with white pepper, blue flowers and grilled herb before moving toward darker tones of sweet blackberry. The palate is open-knit yet powerful, showing juicy ripeness, layered complexity and a structured mid-palate that remains streamlined in classic Sangiovese fashion. Fermented in cement with maceration times tailored to the thickness of the skins from each plot, typically ranging from 18 to 24 days and extending up to 30 days when needed, the wine was aged for 24 months in oak, with 90% in large barrels and 10% in second- and third-passage tonneaux. Produced in 42,000 bottles, this Brunello will benefit from additional cellaring.

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WINESCRITIC.COM

2021

95/100

RAFFAELE VECCHIONE

Luminoso e decisamente speziato nel profilo sensoriale mostra note di amarene, prugne rosse, fragoline di bosco e guaranà. Tanto melograno,
succo di mandarino e ciliegie descrivono la scena secondaria. Corpo medio,
tannini soffici ed un finale onesto e schietto. Meglio dal 2028.

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vinous 2021

95/100

ERIC GUIDO

Cedar spice box mixes with incense, cloves and dried black cherries as the expressive 2021 Brunello di Montalcino blossoms in the glass. Elegant with a wildly appealing energy, the 2021 displays masses of ripe wild berry fruits beneath an air of violet inner florals. It finishes with incredible length and concentration, perfectly framed by a coating of sweet tannin. This young, radiant Brunello is sure to have many fans.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

Wine Spectator

2021

95/100

BRUCE SANDERSON

This is plush and features cherry, plum, wild herb, iron and spice flavors. Its tannins are well-integrated with the fleshy texture and resonant flavors, which gather steam by the lingering finish. Shows terrific balance and length overall. Best from 2029 through 2047.

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Decanter 2021

94/100

MICHAELA MORRIS

In the wooded hills west of Montalcino, Castello Romitorio emphasises its fresh microclimate in this elegantly styled Brunello. It hails from vineyards that reach 480m. Understated but patently pretty, the nose haunts with tangible porcini and sandalwood against a backdrop of crushed raspberry. That earthy sweetness persists as the wine tumbles lightly over the palate, culminating in scrumptious red summer berries. Bright acidity accentuates accents of orange zest and tangerine, and the long, silky tannins are seamlessly woven in. A simmering potpourri of wildflowers lifts the finish.

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Robert Parker WINE ADVOCATE

2020

96/100

MONICA LARNER

This is a remarkable Brunello from a COVID-19 vintage that launched many curveballs at producers. The Castello Romitorio 2020 Brunello di Montalcino is noticeably a step above its peers thanks to its seamless mouthfeel, its bright fruit concentration and its balanced freshness. It ages in oak for 24 months, and the grapes are picked from a site with cool clay soils. The finish is soft and polished. If you were to buy one village Brunello from the accessible 2020 vintage, let me direct your attention to this wine. Production is 40,000 bottles.

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WINESCRITIC.COM

2020

95/100

RAFFAELE VECCHIONE

Slightly dark in its sensorial profile, it asks for air in the glass to come out. The notes of black cherries, black plums, blackberries, wild myrtle and orange peel blend with nuances of chinotto and laurel. Medium body, tannins of splendid modern shape, polymerized but correctly extracted and composed in the matrix and a finish of great tasting persistence. Drink now.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

IAN D'AGATA WINE REVIEW

2020

95/100

IAN D'AGATA

Pale vivid red. Tangy cherry marmalade, tangerine, apricot, redcurrant and a hint of wood spice. Concentrated and complex flavors of red fruit cocktail and herbs. Finishes long and pure, with a juicy quality and noble tannins. Drinking window: 2029-2036.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

falstaff **2020**

95/100

OTHMAR KIEM, SIMON STAFFLER

Bright ruby red with a brightening core. Filigree and fragrant nose of blood orange, cinnamon sticks, wild strawberry, with fine hints of watermelon and fragrant, subtle pepper on the finish. On the palate, creamy tannins and a clear fruit core carried by a salty-ferrous undertone. Powerful at the back with great length.

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Wine Spectator

2020

95/100

BRUCE SANDERSON

Intense black cherry, blackberry, violet and mineral aromas and flavors are the hallmarks of this taut, well-delineated red. Securely bound by the resonant structure, its refined tannins are assertive and beautifully integrated. The terrific aftertaste picks up elements of wild herbs, and this is amazingly long. A standout for the vintage. Best from 2027 through 2045. 3,200 cases made, 540 cases imported.

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The Wine Independent

2020

94/100

VANESSA CONLIN

The nose of the 2020 Brunello di Montalcino is led by candied orange peel, hazelnuts, fresh leather, sour cherry, and toasty oak. Nicely tuned on the palate, it has polished and well-extracted tannins, open-knit acidity, and a medium long spicy finish.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

Decanter 2020

93/100

MICHAELA MORRIS

The epitome of elegance and impossible to resist now, this has an easygoing, gentle quality without lacking intrigue or nuance. It trades on its gorgeous freshness, and its suave tannins are seamlessly integrated, melding with and moulding a nucleus of toothsome woodland berries. Hints of orange zest and ginseng flit throughout, and the finish is defined by a savoury twist. The estate's denser, more structured Filo di Seta bottling is equally worth seeking out

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vinous 2020

93/100

ERIC GUIDO

The 2020 Brunello di Montalcino is vividly fresh and focused, with a cascade of dried strawberry, minty herbs and shaved cedar forming its seductive bouquet. This is a model of purity, with silky textures and a graceful feel. It showcases ripe red berry fruits complicated by a tactile staining of minerality. A gentle tug of fine tannins defines the finish. Hints of sour citrus mix with fart blackberry and licorice.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

Wine Spectator

2019

97/100

BRUCE SANDERSON

Notable for its pure cherry and kirsch aromas and flavors, this red is also stylish and graceful. Rose, wild thyme and stony mineral elements come into play as this develops on the palate. Beautifully integrated, fresh and firm, this glides to a long, resonant aftertaste. Best from 2026 through 2042. 3,800 cases made, 730 cases imported.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

vinous 2019

95/100

ERIC GUIDO

Darkly alluring and spicy, the 2019 Brunello di Montalcino emanates from the glass with an earthy blend of crushed rocks, savory herbs, spiced blood orange and dried cherries. This soothes the palate with its soft textures and depths of and dried cherries. This soothes the palate with its soft textures and depths of wild berry fruit. Brisk acidity and mineral tones add lift but also depth. The wild berry fruit. Brisk acidity and mineral tones add lift but also depth. The 2019 finishes dramatically long and structured, turning youthfully inward on itself as orange and rosy inner florals resonate. The house style is on full display here, elevated by the radiant fruits of the 2019 vintage.

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BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

Robert Parker WINE ADVOCATE

2019

94/100

MONICA LARNER

The 2019 Brunello di Montalcino opens to dried cassis and cranberry, and there is a hint of something floral and fragile, like crushed red rose petals or potpourri. However, the wine also shows growing momentum, especially as it opens in the glass and you start to recognize dark spice, clove, bay leaf and thyme. There is a point of sweetness on the mid-palate, even some dried raspberry, rendering an overall more accessible wine. Compared to the brilliant fruit in the Filo di Seta, this village wine has drier notes with hints of daisy greens and dried currant.Filippo Chia's Castello Romitorio is on fire. All of his wines are enjoying a well-deserved moment in the spotlight, and I am blown away by this year's beautiful Filo di Seta. That's a bottle I want to drink by the fireplace, and it is certainly the best vintage I have tasted so far. The mineral nuances in 2019 are spectacular. Filippo's other wine project is Tenuta Ghiaccio Forte in Maremma, and unfortunately, he is not making his 2023 Morellino di Scansano.

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vinous 2018

94/100

ERIC GUIDO

Darkly alluring and dusty in style, the 2018 Brunello di Montalcino impresses with a blend of dried citrus peels, shavings of cedar, flowery undergrowth, black cherries and Tuscan dust. It's soft-textured, buoyant even, with depths of velvety, textural red and blue fruits and sweet liquid inner violet tones that stain the palate. The 2018 finishes fresh and long with notions of wild blueberry and hints of balsamic spice, framed by a coating of fine tannin. Romitorio used all of their fruit that is usually reserved for the Riserva to bolster their Brunello in 2018. Production was also down by 15% due to a strict selection to eliminate moldy berries. That said, this is a total success for the vintage.

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PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

2018

94/100

I like the dried violet undertones to the red and blue fruit, along with some walnut husk and olive. There's so much flavor here, packed into a compact core framed by silky, firm tannins. Dense and focused. Try after 2024.

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2018

94/100

MONICA LARNER

The Castello Romitorio 2018 Brunello di Montalcino shows crisp and tart fruit with cherry, cassis and wild plum. This mid-weight wine offers a lot of freshness and brightness in a vintage that posed challenges for many. This expression is unique thanks to the inner energy displayed here; the red fruit is front and center and the wine's balanced acidity seals the deal. It ages in oak for two years. Some 46,000 bottles were made.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

Wine Spectator

2018

94/100

BRUCE SANDERSON

A graceful red hallmarked by cherry, strawberry, rose, mineral and Mediterranean herbs. Lacy and succulent yet firm, ending on the minerally side. Vibrant and long. Best from 2025 through 2042. 3,800 cases made, 680 cases imported.

PRESS

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vinous 2017

94/100

ERIC GUIDO

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2017

94/100

A creamy and dusty red with plum and cherry character, together with some bark and chocolate-powder flavors. It's full and fresh with layers of tannins that hold it together. Give it time to soften. Best after 2024.

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Robert Parker WINE ADVOCATE

2017

94/100

MONICA LARNER

The Castello Romitorio 2017 Brunello di Montalcino comes from an estate that is quickly becoming a leader in a special niche of the Montalcino market. The wine is modern and soft, showing lots of contained ripeness and creaminess, yet it successfully embraces the fundamentals of the appellation and Sangiovese, thanks to its bright acidity and finely tuned structure. Few wines reach this level of precision, especially in a challenging vintage such as this.

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BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

Wine Spectator

2017

90/100

BRUCE SANDERSON

Black cherry, blackberry, plum, iron, tobacco and spice flavors herald this brooding red, revealing a pliable feel midpalate, despite a matrix of stiff tannins that guard the finish. Best from 2025 through 2040. 2,500 cases made, 1,000 cases imported.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

vinous 2016

95/100

ERIC GUIDO

Darkly floral and with a mentholated lift, the 2016 Brunello di Montalcino slowly blossoms in the glass with a blend of stone dust, dried cherries, pine shavings and sweet smoke. This is softer and more supple than expected, yet quickly builds with a mineral tension combined with tart wild berry fruits as the slightest trace of tangerine and cedar adds contrast toward the close. The 2016 leaves an enlivening orange tinge through the finish, along with gritty tannins and a slightly chewy sensation, tapering off dramatically long and youthfully tense. The potential here is very high, yet cellaring is still recommended.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

Robert Parker WINE ADVOCATE

2016

95/100

MONICA LARNER

The Castello Romitorio 2016 Brunello di Montalcino is a classic expression of the vintage, showing lots of ripe fruit, crushed mineral, herbal nuances and varietal-driven purity. This wine nails that sweet spot between elegance and power that is not easily achieved. It offers an expanded array of Sangiovese flavors with wild cherry, forest floor, crushed clove and medicinal herb, but it also shows plump density and a velvety texture. Filippo Chia and his team have created a sold wine for medium or long-term drinking. Production is exactly 58,874 bottles.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

2016

94/100

A well structured red with lots of dried mushrooms, oysters and crushed stones. Dried blueberries and herbs, too. It's full-bodied with firm tannins. A little dusty on the finish. Let it soften. Drink after 2024.

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Wine Spectator

2016

94/100

BRUCE SANDERSON

A core of pure black cherry marks this compressed red, which is fresh and balanced in its rigid way, with wild thyme, rosemary, iron and tobacco flavors. The aftertaste lingers with the fruit and balsamic elements. Best from 2025 through 2048. 4,900 cases made, 3,000 cases imported.

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vinous 2015

95/100

ERIC GUIDO

The 2015 Brunello di Montalcino is laced with spicy, dark red fruits, wild, sweet and spicy floral tones that give way to savory herbs, hints of animal musk and black earth. On the palate, it's soft, enveloping, almost creamy in texture and offset by a mix of savory spice, fine tannin and saturating mineral tones as black cherry and sage seem to hover on the senses. The finish is spicy and long, structured, but also with vibrant primary fruits holding on strong, as a twang of savory herbs lingers long.

PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

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2015

95/100

A dense and rich Brunello with lots of ripe fruit, spices and hints of new wood. Full-bodied, chewy and rich. A muscular wine that needs time to come together. Better after 2022.

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2015

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MONICA LARNER

The Castello Romitorio 2015 Brunello di Montalcino is a suave and supple expression that shows a slightly more opulent texture compared to many of its peers. The Castello Romitorio vineyards tend to be cool, both in terms of exposure and soils, and the estate shows its best results in a warm and sunny vintage exactly like 2015. You taste the natural richness and exuberance of the fruit, with variety-specific elements of wild cherry, blue flowers and soft earth. The house style prizes more width and latitude in terms of mouthfeel. That attractive medium to full-bodied style is achieved thanks to 24 months of oak aging. At the end of the day, the quality of the fruit is really what shines brightest here. Some 60,569 bottles were made, and the wine was released to the market in January 2020.

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PRESS

BRUNELLO DI MONTALCINO DOCG

Wine Spectator

2015

93/100

BRUCE SANDERSON

Bright cherry and currant flavors signal this muscular red, shaded by mineral and underbrush accents. Compact and full of tension, this is long and commands attention on the finish. Best from 2023 through 2040. 392 cases imported.

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