

Brunello di Montalcino d.o.c.g.



Grapes	100% Sangiovese, called "Brunello"
Production area	South-east side of Montalcino
Soil characteristics	Marly, with a little component of slime and clay
Height of the vineyards	220 mt a.s.l.
Plantation of the vines	Cordone speronato
Density of plants	3.500 plants/in the old vineyards; 6.000 plants/in the new ones
Date of harvest	The first half of October
Fermentation method	Grapes are picked from the bunch and softly squeezed; the maceration takes place in stainless steel vats for a period of 25 days with repeated wine-pressings and delestages. During this phase the alcoholic fermentation is completed and controlled at a temperature of 28-30 °C.
Maturing method	After the fermentation method has been completed, the wine spends 24-30 months in Slavonian oak barrels of 50 hectolitres. It is then aged for another 6 months in stainless steel vats, and at least 12 months in the bottles before being put on the market, at the beginning of the fifth year after the harvest.
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Perfume	Round, intense well-balanced, with a long finish
Taste	Complex, elegant, full-bodied, velvety
Couplings	Red meat and game, matured cheeses and complex dishes
Drinking temperature	18 °C, to uncork 1-2 hours before being served
Specifications	Alcohol content: 13,50%; Total acidity: 5,50 g/l; pH: 3,74; Extract: 34 g/l