Pian dell'Orino

Crafted with the same meticulous care as the estate's Brunello, this Rosso reveals terroir clarity and graceful drinkability , ideal for early enjoyment or short-term cellaring.

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Rosso di Montalcino 2020

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

This Rosso di Montalcino originates from various parcels located between **320 and 500 metres above sea level**, all within the Montalcino appellation. The vineyards are farmed biodynamically and reflect a complex geological makeup typical of the area, ranging from **siltstones and calcareous marls to weathered clays and sandstones**, including traces of volcanic origin from Monte Amiata.

The diverse soils and elevations contribute to a **lively aromatic profile and fine-grained tannins**, supported by cool night-time temperatures that preserve acidity. While Rosso is often considered a younger sibling to Brunello, at Pian dell'Orino, it is treated with equal precision, expressing the **immediacy of the terroir** without compromising on depth or authenticity.

Winemaking

The 2020 vintage presented a balanced growing season, with steady warmth and adequate rainfall, leading to **optimal physiological ripeness**. Grapes were harvested and sorted manually, followed by **spontaneous fermentation** without the use of sulphur or artificial additives. Fermentation occurred in oak vats, with careful extraction to maintain fruit purity and freshness.

Following alcoholic and malolactic fermentation, the wine was aged in **large oak casks** for 22 months, allowing it to stabilize naturally. Pian dell'Orino's **low-intervention philosophy** ensures that each Rosso reflects the integrity of the vintage, with minimal handling and **no fining or filtration**, highlighting the varietal character of Sangiovese.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Bright ruby red with youthful violet reflections and medium concentration.
- **Aroma**: Fresh red cherry, wild strawberry, rose petal, and a touch of liquorice, supported by subtle earth and spice tones.
- **Palate**: Juicy and linear, with crisp acidity, silky tannins, and a red-fruited core. Notes of citrus zest and iron minerality linger on a vibrant, lifted finish.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Sangiovese

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Did you know?

Although often overshadowed by Brunello, **Rosso di Montalcino** is increasingly appreciated by sommeliers and collectors alike for its **vivid expression of terroir and earlier accessibility**. At Pian dell'Orino, the Rosso is not a by-product, but rather a carefully composed wine from designated plots that offer **purity, clarity, and finesse in youth**—echoing the domaine's Burgundian influence.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Tomato-basil gnocchi**: The fresh acidity and red fruit notes match the tang of tomato and herbal brightness.
- **Grilled pork tenderloin with fennel**: The wine's spice and juiciness complement the sweetness of pork and fennel's anise tones.
- **Porchetta sandwich**: A casual yet flavorful match for the Rosso's structure and savory undertones.
- **Semi-aged Tuscan pecorino**: The cheese's saltiness and umami resonate with the wine's mineral grip and vibrant acidity.

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Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 94 Points (2020)

A deeper jeweled ruby with a magenta tinge, the 2020 Rosso Di Montalcino is fresh with ripe, pure aromas of anise, black raspberries, and wet stones. This vintage may offer more perfume, but I love how these wines just take on so much purity. Medium-bodied, with ripe tannins and a long finish, this wine has a bit more tension at this stage and is going to benefit from another year in bottle. Drink 2025-2035. (AF)

93 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 93 Points (2020)

Crushed rocks, wild strawberries and dusty dried flowers form a darkly alluring bouquet as the 2020 Rosso di Montalcino opens in the glass. This is elegant and feminine in style, with pillowy soft textures and ripe red fruits as chalky tannins form toward the close. The 2020 tapers off grippy, yet with a bump of residual acids. Orange notes maintain a lovely freshness. The Rosso of Pian dell'Orino continues to be one of the top performers year after year. (EG)