



## Fattoria dei Barbi

From galestro and alberese slopes at 300-500 m, this Brunello marries sunlit ripeness with night-cool freshness, delivering poised Sangiovese fruit, sapid mineral tension, and refined tannins that frame a long, graceful finish.



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## Brunello di Montalcino 2020

Tuscany, Italy

### Region and Vineyards

South of Siena, **Montalcino** is one of Tuscany's most celebrated terroirs, known for its limestone-rich soils and striking elevation variations. Fattoria dei Barbi cultivates its Brunello vineyards between **300 and 500 m**, facing primarily **south**, on a geological mix of galestro (friable marl) and alberese (compact limestone). These soils ensure drainage, moderate vine vigor, and concentration of flavor while retaining remarkable freshness and perfume.

The vines, planted between **1975 and 2017**, are trained using the cordone libero system at approximately 5,000 vines per hectare. Yields average **65 q/ha**, a balance aimed at purity and structure rather than extraction. The 2020 growing season began with a rainy spring, followed by a dry, sunny summer. A brief warm spell in July provided moderate stress that intensified ripening, while cool nights through August and September ensured slow phenolic maturity. Harvest took place between **15 September and 2 October**, under ideal weather conditions.

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### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright ruby red of medium intensity with youthful garnet reflections.
- **Aroma:** Layers of red cherry, raspberry, violet, mint, nutmeg, and pepper, joined by subtle hints of tobacco and forest herbs.
- **Palate:** Full and harmonious, with supple yet firm tannins. The core of red fruit and spice is lifted by vibrant acidity, leading to a long, savory, and mineral finish of exceptional balance.

### Did you know?

Fattoria dei Barbi holds one of Italy's most complete historical wine libraries, with **nearly every Brunello vintage since 1892** preserved in its cellars. These bottles are often used by historians and sommeliers to trace the stylistic evolution of Montalcino's wines.

Alcohol :14,60 %

Composition: 100% Sangiovese



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### Wine Pairing Ideas

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- **Roasted lamb with rosemary:** The herbal perfume and richness of the dish echo the wine's red fruit and spice.
- **Wild boar ragù with pappardelle:** Brunello's tannins and earthy notes stand up beautifully to the gamey depth and umami of the sauce.
- **Porcini-rubbed Florentine steak:** The meat's charred crust and juicy core mirror the wine's robust structure and mineral backbone.
- **Aged Pecorino Toscano:** The cheese's nutty, salty edge pairs elegantly with the Brunello's savoury and spicy length.



#### **Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2020)**

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*Fattoria dei Barbi is a historic estate with family winemaking roots that span all the way back to 1352, as impossible as that may sound. The 2020 Brunello di Montalcino reflects an authentic identity for Sangiovese with sour cherry, blue flower, grilled herb and toasted spice. The wine has fine tannins, a snappy style and a hint of bitterness that should subside with more years in the cellar. This is a big production of 150,000 bottles.*



#### **Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 94 Points (2020)**

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*This Brunello [...] boasts a youthfully coy notes of dried black cherries, rosemary, sage, crushed stones and dusty earth. It's cool-toned and sleek, with polished wild berry fruits that swirl beneath an air of sweet lavender as fine tannins slowly saturate toward the close. This displays fantastic balance and depth, finishing long and tannic yet fresh, with hints of citrus-laced blackberries and licorice. This is a spectacular effort from this warm vintage. Drinking Window: 2026 - 2036*



#### **James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2019)**

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*Blueberry and orange peel with some cedar and nutmeg in the aromas and flavors. Medium to full body with firm and polished tannins and a flavorful finish. Polished and refined, yet structured. Solid wine.*



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