

Antinori

Pian delle Vigne offers a refined expression of Brunello di Montalcino, showcasing the unique character of Sangiovese with remarkable depth and elegance.



Pian delle Vigne Brunello di Montalcino 2018

Tuscany, Italy

Region and Vineyards

Pian delle Vigne is located **6 kilometers southwest of Montalcino**, in the heart of Tuscany, a region celebrated for its world-class **Brunello di Montalcino wines**. The estate spans **460 acres (184 hectares)**, of which **160 acres (65 hectares)** are planted with vines. The vineyards enjoy a **south-western exposure** at an altitude of **430 feet (130 meters)** above sea level, optimizing sunlight and airflow, which are vital for the perfect ripening of the **Sangiovese** grapes.

This vintage began with a winter and spring characterized by cooler-than-average temperatures and regular rainfall, which replenished groundwater reserves and supported healthy bud break and fruit set. A meticulous vineyard management approach, including **leaf removal in June** and **cluster thinning in late July and early August**, ensured balanced vines and optimal ripening. The harvest occurred slightly later than usual, from **September 21st to the first week of October**, yielding grapes of excellent health and aromatic intensity.

Winemaking

The harvested grapes were carefully **destemmed and gently crushed** before fermentation in **stainless steel vats**. The **maceration on the skins** lasted approximately **12 days** at a controlled temperature of **28°C (82°F)**, promoting the extraction of color and tannins. After the **malolactic fermentation**, the wine was transferred to **large oak barrels (30-80 hl)**, where it aged for **two years**, a process that preserved the integrity and vibrancy of the **Sangiovese** fruit.

Following barrel aging, the wine was bottled and underwent additional bottle aging to achieve its full aromatic and structural potential. This traditional approach highlights the elegance and depth characteristic of **Brunello di Montalcino**.

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WINE ENTHUSIAST



Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Sangiovese



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Ruby red with brilliant clarity.
- **Aroma:** A complex bouquet of balsamic hints like menthol and cloves, transitioning to fruity notes of cherries, plums, and dates, with a touch of cinnamon and vanilla.
- **Palate:** Silky smooth with balanced freshness, soft tannins, and a long finish marked by violet and vanilla nuances.

Did You Know?

The **Pian delle Vigne estate** takes its name from a 19th-century railway station located on the property. Since its acquisition by the Antinori family in **1995**, the estate has adhered to a philosophy of aging in **large oak casks**, preserving the fruit purity and vibrant elegance of its **Sangiovese** grapes.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Bistecca Fiorentina:** The wine's tannins and freshness balance the rich, grilled flavors of this iconic Tuscan steak.
- **Wild Boar Ragù:** Its vibrant fruit and structure complement the bold flavors of this traditional Tuscan dish.
- **Porcini Mushroom Risotto:** The earthy and creamy profile of the risotto pairs harmoniously with the wine's complexity.
- **Aged Pecorino Toscano:** The nutty, sharp notes of this cheese enhance the wine's depth and finish.

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 95 Points (2018)



The nose is a jungle adventure, as sanguine notes of meat and leather intertwine with a thicket of wild herbs, brambles and leaves, and a last hint of wild cherry. The palate teleports to the ice cream parlor on Main Street, serving artisanal, hand-churned mint chip, with a Luxardo cherry on top. A rare combination of extravagant and refreshing.

Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2018)



A generous red, where ripe cherry, raspberry, plum, iron and rose hip aromas and flavors abound. Juicy and balanced, with a solid base of tannins underneath. A fine expression, this is balanced and persistent on the finish.

James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2018)



Intense chocolate, hazelnut, blackcurrants, cherries and spiced plums on the nose with hints of sage. It's full-bodied and richly flavorful, accompanied by firm yet creamy tannins. Polished and well-balanced. Drink or hold.

